



**Item Number: 1**

**City Council / Board of Directors**

**Public Hearing(s)**

**Meeting of: July 16, 2024**

**Submitted By:**

Carmen Cun, Finance Director / City Treasurer

**Subject:**

Adoption of Resolution No. VWD 24-007 - Annual Assessments for Unpaid Water Fees

**Recommendation:**

That the Honorable Victorville Water District Board of Directors:

- (1) Open and conduct the public hearing and receive testimony for the adoption of the proposed Resolution No. VWD 24-007;
- (2) Close the public hearing;
- (3) Adopt Resolution No. VWD 24-007 entitled, "A Resolution of the Victorville Water District, City of Victorville, adding delinquent non-paid charges to the annual taxes levied upon the property for which the charges are delinquent and unpaid"; and
- (4) Authorize the Director of Finance to execute the County Agreement for Collection of Special Taxes, Fees, and Assessments.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Nominal costs were incurred, estimated under \$700, from publishing required notices, which have been budgeted for in the current fiscal year.

- 4100545-52110, Water Customer Service Supplies (75%)
- 4260545-52110, Solid Waste Customer Service Supplies (25%)

Proposed Resolution No. VWD 24-007 will allow delinquent balances to be collected for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 assessed by the County Assessor; assessments to be submitted for an estimated total of \$115,970.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

This item aligns with Goal A, Financial Sustainability – foster fiscal health through disciplined long-term planning, cost control, increased revenues, and cost recovery. By adding the non-paid charges to the taxes levied upon the property, the Victorville Water

District is able to collect expected revenues and help maintain water rates as low as possible.

**Discussion:**

Attached is a report of delinquent non-paid charges for water services within the Water District. The list includes the property location, assessor's parcel number (APN), amount of unpaid charges, and property owner. The property owners have been notified of their delinquency and of the public hearing. As of this date, the balances shown remain unpaid. Per California Water Code Section 31701(e) and 31701.5, accounts that are more than sixty days delinquent and have unpaid charges may be included in the property tax levied and shall constitute a lien on said property.

Notices of the Public Hearing and availability of the written report were mailed to all affected parcel owners on June 14, 2024, and published twice in the newspaper on June 14, 2024, and June 28, 2024. The notice mailed out to parcel owners provides them with an opportunity to remedy the arrearage on or before July 23, 2024, at 4 p.m. to avoid having the delinquent non-paid charges added to the annual taxes levied upon their property. Delinquent balances paid before the deadline will be removed from the list submitted to the County Assessor.

Staff remains available for any questions the Board of Directors may have.

**Attachments:**

- A. Resolution No. VWD 24-007
- B. Water Code Section 31701 and 31701.5