

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
06/02/2025

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher Brown AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Approve the District Annual Fee Increase for FY25/26

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Hearing to Approve the Annual Fee Increase for FY 25/26.

- a) Open the public hearing.
- b) Public comment on CPI Fee Increase.
- c) Close the public hearing and consider request.

BACKGROUND:

Each year as part of the Budget process the District is required (H&S Code 42311 (a)) to review District expenses and revenue and determine if a fee increase is needed to recover the reasonable costs of programs related to the permitting of stationary sources. This requirement is carried over in District Regulation 7.0 (C). The proposed annual fee increase cannot exceed the California Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers as determined by section 2212 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

For the Fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 staff is recommending a Consumer Price Index increase of 3.8% to stationary source fees consistent with District Rule 7.0(c), Consumer Price Index adjustment of fees. A public notice to this effect has been duly noticed.

The proposed annual fee increase has been incorporated into the FY 25/26 Annual Budget.

DISCUSSION:

A Policy/Finance Committee meeting was held on May 14, 2025, to review the CPI Fee Increase and discuss recommendations. After a thorough review, the Committee recommends the approval of the CPI Fee Increase for FY 25/26.

REGULATION VII - FEES

3.80%

Rules affected by the Final FY 25/26 CPI Adjustment

Rule	Fee Source	4.20%	3.80%
		CPI FY 24/25	CPI FY 25/26
7.4(B)	Application for New or Modified - Filing Fee	\$175.06	\$181.71
7.6(B)(1)	Renewal - Base Fee	\$128.38	\$133.26
7.6(B)(2)(a)	Renewal - Emissions /ton (TOG, NOx, SOx, PM)	\$11.72	\$12.17
7.6(B)(2)(b)	Renewal - Emissions /ton (CO)	\$2.95	\$3.06
7.7(A)	Billable Rate	\$107.38	\$111.46
7.7(A)	Billable Rate - Expedite	\$158.73	\$164.76
7.12	Transfer Fee	\$52.52	\$54.52

Other Fees Specified in Regulation VII

Rule	Fee Source	
7.1(A)	Hearing Board Filing Fee	\$112.00
7.1(B)	Hearing Board Per Diem Fee (per member)	\$50.00
7.5(A)(1)	Notification of Operation - Well Drilling	\$105.00
7.8(A)(1)	Ag Burning Base Fee	\$42.00
7.8(A)(2)	Rice Acre Additional Fee (per acre)	\$0.85
7.8(A)(3)	Additional Fee fields over 20 acres (per acre)	\$0.42
7.8(A)(4)	Orchard Removal Not Meeting Drying time (p/orcl	\$85.00
7.8(B)	Residential Burning	\$25.00
7.8(C)	Special Burning no inspection	\$34.00
7.8(C)	Special Burning with inspection	\$85.00
7.10(B)(1)	Indirect Source Fee - Residential (per unit)	\$15.00
7.10(B)(2)	Indirect Source Fee - Commercial (per square foot)	\$0.06
7.10(B)(3)	Indirect Source Fee - Industrial (per square foot)	\$0.04
7.11(A)	ERC - Biomass Open Burning	\$60.00
7.11(B)	ERC - Other Sources	\$224.00
7.11(C)	ERC - Modification of Certificate	\$30.00
7.11(D)	ERC - Transfer of Certificate	\$30.00
7.11(F)	ERC - Replacement Certificate	\$30.00

Other Fees Not Specified in the Regulation

Rule	Fee Source	References Rule
7.1(C)	District Time at Billable Rate	7.7
7.1(D)	Transcript Costs	cost
7.2	Analysis Fee	cost
7.3	Technical Report Fee	cost & 7.7
7.9(C)	Air Toxics Hot Spots	7.7, H&S 90700,