

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION W-3529
November 9, 1990R E S O L U T I O N

(RES. W-3529), ORDER AUTHORIZING WATER UTILITIES WITH MORE THAN 500 SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO CHARGE THEIR CUSTOMERS A ONE-TIME FEE OF \$0.0915 PER SERVICE CONNECTION IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' (DHS) COSTS IN PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE SAFE DRINKING WATER PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA.

By Assembly Bill (AB) 21, the Legislature added Section 4022 to the Health and Safety Code relating to public water systems. Subdivisions (a), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) of that Section state that:

- (a) "On or before July 1, 1991, the [State Department of Health Services] shall submit to the Legislature a comprehensive Safe Drinking Water Plan for California."
- (c)(1) "The department may levy a one-time fee on public water systems which serve more than 500 service connections for the exclusive purpose of covering its costs in preparing the safe drinking water plan.
- (2) "The fee shall be paid by water systems to the department at a rate of nine and fifteen one-hundredths cents (\$0.0915) per service connection, up to a maximum amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (3) "If a person, corporation, association, or private or public water utility owns or operates more than one water system, the fee required by paragraph (2) shall be based upon the aggregate number of service connections owned or operated by the person, corporation, association, or private or public utility.
- (4) "A public water system, after payment of the fee pursuant to this section, shall be permitted to recover the fee from its customers."

Section 4022 applies to the water systems regulated by this Commission. By this resolution, the Commission is authorizing the regulated water utilities with more than 500 service connections to charge their customers a one-time fee of \$0.0915 per service connection, up to a maximum amount of \$10,000, to pay for DHS' costs in preparing a Comprehensive Safe Drinking Water Plan for California. Utilities with over 109,290 connections should prorate their \$10,000 fee among all customers.

The Commission finds that the charge hereby authorized is justified.

IT IS ORDERED that:

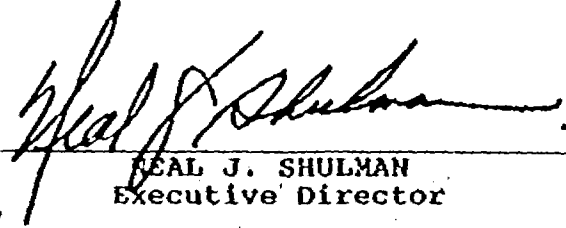
1. All water utilities with more than 500 service connections are authorized to charge their customers a one-time fee of \$0.0915 per service connection, up to a maximum of \$10,000, to pay for the California Department of Health Services' costs in preparing a Comprehensive Safe Drinking Water Plan for California. Utilities with over 109,290 connections should prorate their \$10,000 fee among all customers.
2. Customers shall not be charged before the water utilities have paid the fee to the Department of Health Services.
3. Water utilities which charge their customers to recover the fee from their customers shall give them notice. The notice, as set forth in Attachment A, shall be enclosed with the customers' bill for such fee.
4. The Executive Director shall cause a copy of this resolution to be mailed to all regulated water utilities with more than 500 service connections.

This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 9, 1990. The following Commissioners approved it:

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
JOHN B. OAHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

Commissioner Stanley W. Hulett,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.


NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A

NOTICE

Assembly Bill 21 requires each public water system having more than 500 service connections to pay the State Department of Health Services (DHS) a one-time fee of \$0.0915 per service connection, up to a maximum amount of \$10,000, for DHS' costs in preparing a Comprehensive Safe Drinking Water Plan for California. The Bill also authorizes each public water system to pass the costs to customers. The accompanying bill includes this \$0.0915 charge.