Drinking Water Fee Regulations Public Water Systems

Proposed Changes to Regulations Text -- 15-Day Public Comment Period

Proposed changes to the regulations text originally proposed are indicated as follows:

Text proposed to be deleted is marked with strikeout. Text proposed to be added is marked with double-underline.

Add Chapter 14.5, Division 4, Title 22 California Code of Regulations. Add Section 64300

Section 64300. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Severely disadvantaged <u>Disadvantaged</u> community" means a community with a median annual household income of less than sixty <u>eighty</u> percent (60 80 %) of the statewide median annual household income.
- (b) "Wholesaler" means a public water system that sells water to other public water systems. A public water system that has 1,000 or more service connections or that sells water only on a short-term or intermittent basis is not a wholesaler.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.

Add Section 64305.

Section 64305. Fee Schedule for Annual Fees

(a) Each public water system shall pay an annual fee to the State Board in the amount provided in Table 64305-A.

TABLE 64305-A - Public Water Systems Annual Fee

Water System Type	Fee
Community Water System	
100 or fewer service connections	\$200.00 \$250.00 or \$6.00 per service
	connection, whichever is greater.
100 or fewer service connections	\$100.00
(severely disadvantaged community)	
101 to 1,000 service connections	\$4.00 \$6.00 per service connection
101 to 1,000 service connections	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service
(severely-disadvantaged community)	connection greater than 100
1 <u>.</u> 001 or more <u>to 5,000</u> service	\$4.00 \$6.00 per each of first 1,000
connections	service connections plus \$2.00 \$3.50
	per each service connection greater
	than 1,000
1 <u>.</u> 001 or more to 5.000 service	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service
connections (severely disadvantaged community)	connection greater than 100
5,001 to 15,000 service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service
	connections plus \$3.50 per each
	service connection greater than 1,000
	but less than 5,001 plus \$2.00 per
	each service connection greater than
	5,000
5,001 to 15,000 service connections	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service
(disadvantaged community)	connection greater than 100
15,001 or more service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service
	connections plus \$3.50 per each
	service connection greater than 1,000
	but less than 5,001 plus \$2.00 per
	each service connection greater than
	5,000 but less than 15,001 plus \$1.35
	per each service connection greater
	<u>than 15,000</u>
15,001 or more service connections	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service
(disadvantaged community)	connection greater than 100 but less
	than 15,001 plus \$1.35 per each
	service connection greater than 15,000
Nontransient Noncommunity Water System	\$2.00 per person served, but not less
	than \$456.00.
Transient Noncommunity Water System	\$800.00.
Wholesaler	\$6,000.00 plus \$1.36 per each MG ¹

¹ "Million Gallons" means the annual average, rounded to the nearest million, as reported to the State Board by the wholesaler for 2012, 2013 and 2014 the three most recent years of data available, of the total gallons of water that the wholesaler produced from surface water and from groundwater and gallons of finished water that the wholesaler purchased or received from another public water system.

Add Section 64310.

Section 64310. Reduction of Fees for Public Water Systems Serving Severely Disadvantaged Community.

- (a) A public water system must pay the full amount of the annual fee unless it requests and receives from the State Board a determination that its annual fees are reduced because it is a community water system that serves a severely disadvantaged community in which case the fee to be paid is the amount for a severely disadvantaged community as shown in Table 64305.
- (b) To qualify for the reduction provided for in subsection (a), a public water system must certify, and provide documentation to the State Board upon request, that it serves a severely disadvantaged community.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.

Add Section 64315.

Section 64315. Payment of Fees

(a) Each fee required by this chapter shall be paid to the State Board within forty five (45) calendar days of the date of the invoice, except that this date may be extended by the State Board for good cause, which shall be determined at the State Board's sole discretion.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.