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Malibu City Council Moves to Set New Wastewater and Recycled Water Service Charges

(Malibu, CA) - The Malibu City Council moved to begin the process of establishing wastewater and recycled water rates during the Council meeting on Monday, June 26.

The City Council was presented with a study by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (RFC), which proposed wastewater and recycled water rates for the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proposal would establish wastewater and recycled water service charges for Fiscal Year 2017-18, Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

During the June 26 Council meeting, the City Council authorized the mailing of the state-mandated Proposition 218 notices to the affected property owners and scheduled a public hearing on the rates for the September 11, 2017 City Council meeting.

In July 2016, contractors began construction on Malibu's Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility (CCWTF), the wastewater collection system, the recycled water distribution system, and associated groundwater injection wells. Construction has been proceeding on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in early January 2018. Between January 2018 and July 2018, the properties within Phase I of the Civic Center area will be connecting their private wastewater lines to the City's new wastewater collection system.

The City will need to start collecting wastewater and recycled water service fees once the individual developed properties are connected. Property owners will be charged for wastewater and recycled water at a rate that provides sufficient revenue to offset the associated operation, maintenance and management costs.

The RFC study identifies the proposed budget needed to operate and maintain the wastewater treatment, recycled water and injection wells systems. The rates will be developed to provide a fair and equitable rate structure that will provide sufficient revenue to operate and maintain the systems. During the course of developing the rates, RFC and staff met with the property owners in Phase 1 to discuss the process of developing the rates and the proposed rates.

In April 2017, RFC presented the Wastewater and Recycled Water Rate Study first to the property owners in Phase 1, and then to the Malibu Public Works Commission. A second meeting with the Phase I property owners and the Malibu Public Works Commission was held in May.

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