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Board of Directors
Triunfo Water & Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

**TWSD RESOLUTION NO. TWSD 2023-002
WASTEWATER CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (UNDER CARE)**

Summary

At the November 22, 2021, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) Board Meeting, your Board approved, on a trial basis, implementation of a low-income customer assistance program for its wastewater customers via Resolution No. TWSD 2021-008. Customers qualified by providing either confirmed participation in the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program, verified via electric or gas utility providers, or by supplying the first page of their 1040 tax return to validate the income compliance. This financial assistance program was approved as a pilot program with a sunset of June 30, 2023.

Subsequently, at the January 23, 2023, Board Meeting, your Board provided direction to staff and District Legal Counsel to draft a new resolution to extend the program to June 30, 2024 using the same guidelines. Staff recommends the Board review and approve the revised TWSD Resolution No. TWSD 2023-002 to provide financial assistance to its low-income wastewater customers.

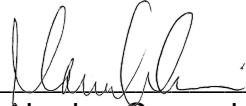
Please contact me at 805-658-4621 or email marknorris@trunfowsd.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact since there are no customers currently enrolled in this program. Currently however, a qualifying customer would be eligible for an annual cost savings of \$180.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board review and approve TWSD Resolution No. TWSD 2023-002 to continue the low-income wastewater financial assistance program to June 30, 2024 or provide direction to staff.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED: 
Mark Norris - General Manager

Attachment: TWSD Resolution No. TWSD 2023-002

RESOLUTION NO. TWSD 2023-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIUNFO WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING A SEWER SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ITS WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (“District”) is duly organized and established under California Health and Safety Code Section 4700 et seq., known and cited as the “County Sanitation District Act” (“Act”); and

WHEREAS, Section 4767 of the Act authorizes the District to acquire, distribute and retail water supplies to its Customers for domestic and other uses; and

WHEREAS, the District provides wastewater services to its Customers and, in accordance with applicable law, charges those Customers certain fees designed to cover the District’s operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 4766 authorizes the District to adopt ordinances for the purpose of exercise and effect of any of its powers, or for the purposes for which it is formed, including, without limitation, an ordinance establishing policies and procedures for the District’s wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, the District has duly adopted Ordinance No. TWSD-200 which provides for the establishment of policies and procedures for wastewater service; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program under the CPUC, the District wants to establish an interim wastewater customer assistance program for income qualifying residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, THAT:

1. All recitals contained above are true and incorporated by reference herein.
2. The District adopts the requirements of the CARE program for income thresholds with the current maximum amount for 1-2 people being \$36,620.
3. Acceptance into the District’s program will be confirmed by participation in the CARE program, verified via electric or gas utility providers, or by supplying the first page of their Federal 1040 tax return to validate compliance with the then-current income thresholds established by the CARE program. Participants will need to requalify each year for the program.
4. Qualified customers will receive assistance in the form of a \$180/year discount for wastewater service reflected on their annual service fee billing via the County of Ventura Tax Roll. Applications must be received by June 1 each year to qualify for the discount on the next fiscal year tax rolls.

5. This assistance program will remain in force until June 30, 2024, at which time the Board of Directors may either extend the program or adopt it as policy under TWSD Ordinance No. TWSD-200.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane Nye, Chair
Triunfo Water & Sanitation District
Board of Directors

Attest:

Fidela Garcia
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John Mathews, General Counsel