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Dear Wild Wings Community:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that an error occurred in tabulating the results of a recent water and wastewater (sewer) rate proceeding affecting the Wild Wings Community and the steps being taken to address the error.

On July 23, 2024, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the proposed increases for water and wastewater rates for Wild Wings residents, pursuant to Proposition 218. After the close of the public hearing, the Clerk of the Board and members of the Elections staff counted and tabulated the protests received. After the count and tabulation were completed, the Clerk reported the results to the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 187 total protests received; and
- Of the protests received, 35 were invalid; and therefore
- 152 valid protests were received, which did not meet the majority protest threshold of 170.

On or about August 8, 2024, while preparing the July 23, 2024 minute order packet, County staff discovered there may have been a tabulation error in the calculation of valid written protests. As a result, the Clerk and Elections staff conducted a recount and re-tabulation on August 9, 2024. Internal Audit staff, the CSA Manager, and the Chief Assistant Director of Community Services were also present and observed the tabulation of the protests. The re-tabulation results were:

- 188 valid protests received;
- 35 invalid protests;
- 223 protests received in total before the close of the public hearing.

Internal Audit staff validated the results by keeping a separate count. Internal Audit's results matched the Clerk of Board's results. The protests are available for inspection and will be included with the minute order packet.

The 188 valid protests received prior to the close of the July 23, 2024 public hearing exceeded the Proposition 218 majority protest threshold of 170 protests. As a result, the rate adjustments did not pass and the Wild Wings water and sewer rates will not increase. The water and sewer charges on your FY 2024-2025 property bill will be based on the existing rates. Finally, at the August 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting, staff will recommend that the Board of Supervisors rescind the July 23, 2024 resolution the Board adopted and instead adopt the alternative resolution reflecting that there was a majority protest.

The County sincerely regrets the tabulation error and is reviewing its Proposition 218 procedures to strengthen the tabulation process going forward.

If you have any questions about this letter, you may contact YoloCSA@yolocounty.org or (530) 666-8157.