



# City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

December 17, 2013  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WASTEWATER DISCHARGE REGULATION FEE**

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Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta  
Acting City Manager

## **I. SUMMARY**

The State Water Quality Control Board and the State Water Resource Control Board require the City to renew its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) annual permit. Due to the increase in the fee, the FY 2013/14 budgeted amount for this permit is inadequate.

Staff requests that the City Council approve the payment of the fee and increase the amount that was budgeted for the FY 2013/14 NPDES annual permit so that the City may comply with the state requirements.

## **II. RECOMMENDATION**

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the payment of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System fee, in the amount of \$31,979.00.
2. APPROPRIATE \$7,716.00 from the unallocated general fund balance to augment the current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System annual permit budget.

## **III. ALTERNATIVES**

1. DO NOT APPROVE the payment of the NPDES permit fee.
2. DO NOT APPROPRIATE the additional funds.
3. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate. However, if this fee increase is not approved, the City could be subject to a \$10,000.00 fine per day, or more, for non-compliance.

## **IV. BACKGROUND**

Title IV, Permits and Licenses, of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) created the system for permitting wastewater discharges known as the NPDES. Under the NPDES, all facilities which discharge pollutants from any point source into waters of the United States are required to obtain a permit.

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The California State Water Resource Control Board issues an annual NPDES permit to the municipalities.

On September 24, 2013, the State Water Quality Control Board adopted new fee schedules for FY 2013/14, which affects the annual permit fee for the NPDES and Wastewater Discharge Regulation (WDR) fee.

The City's FY 2013/14 NPDES annual fee is \$31,979.00. The City's FY 2013/14 budget for this permit is \$24,263.00. Therefore, the NPDES annual fee budget needs to be increased by \$7,716.00. Since the new annual fee is above the City Manager's authorization limit, City Council action is required to approve the payment of the fee and to increase the budgeted amount for this item.

**V. FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this fee were included in the FY 2013/14 budget; however, they are insufficient to cover the increased fee; therefore, if the payment is approved, the budget will need to be increased by \$7,716.00. Funds should be appropriated from the unallocated general fund balance to account no. 01-80-820-285-6015. The balance of the unallocated general fund is \$16,516,859.00.

**VI. EXHIBITS**

- 1. Annual permit fee invoice. (pg. 3)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

**Action taken by City Council**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_



INVOICE

Annual Permit Fees Required by Sections 13260 & 13269 of the California Water Code

FACILITY ID (WDID): 4B190158001
FACILITY NAME: CARSON CITY - MUN SEPARATE STO
CARSON, CA

INVOICE NO: WD-0088208
BILLING PERIOD: 07/01/13 - 06/30/14
INVOICE DATE: 10/30/2013
INDEX NO: 195891

CARSON, CITY OF
PATRICIA ELKINS
P.O. BOX 6234
CARSON, CA 90749

Total Amount Due by
Friday, November 29, 2013

\$ 31,979.00

Invoice details are shown on the back

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
Annual Permit Fee

Facility ID: 4B190158001

RM #: 193174

Billing Period: 07/01/13 - 06/30/14

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PLEASE REMIT YOUR PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE SHOWN ABOVE. LATE PAYMENT COULD RESULT IN PENALTIES UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE WATER CODE SECTION 13261. THESE ACTIONS COULD INCLUDE DAILY PENALTIES IN ADDITION TO YOUR FEE OR OTHER ACTIONS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE REGIONAL BOARD.

Make your check payable to State Water Resources Control Board

If you have any questions about this invoice, please call the Water Board at 213-620-2424.



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