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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 10, 2014

TITLE: Adopt a resolution to approve the FY 2015 Central Wastewater Region

large user rate of \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution setting the FY 2015 Central Region Wastewater large user rate at \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated, effective October 1, 2014.

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 upcoming 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 Large User Advisory Board approved its rate at the August 13, 2014 meeting. The Central Wastewater Region tentative budget is \$23,811,346 and includes a rate of \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal year impact with this action. However, for FY 2015, the fund will be audited at the end of the fiscal year and the actual rate determined. If necessary, lump sum charges or rebates will be made to adjust the amount paid.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder**, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
 - Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Resolution

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