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DATE: July 21, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Travis Sanborn, Finance Director

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Continued Public Hearing on the Objection to the Delinquent Sewer Service Charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00, and Consideration of a Revised Report of Delinquent Sewer Service Charges

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Conduct the continued public hearing and hear and consider the objection of the property owner of Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 to the delinquent sewer service charge for that parcel.
2. At the conclusion of the continued hearing, make the City Council's determination upon the charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244(B), by either:
 - a. Overruling the objection and affirming the charge as confirmed by Resolution No. 1675-2026, in which case no further Council action is required and the report confirmed on July 7, 2026 stands as the Council's final determination; or
 - b. Adopting Resolution No. 1677-2026, modifying or removing the charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00, confirming the revised report of delinquent sewer service charges as the Council's final determination, and amending Resolution No. 1675-2026 to that extent.
3. Direct the City Clerk to file the confirmed report, together with the direct charge documentation required by the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller, on or before August 10, 2026, for collection on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll, excluding any account paid in full on or before August 6, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Rio Dell Municipal Code Sections 13.10.242 through 13.10.246, adopted by Ordinance No. 399-2023, and California Health and Safety Code Sections 5473 through 5473.7, authorize the City to collect delinquent sewer service charges on the Humboldt County secured property tax roll.

On July 7, 2026, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the report of delinquent sewer service charges. Following the hearing, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 1675-2026, confirming the report as its final determination under Section 13.10.244 and directing the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to place the charges on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll.

The property owner of Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 submitted a written public comment objecting to the charge for that parcel and requesting additional time to prepare a response. Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244(A) expressly authorizes the City Council to continue the hearing from time to time. The City Council continued the hearing as to Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 only, to the July 21, 2026 regular meeting, to allow the property owner an opportunity to present. All other parcels on the report were confirmed and are not before the City Council at this time.

Effect on Resolution No. 1675-2026

Resolution No. 1675-2026 confirmed the report of delinquent sewer service charges in its entirety and remains in full force and effect. The confirmed report has not been filed with the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller, and under Section 13.10.245 the City has until August 10, 2026 to do so.

Because Resolution No. 1675-2026 confirms the report as a single document, the report as confirmed and the report as filed must match. If the City Council modifies or removes the charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 following the continued hearing, a revised resolution confirming a revised report is required before the report is filed with the County. Resolution No. 1677-2026 (Attachment C) is presented for that purpose and is recommended for adoption only in that circumstance.

If the City Council overrules the objection and affirms the charge, no further resolution is necessary. Resolution No. 1675-2026 already confirms the report including this parcel, and the City Clerk will file the confirmed report as adopted.

Account Summary

The parcel is served by an active sewer account that is billed monthly. The charges consist of the monthly sewer service charge and the late charges authorized under Chapter 13.10. Staff has reviewed the account in full and is able to account for each charge on the report.

Notice of this proceeding was provided in conformance with Section 13.10.243(B). A written report describing each affected parcel and the amount of the charge was prepared and filed with the City Clerk under Section 13.10.243(A). Written notice was mailed to each affected property owner, and notice of the filing of the report and of the time and place of the hearing was posted in three public places within the City and on the City website.

Any account paid in full on or before August 6, 2026 will be removed from the report and will not have charges placed on the fiscal year 2026-27 property tax bill. This option remains available to the property owner regardless of the City Council's action on the objection.

Staff Position

Staff has reviewed the account and finds the charges to be correct, documented, and noticed in conformance with the Municipal Code. Staff recommends that the City Council overrule the objection and affirm the charge as confirmed by Resolution No. 1675-2026. Resolution No. 1677-2026 is presented in the alternative should the City Council determine to modify or remove the charge.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The delinquent sewer service charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 totals \$1,187.21 as reflected in the report. Removal of the parcel from the report would forgo collection of that amount through the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll and would require the City to pursue other available collection remedies. There is no fiscal impact to the charges confirmed for any other parcel.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Resolution No. 1675-2026, adopted July 7, 2026

Attachment B - Resolution No. 1677-2026

Attachment C - Revised Report of Delinquent Sewer Service Charges

Attachment D - Written Public Comment Received July 7, 2026



RESOLUTION NO. 1675-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL CONFIRMING THE
REPORT OF DELINQUENT SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND DIRECTING THE
HUMBOLDT COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PLACE THE CHARGES ON THE
FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL**

WHEREAS, Rio Dell Municipal Code Sections 13.10.242 through 13.10.246 and California Health and Safety Code Sections 5473 through 5473.7 authorize the City of Rio Dell to collect delinquent sewer service charges on the Humboldt County secured property tax roll; and

WHEREAS, a written report describing each parcel of real property with a delinquent sewer service charge, and the amount of the charge for each parcel, was prepared and filed with the City Clerk in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.243(A); and

WHEREAS, notice of the filing of the report and of the time and place of the public hearing was given in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.243(B), and written notice was mailed to each affected property owner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on July 7, 2026, at which it heard and considered all protests and objections, if any, to the report; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the delinquent sewer service charges are authorized to be placed on the tax roll and meet the legal requirements established by the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller for direct charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City Council confirms and adopts the report of delinquent sewer service charges, as presented or as modified by the City Council at the public hearing, as its final determination pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244. The confirmed report, reflecting accounts that remain unpaid as of August 6, 2026, is incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
3. The City Council declares its intent to levy and collect the delinquent sewer service charges set forth in the confirmed report through the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll.
4. The City Council directs the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to place the delinquent sewer service charges set forth in the confirmed report on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll against the respective parcels described therein.
5. Any account paid in full on or before August 6, 2026 shall be removed from the report before it is submitted to the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller.

