



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Tax Roll

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2025-39 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the property tax roll.

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Council Meeting Date: 8/5/2025

Date Prepared: 7/31/2025

Agenda: Public Hearing

Background Information: Health and Safety Code Section 5473 allows the City to place delinquent sewer and/or water charges on the County property tax roll for collection, with a two-thirds vote of the City Council. This process is used when utility service cannot be discontinued as a means of collecting unpaid charges and follows the same procedures as property tax collection.

Nevada County participates in the Teeter Plan, a property tax distribution method in which the County pays the City the full amount of the delinquent charges up front and assumes responsibility for collecting from the property owner. This ensures timely revenue for the City even if the property owner delays or fails to pay their tax bill. The method has proven to be a reliable and effective tool for recovering unpaid utility charges.

All affected property owners were notified in accordance with state law. Initial notices were mailed on June 12, 2025, with follow-up letters sent on June 30, 2025. Any delinquent accounts paid before the final submittal to the County will be removed from the list.

As of July 31, 2025, the total amount of delinquent charges eligible for placement on the tax roll is \$155,246.89. This amount may be reduced if additional payments are received after the publication of this report and before the City Council meeting. An updated list of delinquent accounts will be provided to the Council in advance of the hearing.

Council Goals/Objectives: This action supports Strategic Plan Goal #7 - Water and Wastewater Systems & Underground Infrastructure, by ensuring sustainable cost recovery for utility services.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2025-39, Exhibit A