



FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT

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Mr. James Bezek
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VIA EMAIL to JMBezek@SolanoCounty.com

RE: Request to Provide Municipal Sewer Service to 2280 Rockville Road

Dear Mr. Bezek:

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District (District) has received Solano County's request to consider providing sewer service to one unincorporated commercial parcel at 2280 Rockville Road (APN 0027-141-240). In accordance with District Policy No. 4350 governing out-of-agency sewer service requests, the County's request to initiate a feasibility analysis of the subject parcel was presented to the District's Board of Directors on January 27, 2025.

In response to the request, the District's Board opted not to proceed with a sewer service feasibility study at this time. Instead, staff were directed to request additional information from the County that will help inform a future feasibility evaluation for providing sewer service to the subject property and/or other unincorporated parcels that may request sewer service extensions. The District was created to serve only the incorporated areas of Fairfield and Suisun City, and any consideration of providing out-of-agency sewer service must ensure that the customers within the District boundary are not negatively impacted.

While 2280 Rockville Road is the first property that we are aware of that has requested sewer service from the District due to a septic system failure, the District is aware of other similarly-situated parcels in the vicinity that could also experience septic system failures and could request out-of-agency sewer service from the District. District staff are also aware of several additional projects and parcels that the County has requested—or may request—be connected to the District's municipal sewer system, including:

- Solano Landing project (allowed to connect through existing contract with Solano County).
- Woodcreek 60 project (a separate feasibility analysis is ongoing).

- Properties throughout the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan area for economic development purposes, in accordance with County Board of Supervisors Economic Development Priority #E3-A, as reiterated at the October 8, 2024 Priority Workshop.
- Potential densification of unincorporated Interchange Areas along Interstate 80.

The ultimate limits of these projects are currently unclear, and the legality of the District providing service remains unresolved. Several of these projects could impact the same District infrastructure, and capacity improvements designed for one project may not be sufficiently sized to accommodate additional projects. The District conducts long-term planning across its service area to ensure that its facilities are designed and constructed to accommodate buildout growth. We require the same level of detail from the County in order to evaluate the feasibility of providing out-of-agency sewer service.

The County is requested to engage a qualified engineering firm to conduct a study that would define a conceptual out-of-agency service area and determine the feasibility of connecting parcels within the area to the District's existing sewer system. The study should include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. A map and list of parcels within the vicinity of Suisun Valley Road and Rockville Road that are served by existing septic systems. The list should also include data about the age and condition of existing septic systems and existing land use for each parcel.
2. A map and list of parcels within the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan area, or beyond, for which extension of public sewer service could foreseeably be requested to support economic development priorities. The list should also contain data about the existing and potential future land use and density for each parcel.
 - a. A description of the legal basis by which the County could request extension of public sewer service to parcels in this category should also be included with the study.
 - b. To the extent feasible, an estimation of the timeframe for each possible connection.
3. A preliminary design of the sewer improvements necessary to connect the parcels described above to the District's existing facilities. In addition to drawings of these improvements, the preliminary design should also include:
 - a. Identification of topographic features, utility conflicts, and other constraints that would preclude connection of any of the parcels identified under items 1 and 2 for technical reasons.
4. A cost evaluation of the proposed improvements, including:

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- a. Budgetary, itemized cost estimate for all necessary improvements upstream of the District's existing facilities.
- b. Strategy for funding initial capital cost.
- c. Strategy for funding ongoing operation and maintenance of sewer assets, including periodic reduction of inflow/infiltration as required to meet District standards.

The District is prepared to provide data, standards, and guidance to support the County's efforts, and will welcome an opportunity to review the study for completeness and consistency with District requirements. After the study is completed, a request to proceed with a feasibility evaluation for the parcels identified in the study can be presented to the District's Board. The District's feasibility evaluation will include an evaluation of wastewater flows and loads on existing District infrastructure, the legality of providing service, and the long-term impacts on existing District customers.

The District plans to update its Collection System Master Plan in 2026. This planning effort would be an ideal time to integrate County planning data into our system-wide hydraulic analysis.

The District is committed to continued collaboration with the County to help evaluate options. This is best achieved with a common understanding of future plans so both of our agencies can be aligned in our efforts.

Regards,



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