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Utility Rates Established in Scotia

Another important step toward independent self governance was taken in Scotia this week by the Scotia Community Services District (CSD). At its February 16th meeting, the CSD tallied votes and approved the establishment of water and sewer rates and storm drain benefit assessments. This completes a process required by the State of California under Proposition 218.

The votes were cast by property owners in Scotia. The CSD is required to reach out to property owners for authorization to create utility rate structures (or to raise rates) as appropriate to sustain services or assemble reserves for future capital investment in improved infrastructure etc.

Specific questions regarding the rate and assessment structure should be directed to the Scotia CSD.

Town of Scotia is currently proceeding with a phase by phase development approach relocating, replacing, and upgrading essentially all of the water, sewer, storm drain lines, pipes, streets, and lighting services, as well as many of the sidewalks and crossings, curbs and gutters, etc. This work is included in Town of Scotia's subdivision improvement plan.

The final step to facilitate completed sales of houses in Scotia to private ownership is for the CSD to receive ownership of the water and wastewater treatment plants, as well as many of the unique, beloved, and essential civic assets in Scotia, currently owned by Town of Scotia Company. These civic assets include the historic Winema Theater, the Scotia Museum, Carpenter's Field ballpark, Firemen's Park redwood picnic area, and the Scotia soccer field.

"The utility fees and benefit assessment approved by property owners and the CSD this week will provide the revenues necessary to own, operate, and maintain these civic facilities," said Frank Bacik, President of the Town of Scotia. "Eventually, the CSD may decide to relocate or replace the treatment plant facilities and Town of Scotia has pledged to assist the District in its transition to full operational capacity," Bacik said.

Bacik said he was pleased with the progress being made. "It is hoped that all partners in this new civic governance process can succeed to make Scotia an even more thriving place to live and work, while preserving the historic community and important aspects of life which make Scotia such a unique place."

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