

## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Coastside County Water District Board of Directors  
**From:** David Dickson, General Manager  
**Agenda:** February 9, 2010

Report

Date: February 4, 2010

**Subject: Results of Connection Sale Survey**

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### **Recommendation:**

None. Information only.

### **Background:**

At a special meeting on December 15, 2009, the Board authorized and directed staff to conduct a survey to determine interest in purchasing connections from the inventory of 72 non-priority connections the District now holds. This staff report summarizes results of the survey.

During the last week of December, staff mailed approximately 9,000 surveys to owners of parcels within the District based on the San Mateo County Tax Assessor's database. A copy of the mailed survey form is included as Attachment A. The survey was advertised in the Half Moon Bay Review, on MCTV, and on the District's website. We accepted responses online using the surveymonkey.com site, by mail, and by delivery to the office. Staff entered the paper responses we received into the online survey tool to facilitate summarizing the data.

Attachment B provides an overall summary of the survey results, including the following:

294	Total responses received
227	Interested in purchasing a connection
180	Responses for undeveloped property
99	Responses for existing residential
107	Properties with wells

Of the respondents with wells on existing residential properties, 57 indicated an interest in purchasing a connection - 39 in unincorporated San Mateo County and 18 in the City of Half Moon Bay.

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The survey results indicate that current interest in purchasing non-priority connections exceeds the number of connections the District may make available and that there are a significant number of property owners on wells who are interested in purchasing a connection.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

## COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## SURVEY FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF NON-PRIORITY WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Coastside County Water District (District) intends to offer a limited number of non-priority water service connections for sale beginning in May 2010. In order to assist the District's staff and Board of Directors in developing a fair and equitable approach to allocating the connections, we are conducting a survey to determine interest in purchasing the available non-priority water service connections. If you are interested in purchasing a water service connection in accordance with the general concepts described below, please complete the survey by filling out this form and returning it to the District's offices at the address below by February 1, 2010 or by going online to [www.coastsidewater.org](http://www.coastsidewater.org).

This is not an offer of sale, and the District reserves the right not to proceed with the proposed connection sale or to change the general concepts applicable to the purchase program.

General concepts for the sale and purchase of connections will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Each connection purchased must be assigned to a property, by its Assessor's Parcel Number, within the District's boundaries.
- The purchaser must demonstrate that the property is already developed or is potentially developable, and that the water requirements for the property to which the connection will be assigned are commensurate with the number of connections proposed to be purchased.
- Connections purchased under this program will not be transferable to another property.
- The proposed price for a 5/8" (20 gpm) connection is \$13,592. This amount is subject to approval by the District's Board of Directors and will be considered for adoption following a public hearing scheduled for February 9, 2010.
- In addition to the connection purchase price, there will be an administrative fee to cover the District's costs of administering the sale and purchase program.
- The connection(s) must be paid for in full at the time of purchase.
- Service connections which are not installed within 36 months of the purchase date will revert to the District, with a refund to purchaser of the purchase price less the administrative fee
- Purchaser may return connection(s) to the District for a refund of the purchase price less the administrative fee.

**Survey Questions**

1. Yes/No I am interested in purchasing a connection under the general concepts described above.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of connections I am interested in purchasing.
3. Current Development Status of Property:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Undeveloped \_\_\_\_\_ Existing Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Existing Business
4. Yes/No Is the property currently served by a well? \_\_\_\_\_ Date installed?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor's Parcel Number where connection will be installed
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address of Connection

**Survey must be completed and returned by February 1, 2010 to be considered.** The District will mail notices and information regarding the schedule and details of the sale and purchase of the non-priority water service connections directly to all persons who fully complete the survey. The District encourages all people who will consider purchasing a connection to respond to this survey as the District will review all results in determining how to proceed with the sale of available connections.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return survey to CCWD, 766 Main Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

## 2010 Non-Priority Water Connection Survey

Please provide your contact information. Please complete a separate survey for each parcel, if you wish to purchase water connections for more than one parcel.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name, address, etc.	100.0%	292
<i>answered question</i>		<b>292</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

Are you interested in purchasing a connection under the general concepts described on page one?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	77.7%	227
No	8.6%	25
Maybe	14.4%	42
<i>answered question</i>		<b>292</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

How many connections are you interested in purchasing? One connection is equivalent to one 5/8" (20 gallons per minute) service.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1/2	11.6%	29
1	86.0%	215
1-1/2	3.6%	9
Other (please specify)		29
<i>answered question</i>		<b>250</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>44</b>

What is the current development status of the property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Undeveloped	63.4%	180
Existing Residential	34.9%	99
Existing Business	1.8%	5
<i>answered question</i>		<b>284</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>10</b>

Is there a well on the property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	38.6%	107
No	61.4%	170
If yes, date well was installed?		95
<i>answered question</i>		<b>277</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>17</b>