

Sewer/Water Billing Change

Motion by: _____ second by: _____

To

Accept

Deny

Table

issuing statements on a monthly basis for both Sewer and Water
billing beginning with the April 1, 2009 invoice.

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Motion

Passed

Failed



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Glen,

Here are the figures to go to a combined water/sewer monthly bill.

We realized that the majority of your customers receive eight bills per year by billing quarterly, 4 for water and 4 for sewer. This would increase the number of bills received to 12. So the cost would be 4 additional forms and postage a year for most customers.

We could initiate this starting with the April 1, 2009 billing, which would not go out until the first week of May, 2009. This would give you time to take the information to your board for presentation. The advantage of going to a combined monthly billing is that you may see people pay their bill quicker if it is past due. They would only owe for two months this way, versus owing six months if quarterly. It also could help us reduce the number of delinquent accounts that we have to track on our end also.

It would also help the lower income households with a more manageable monthly bill, rather than two bills if on water and sewer within a month of each other when billed quarterly and would help lower the impact of the next rate increase.

East Bay Yearly Sewer Cost		
Yearly Total Number of Bills	Yearly Postage	Yearly Forms
5740	\$1,389.08	\$172.20

East Bay Monthly Water/Sewer Cost		
Yearly Total Number of Bills	Yearly Postage	Yearly Forms
17340	\$4,196.28	\$520.20

East Bay Yearly Water Cost		
Yearly Total Number of Bills	Yearly Postage	Yearly Forms
5684	\$1,375.53	\$170.52

Additional Cost to go to Monthly	
Postage	Forms
\$1,431.67	\$177.48
Total Postage & Forms	\$1,609.15

East Bay Yearly Water & Sewer Totals		
Yearly Total Number of Bills	Yearly Postage	Yearly Forms
11424	\$2,764.61	\$342.72