6. The City Clerk is directed to file the confirmed report with the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller on or before August 10, 2026, with a statement endorsed thereon over the City Clerk's signature that the report has been finally adopted by the City Council, together with the Direct Charge Information Sheet and the electronic direct charge file required by the Auditor-Controller, in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.245.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on this 7th day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Debra L. Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk

Attachment – List of Delinquent Sewer Accounts 7/7/2026

Parcel #	Amount
052-053-011-000	595.61
052-291-002-000	333.41
053-161-009-000	909.32
053-152-006-000	993.44
053-115-001-000	680.65
053-133-003-000	229.13
052-072-026-000	296.52
053-141-051-000	74.13
053-141-020-000	897.34
052-072-019-000	909.32
052-122-021-000	1,187.21
053-011-027-000	909.31
052-071-003-000	909.32
053-041-002-000	909.31
052-301-012-000	909.32
053-095-015-000	580.73
052-061-050-000	74.03
053-172-015-000	969.04

Total: 12,367.14



RESOLUTION NO. 1677-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL AMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. 1675-2026, CONFIRMING A REVISED REPORT OF DELINQUENT
SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, AND DIRECTING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY AUDITOR-
CONTROLLER TO PLACE THE CHARGES ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 SECURED
PROPERTY TAX ROLL**

WHEREAS, Rio Dell Municipal Code Sections 13.10.242 through 13.10.246 and California Health and Safety Code Sections 5473 through 5473.7 authorize the City of Rio Dell to collect delinquent sewer service charges on the Humboldt County secured property tax roll; and

WHEREAS, a written report describing each parcel of real property with a delinquent sewer service charge, and the amount of the charge for each parcel, was prepared and filed with the City Clerk in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.243(A); and

WHEREAS, notice of the filing of the report and of the time and place of the public hearing was given in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.243(B), and written notice was mailed to each affected property owner; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2026, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing at which it heard and considered all protests and objections to the report, and thereafter adopted Resolution No. 1675-2026 confirming the report of delinquent sewer service charges; and

WHEREAS, Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244(A) authorizes the City Council to continue the hearing from time to time, and the City Council continued the hearing as to Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 only to July 21, 2026, in order to hear and consider the objection of the property owner of that parcel; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2026, the City Council conducted the continued public hearing and heard and considered the objection of the property owner of Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of the continued hearing the City Council has made its determination upon the charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244(B), and desires to confirm a revised report of delinquent sewer service charges reflecting that determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City Council makes its final determination upon the delinquent sewer service charge for Assessor's Parcel Number 052-122-021-00 as follows: the charge is hereby
_____ (removed from the report in its entirety / reduced to \$ _____).

3. The City Council confirms and adopts the revised report of delinquent sewer service charges, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, as its final determination pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244. The confirmed revised report reflects accounts that remain unpaid as of August 6, 2026.
4. Resolution No. 1675-2026 is hereby amended to the extent necessary to give effect to the determination set forth in Section 2 above and to substitute the revised report confirmed by this resolution. In all other respects, including as to every other parcel described in the report, Resolution No. 1675-2026 remains in full force and effect.
5. The City Council declares its intent to levy and collect the delinquent sewer service charges set forth in the confirmed revised report through the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll.
6. The City Council directs the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to place the delinquent sewer service charges set forth in the confirmed revised report on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll against the respective parcels described therein.
7. Any account paid in full on or before August 6, 2026 shall be removed from the confirmed revised report before it is submitted to the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller.
8. The City Clerk is directed to file the confirmed revised report with the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller on or before August 10, 2026, with a statement endorsed thereon over the City Clerk's signature that the report has been finally adopted by the City Council, together with the Direct Charge Information Sheet and the electronic direct charge file required by the Auditor-Controller, in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.245.
9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on this 21st day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Debra L. Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk

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053-011-027-000	909.31
052-071-003-000	909.32
053-041-002-000	909.31
052-301-012-000	909.32
053-095-015-000	580.73
052-061-050-000	74.03
053-172-015-000	969.04

Total: 11,179.93

Rosa Maciel

From: sonofstonefamily <sonofstonefamily@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 4:58 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment

To the City of Rio Dell Council,

Let it be known that I do not agree with the action that the council has on the meeting agenda set for tonight. The letter dated July 1st 2026 stating your intention to take action, did not provide me (Al Petrovich) with adequate time to prepare a response. Due process is an important element for all of us in a journey thru life. I need more time to provide an organized reply that will serve my rightful intention to protect my property. Once all is on the table, if your cause and method are just then you will prevail, if my cause and method are just I will prevail. Let our dealings be forthright and fair and with utmost integrity.

Most Sincerely,

Al Petrovich
1231 Eeloa Avenue
Rio Dell, California
707-273-9469

Re: Parcel # 052-122-021-00
Section K item 1 Sewer fees referred as delinquent.

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.