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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jenine Miller, Psy.D., Director of Health Services

Subject: April Fee Hearing – Environmental Health Fees

Environmental Health is responsible for protecting public health through permitting, inspections, and enforcement activities related to food safety, water quality, land use, and environmental protection.

An update to the Environmental Health fee schedule is being proposed following a review of current operations and the cost of providing services utilizing the rate fee calculation tool. The proposed revisions include both fee increases and decreases. Fees will increase in areas where current rates do not adequately cover the cost of service, while others will decrease where operational efficiencies and updated staff cost allocations have reduced the cost to perform specific tasks.

Some fees were not adjusted to full staff cost recovery in the prior year due to the significant increases required to reach full staff cost recovery.

It is important to note that the staff cost recovery reflected in these proposed fees includes only the direct cost of completing the task and a supervision rate based on productive hours for management level staff and above. These fees do not represent full cost recovery, which would also include administrative support and full departmental overhead costs.

Lastly, all fees were evaluated based on the staff cost required to complete each specific task. While this analysis establishes the true staff cost of service, the Department recognizes that the County may elect not to adopt all the proposed modified fees.