



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-136

MEETING: March 27, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

**MINUTE ORDER ATTACHED**

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Resolution of Intention - Coulterville Wastewater Rate Increases

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### RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Coulterville Wastewater Rates, and Setting the Time, Date, and Location of Public Hearing for May 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.m. at the Mariposa County Government Center.

Current wastewater rates in Coulterville do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service. Updated rates are required in order to continue providing wastewater service to the Coulterville community. A recent Proposition 218 process to adjust rates failed to garner sufficient support to enact the proposed new rate structure, since that time numerous public meetings have been held with the utility customers to explain the need for additional revenue.

### BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Coulterville faces operation and maintenance cost deficits and aging infrastructure, and current wastewater rates do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service. The Board's last action to increase wastewater rates occurred in 2008. Thus, even though it is standard practice for public utilities to update wastewater rates every five years, it has been over nine years since these rates have been adjusted.

### ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board may decline to initiate the Proposition 218 notice and hearing process that is required to establish wastewater rate increases. In that event, these utilities will continue to operate at a deficit and may eventually be unable to generate sufficient revenue to comply with California wastewater regulations. It is unclear what the consequences of such a failure might be, but presumably an outside agency may be assigned this service territory.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

**Unless adopted, wastewater rates cannot be examined, the rates will remain unchanged and the funds collected for these services will not meet the cost of service.**

### ATTACHMENTS:

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**Coulterville Resolution of Intent to Adopt Wastewater Rate Increase March 27 2018 (DOC)**

**Coulterville Wastewater Prop 218 Public Notice March 27 2018 (DOCX)**

**Mariposa County Engineers Report\_No Roads (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey



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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE HEALY/Public Works Director  
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board *RL*  
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Coulterville Wastewater Rates, and Setting the Time, Date, and Location of Public Hearing for May 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mariposa County Government Center  
Resolution: 18-136

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on **March 27, 2018:**

**4. Public Works RES-2018-136**

**Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Coulterville Wastewater Rates, and Setting the Time, Date, and Location of Public Hearing for May 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mariposa County Government Center.**

No public input.

***CORRECTION: Change the hearing time reflected in the Resolution of Intention from 9am to 2:00 PM; and correct the adoption date to reflect today's date.***

**RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey