

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

“Servicing Amador City, Martell, & Sutter Creek”

To: George Lee, City Manager
City of Ione
1 E Main St,
Ione, CA 95640

Letter Agreement to Settle Outstanding Invoices

On July 17th, 2024 at 5PM representatives from the City of Ione (George Lee, Dominic Atlan, and Diane Wratten) and the Amador Regional Sanitation Authority (Tom DuBois, Claire Gunselman, and Jim Swift) met to discuss resolution of outstanding invoices from either Ione or ARSA since 2017 to July 1, 2024.

Previously, the City of Ione and ARSA agreed to dismiss the lawsuit, as to each other, without prejudice. All parties entered into a settlement agreement outlining other responsibilities and conditions incident to such settlement. In the interest of moving forward the parties desire to now address outstanding invoices for wastewater treatment services¹ from January 1, 2022 to July 1, 2024.

There was disagreement on the method of calculation for these outstanding invoices, ranging between recalculation of all invoices since 2017 per the “First Implementation and Mediation Settlement Agreement” on one hand, to continuing the established practice and payment amounts both parties had effectively followed until the 2022 lawsuit, on the other hand.

In order to compromise on such disputed payments, the parties have met and agreed that ARSA will pay the City of Ione eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$88,000) in full satisfaction of all payments, invoices, fees, and costs, whatsoever, related to wastewater treatment services provided by the City of Ione at all times through June 30, 2024. This payment will resolve, once and for all, all such amounts and payments between the parties through June 30, 2024. Each party agrees it will not seek further adjustment to any past payment, and hereby forever and fully releases the other party for such past payment amounts.

¹ Invoices were for the Castle Oaks water board permit to discharge water onto the golf course and for ARSA’s share of the tertiary treatment costs.

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Going forward, starting with July 1, 2024, both parties commit to follow the payment amount terms contained in the “First Implementation and Mediation Settlement Agreement” (Agreement) dated May 2016, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as long as that Agreement remains in full force and effect.

For the purpose of computing the City of Ione’s compliance with taking no less than 650 AF pursuant to Section 1 of the Agreement, that shall remain based on the calendar year (including amounts taken prior to July 1, 2024 for the 2024 calendar year).

Both parties acknowledge that the credit for taking less than 650 AF is owed to ARSA based on whether ARSA’s portion of the 650 AF, which is 300AF, was taken or not within a calendar year. Credit is given only during years that Ione does not accept available water from ARSA.

This agreement shall become effective immediately following execution by all of the Parties, on the latest date appearing below:

George Lee

Tom DuBois

City Manager
City of Ione
Date: _____

General Manager
Amador Regional Sanitation Authority
Date: _____