

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-01**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUSA**  
**ESTABLISHING INCREASED SEWER RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Colusa is permitted to operate it's wastewater treatment plant under NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit No.R5-2008-0184 issued in December 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2009 the City of Colusa completed a \$15.7 million dollar upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Colusa has a \$15.5 million dollar loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program to repay over a twenty (20) year period commencing fiscal year 2009-10; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Colusa retained a consultant to conduct an analysis of the existing rate structure, future wastewater treatment system costs and the City's options to fund the actual costs of the wastewater treatment system; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2009, the City Council held a public workshop to discuss the October 2009 draft revenue program and the City's options related to future wastewater treatment system expenses and rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the October 2009 draft revenue program used a proposed rate structure that minimizes the impact of irrigation water on sewer rates in accordance with guidelines from the State Water Resources Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to increase rates to fund the actual costs of wastewater treatment system operations, maintenance and the repayment of loan; and

**WHEREAS**, additional monies are included in the rate structure to support capital improvements, these monies shall be set aside and restricted for waste water capital projects, and;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218, the City mailed notice of the public hearing on the proposed rate increase ("Notice") to affected property owners and utility rate payers in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice was mailed more than 45 days prior to the scheduled public hearing and included information related to the proposed rate increase, protest process, and five-year rate schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2010, the City Council held a public hearing as required by law on the proposed rate increase; and

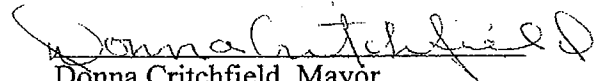
The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Colusa, California held on January 19, 2010 and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on January 19, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Reische, MacKaben, Kelleher, Hosmer, Critchfield

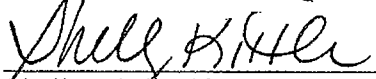
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

  
Donna Critchfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shelly Kirtje, City Clerk

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