



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING

#13-1285

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 12, 2013

TITLE: Resolution – Central Wastewater Region large user rate – Fiscal Year
2014

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission introduce a Resolution setting the Fiscal Year 2014 Central Region Wastewater large user rate at \$1.44 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated, effective October 1, 2013. This represents no change from the current rate.

Background

The City, through Large User Agreements, operates the Central Wastewater Region facilities, including the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Facility (GTL). The Central Wastewater Region provides treatment services for Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, parts of Davie, and Tamarac. Fort Lauderdale makes up 80% of the Central Region.

These agreements, necessitated by federal funding requirements, establish a methodology for setting rates for large users. The City Commission sets a billing rate based upon budgeted expenditures for the coming fiscal year. At the close of the year, the fund is audited and the actual rate is determined. If necessary, lump sum charges or rebates are made to adjust the amount paid.

The Central Wastewater Region proposed operating expenditures are \$22.5 million. The FY 2013 rate is \$1.44 per 1,000 gallons and the proposed rate for FY 2014 remains at \$1.44 per 1,000 gallons.

On August 7, 2013, a meeting of the Central Wastewater Region Large User Advisory Board was held. The Board was presented with an update of the Central Wastewater Region finances and a recommendation to keep the current large user rate was made. The Board endorsed this recommendation.

Resource Impact

At the end of every fiscal year, the Central Regional Wastewater Fund will be audited and the actual rate per 1,000 gallons will be calculated. If necessary, lump sum charges or rebates will be made to adjust the amount paid.

Attachment

Exhibit 1: Resolution

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