



Fee Reviews

Adjustments to RMA
(Planning and Development/Roads)
Fee Schedule

For

FY2020/2021

Resource Management Agency

April 28, 2020

Proposed Fee Adjustments

Overview

Proposal for Planning Fees:

- Finalize remaining multiyear adjustments to achieve better cost recovery. [Final Setback Variance increase.](#)

Proposal for Road Division Fees:

- Enact Special Event Permit fee. [To establish cost recovery for Special Event permits.](#)

RMA **Planning** Fees Overview



Planning Fees

- RMA Planning has roughly 201 separate fees.
- **No new requests for fee increases (Only prior approved escalations)**
- Only one fee is impacted
- **Total individual fee increase is \$90.00**

Board Approved Fee Increases

- **2016** - Increase to (by Resolution 2016-0280):
 - Setback Variances (5 Years)



Annual Fee Increases

5th Year of
Five – Year
Annual
Increase

Setback Variance – *Setbacks are building restrictions imposed on property owners. Property owners can petition the County for special permission to depart from the regulations, known as a “Variance”.*
Setback Variance Fee Increase- \$90

Rationale: Approaching Full Cost Recovery while still being Business Friendly and Promoting Economic Development through Reasonably Phased Fee Increases

8 County Fee Survey & Cost Recovery Study



Surveyed fees from the following Counties:

- Kern
- Kings
- Fresno
- Tulare
- Madera
- Merced
- Stanislaus
- San Joaquin
- Tuolumne

Compared results to Tulare County's proposal

Compared 3 years history of fee revenue and expenses to determine the percentage of cost recovery for each fee.

