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State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

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To: Community Public Water Systems,

Your water system recently received a Public Water System Annual Fee invoice from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. The regulations that instituted this fee have provisions for a reduction in the annual fee for public water systems that serve a disadvantaged community. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64300(a) defines a disadvantaged community as, "a community with a median annual household income of less than eighty percent (80%) of the statewide median annual household income." The median household income (MHI) for California this year is \$61,818. Therefore a community with a current MHI of less than \$49,454 would meet the definition of a disadvantaged community.

Section 64310 provides for how a public water system may qualify for this reduced fee.

§64310. Reduction of Fees for Public Water Systems Serving Disadvantaged Community.

(a) A public water system must pay the full amount of the annual fee unless it requests and receives from the State Board a determination that its annual fees are reduced because it is a community water system that serves a disadvantaged community in which case the fee to be paid is the amount for a disadvantaged community as shown in Table 64305-A.

(b) To qualify for the reduction provided for in subsection (a), a public water system must certify, and provide documentation to the State Board upon request, that it serves a disadvantaged community.

If you believe the community your water system serves meets the definition of a disadvantaged community and wish to qualify for a reduction in the Public Water System Annual Fee, please provide the Tehachapi District Office (#19) of the State Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW), which oversees your water system with a certification that it does meet the definition of a disadvantaged community. Because Section 64310 requires that the State Board make the determination that each public water system that requests a reduced fee serves a disadvantaged community, providing the basis your certification of serving a disadvantaged community will enable the State Board to process your request more quickly. **Please submit your request via signed letter and the DDW will respond to your request via email or letter.**

You can find the contact information for State Board DDW district offices at:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/documents/ddwem/DDWdistrictofficesmap.pdf

A table is included on the back of this letter so you can determine the reduced fee your water system is subject to if it serves a disadvantaged community.

Sincerely,

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Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Community Public Water Systems Regulatory Fees⁽¹⁾

Community Water System Size	Standard Fee (Non-Disadvantaged)	Disadvantaged System Fee
100 or fewer service connections	\$250 or \$6 per service connection whichever is greater	\$100
101 to 1,000 service connections	\$6.00 per service connection	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100
1,001 to 5,000 service connections	\$6.00 per each of the first 1,000 service connections plus \$3.50 per each service connection greater than 1,000	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100
5,001 to 15,000 service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service connections plus \$3.50 per each service connection greater than 1,000 but less than 5,001 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 5,000	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100
15,001 or more service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service connections plus \$3.50 per each service connection greater than 1,000 but less than 5,001 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 5,000 but less than 15,001 plus \$1.35 per each service connection greater than 15,000	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100 but less than 15,001 plus \$1.35 per each service connection greater than 15,000

(1) The information in this table comes directly from Table 64305-A – Public Water Systems Annual Fee, contained in Section 64305, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.