



SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Glaze, General Manager

DATE: March 17, 2005

**RE: NAACP Fee-Waiver Request
Agenda Item for 3/22/05 Board of Directors Meeting**

Attached is a letter from Albert Walthall, President of the Butte County Branch of the NAACP. As you will read, he is asking that you waive "fees and charges for providing water" to a three-acre parcel that is being developed for community garden purposes.

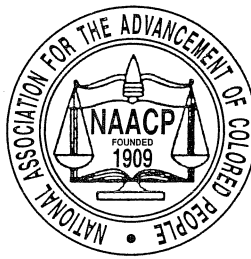
Staff has estimated the cost to install water to this parcel as follows:

New Account Fee	\$ 40
System Capacity Charge	3250
Service Installation Cost Estimate	1750
Backflow Installation Cost Estimate	<u>650</u>
Total	\$ 5,690

The only other instance I can recall where the Board approved waiving fees was for a water service for the landscaping at the Ishi Monument at the intersection of Oro-Quincy Highway and Pine Oaks Road. While the subject request seems to be a worthy project, consider the precedent-setting impacts and consult with attorney Jeff Meith regarding any legal issues.

My only recommendation is that, if the Board considers waiving any of the fees and/or installation expenses, that there be a condition specified that requires all fees and expenses be paid (or service terminated) at such time as the parcel is used for purposes other than a community garden.

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Attention: Michael Glaze, General Manager
Re: Request for waiver of fees and charges

Dear Mr. Glaze:

During the 1960's a grass roots effort by members of the local community resulted in the raising of funds to purchase land for a community center. In 1968 three acres of land, on Greenville Street in the El Medio District of Butte County, was purchased to serve this purpose. However, eventually, the community center was built on a separate parcel of land in the vicinity of the three acre parcel. This has left the three acre parcel vacant and unused.

Recently the Butte County NAACP has been charged with the responsibility to care for and manage the three acre parcel until a plan for this property is developed and implemented. In the meantime we would like to establish a garden project, on a portion of this property, that would benefit members of our community. However the fees and charges, for extending water service to this land, are prohibitive of this project due to our limited financial resources.

The Butte County NAACP is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the socially and economically disadvantaged members of the community. We believe that this garden project will benefit some of the less fortunate members of our community. Therefore we urgently request a waiver of your agency's fees and charges for providing water to this property. This request is made with the understanding that, if granted, any such waiver would be restricted solely to the benefit of the garden project.

Thank you in advance for your attention to and assistance with this matter. If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at (530) 533-3323.

Sincerely yours,


Albert Walthall
President

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