

# **SOLANO COUNTY COUNTYWIDE USER FEES FOR FY2017/18**



Public Hearing  
Approval of Resolutions

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Presented to Solano County Board of Supervisors  
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County Administrator's Office

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File 17-276



# FY 2017/18 Countywide User Fees

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- Annual Process for Review and Update of Countywide User Fees
- Revisions reflect fees established in Chapter 11 of Solano County Code – Seventeen (17) exhibits and
- Chapter 2.4 of Solano County Code – Nut Tree Airport – Exhibit XX



# FY 2017/18 Countywide User Fee Review & Update

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Board Approved/Auditor Controller validated

- Basic Fee methodology:  
Direct Cost + Indirect Costs = Total Costs of Services

Fee Authority reviewed by County Counsel



# FY 2017/18 Countywide User Fee Review & Update

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- Majority of County user fees remain unchanged. Except for H&SS – based on the 2016 Medicare Economic Index and the State Department of Healthcare Services' contract rates and Schedule of Maximum Allowance.
- Summary of Proposed FY2017/18 Fee changes per Department (Attachment A)
- Resolutions and Fee Exhibits per Department (Attachment B)
- Majority of the rate increases are between 1%-10%. Also, Attachment A - identifies few fees with increases greater than 10%.



## **Resource Management - Parks & Recreation Fee Exemption Recommendation**

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- Fee waiver permits recommended for FY2017/18 as continuation of prior Board action:
  1. Day Use and Boat Launch Fees - veterans and active military from Sunday prior to Veterans Day thru Saturday following the Veterans Day (November 2017)
  2. Group Pad Rental Fees at Lake Solano Parks – Annual Bonifacio Memorial Children’s Fishing Derby (May 2018)



## **Sheriff's Department Animal Care Division Offers Annual Dog License Amnesty Program**

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- County Code Sec. 4-144: A penalty is assessed if owner is more than 30 days delinquent.
- For unincorporated area residents only (Jurisdiction of Board of Supervisors.)
- The amnesty program would be for a 30 day amnesty period each year.



## **Probation Department – Juvenile Justice Division User Fees**

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### **Board Ad hoc Committee recommends to:**

- Establish a 12 month fee moratorium effective May 1, 2017 pending further State legislative changes by Adopting a Resolution (Attachment D)
- Waive Board and Care fees in Juvenile Hall
- Reduce monitoring fees to vendor cost only
- Waive Post-Notice Custody Fee



## Probation Department – Juvenile Justice Division User Fees (Cont.)

Ad Hoc Committee Recommended Action Fee Charges:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Recommended Fee effective May 1, 2017</b>
Facility Support Fees (Board/Care)	\$30 per day	\$0 per day
Post Notice Custody Fees	\$100	\$0
Electronic Monitoring Fee	\$23 per day plus \$9 per day	\$9 per day

Revenue Impact in FY2017/18:

- General Fund Revenue loss \$87,000
- If all fees are waived (reports, diversion, home supervision) – loss is \$296,500

Senate Bill 190 still under consideration at State Legislature.

\*(Other counties starting to waive some or all juvenile fees: Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Santa Clara)





## **Probation Department – Juvenile Justice Division User Fees (Cont.)**

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Board Ad Hoc Committee Next Steps:

- Meet to review outstanding juvenile fee receivables (\$5.4 million)
- Recommendation Prior to FY2017/18 Budget Hearing



## FY 2017/18 Countywide User Fee Review & Update

- If approved the net increase of fee charges is approximately \$65,792 in General Fund which offsets user fee cost for services provided.

Department	Net Revenue (Net Loss)
Resource Management – Environmental Health	\$ 36,109
Resource management - Planning Services	5,335
Resource Management – Building and Safety	12,948
Public Works Engineering Surveyor	9,400
Sheriff and Coroner's Office	11,000
Sheriff's Department Animal Care Division	78,000
Probation – Juvenile Justice Division	(87,000)



# Recommended Board Actions

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- Conduct a public hearing on the proposed new and revised user fee schedules.
- Adopt a resolution authorizing a twelve month moratorium and reduction on the assessment and collection of certain Probation Department's Juvenile Administrative Fees effective May 1, 2017.
- Authorize the Sheriff's Animal Care to annually offer a dog license amnesty program by waiving the late fee for a 30 day period.
- Authorize the Resource Management's Park and Recreation to add fee exemption periods to reflect waivers.
- Adopt fee schedules by separate resolutions amending the exhibits to Chapters 2.4 and 11 of the Solano County Code, modifying and establishing various fees, effective July 1, 2017 for various departments.