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May 2, 2023

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Resolution No. 1578 Related to Sewer Charges

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On March 21, 2023 the Rio Dell City Council approved Resolution No. 1578-2023 approving a 6-month sewer waiver for unoccupied red tag structures that were damaged as a result of the December-New Year's earthquakes. On April 18, 2023 at the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting, a member of the public expressed his belief that payments already made subsequent to the earthquake should be a refund and not a credit on the account. At the request of Mayor Garnes, this item has been agendaized for the Council to consider and provide direction on this matter.

Attached:
Resolution No. 1578-2023

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RESOLUTION NO. 1578-2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL
TO APPROVE TEMPORARILY WAIVING SEWER FEES FOR CUSTOMERS WHOSE
RESIDENCES HAVE BEEN 'RED-TAGGED' BY THE DECEMBER 2022 EARTHQUAKE
DISASTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell (the "City") is a municipality located in Humboldt County, California; and

WHEREAS, the City experienced a magnitude 6.4 earthquake on the morning of December 20, 2022, and subsequent aftershocks including a 5.4 earthquake on January 1, 2023, causing extensive damage to public and private infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rio Dell has a policy of adjusting utility bills of ratepayers under certain limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell City Council approves temporarily waiving sewer fees, not to exceed a 6-month period immediately following the disaster to customers whose homes were 'Red-Tagged' by the December 2022 Earthquake Disaster; and

WHEREAS, on or before the end of the 6-month period customers must apply for relief through the Sewer Bill Adjustment Claim Form; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 6-month period, customers will return to being billed the sewer rate last registered with the City of Rio Dell prior to the earthquake disaster, and the temporary fee waiver will end for that customer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Rio Dell approve temporarily waiving sewer fees for customers whose residences have been 'Red-Tagged' not to exceed a 6-month period.

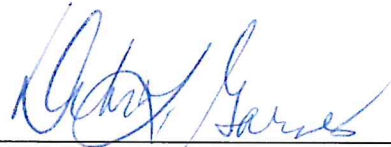
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the Rio Dell on this 21ST day of March 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes: Garnes, Carter, Orr, Wilson and Woodall

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None



Debra Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Dunham, City Clerk