Setback Variance

Five Year Increase began: **July 1, 2016**

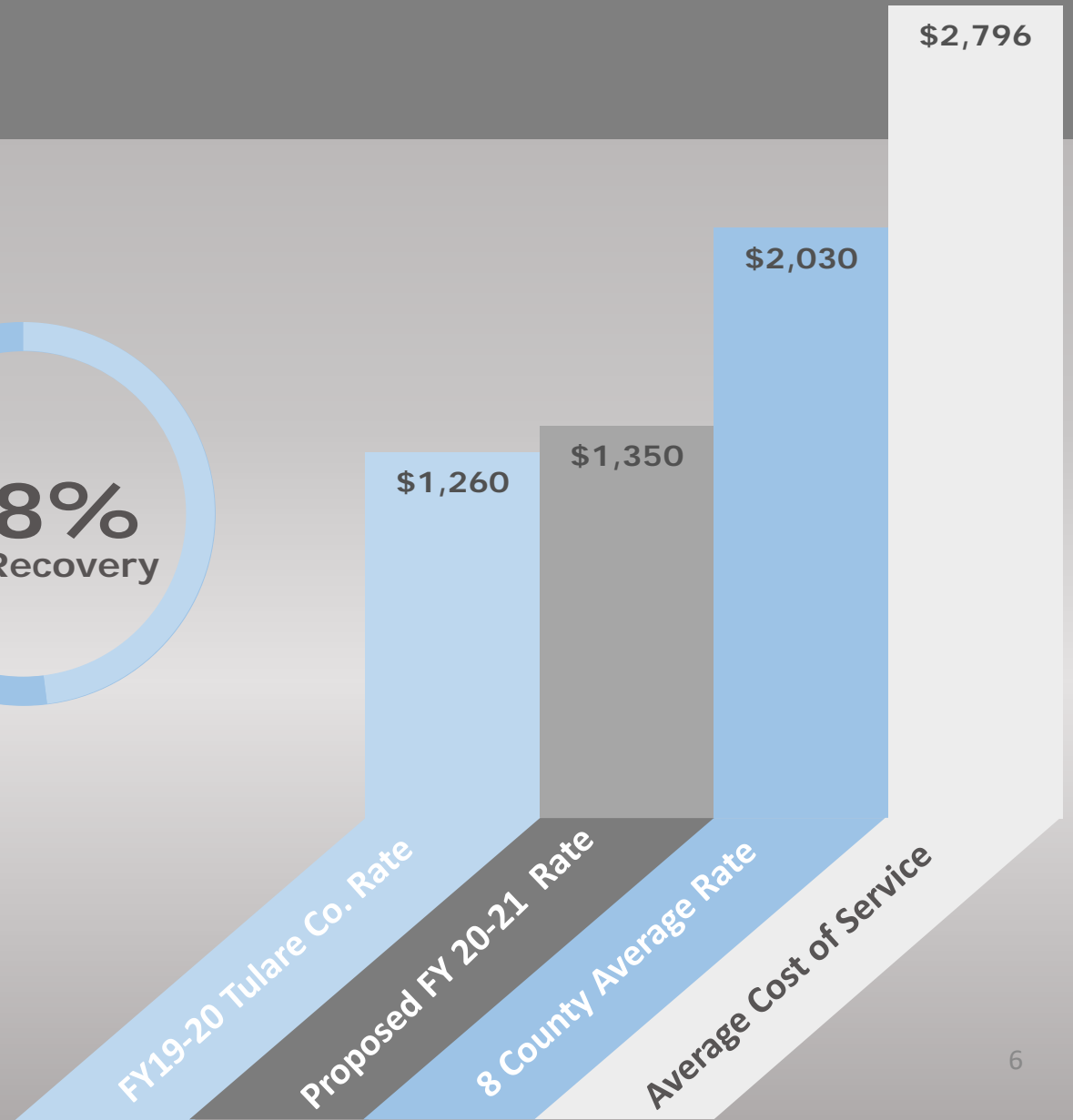
Annual Increase: **\$90 per year**

Total Increase in 4 years:
\$450 (to \$1,350 in FY 20/21)

This year's pro rata increase brings the fees from **\$1,260 to \$1,350 (Final Incr.)**

Projected annual increase in revenue:
\$180

Average annual cases: 2



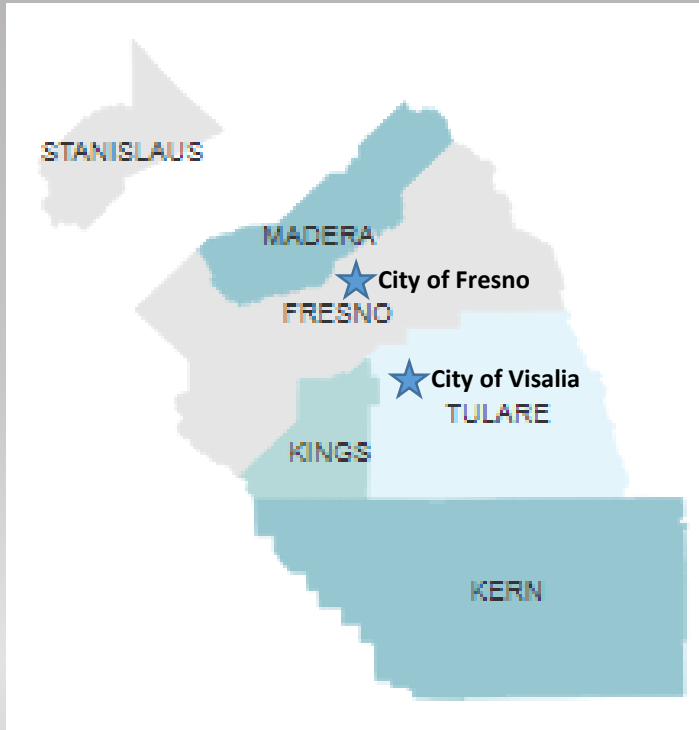
RMA Road Division Fees Overview



Code Compliance Fees

- Several “Special” events are held in Tulare County every year such as parades, running or cycling events.
- RMA handles review and approval which can require some or all of the following:
 - Review and approve street closure/detour plans.
 - Review and approve traffic control plans.
 - Review and approve insurance documents.
 - Prepare an agenda item for Board approval for inaugural events.
- Currently no “Special” event fee, but staff costs average over \$1,000 per event.

6 Agency Fee Survey & Cost Recovery Study



Surveyed fees from the following Agencies:

- Kern County
- Kings County
- Fresno County
- City of Visalia
- City of Fresno
- Stanislaus County

Compared results to Tulare County's Special Event Permit proposal.

Compared 2 years history of staff expenses to determine the percentage of cost recovery based on proposed fee amount.

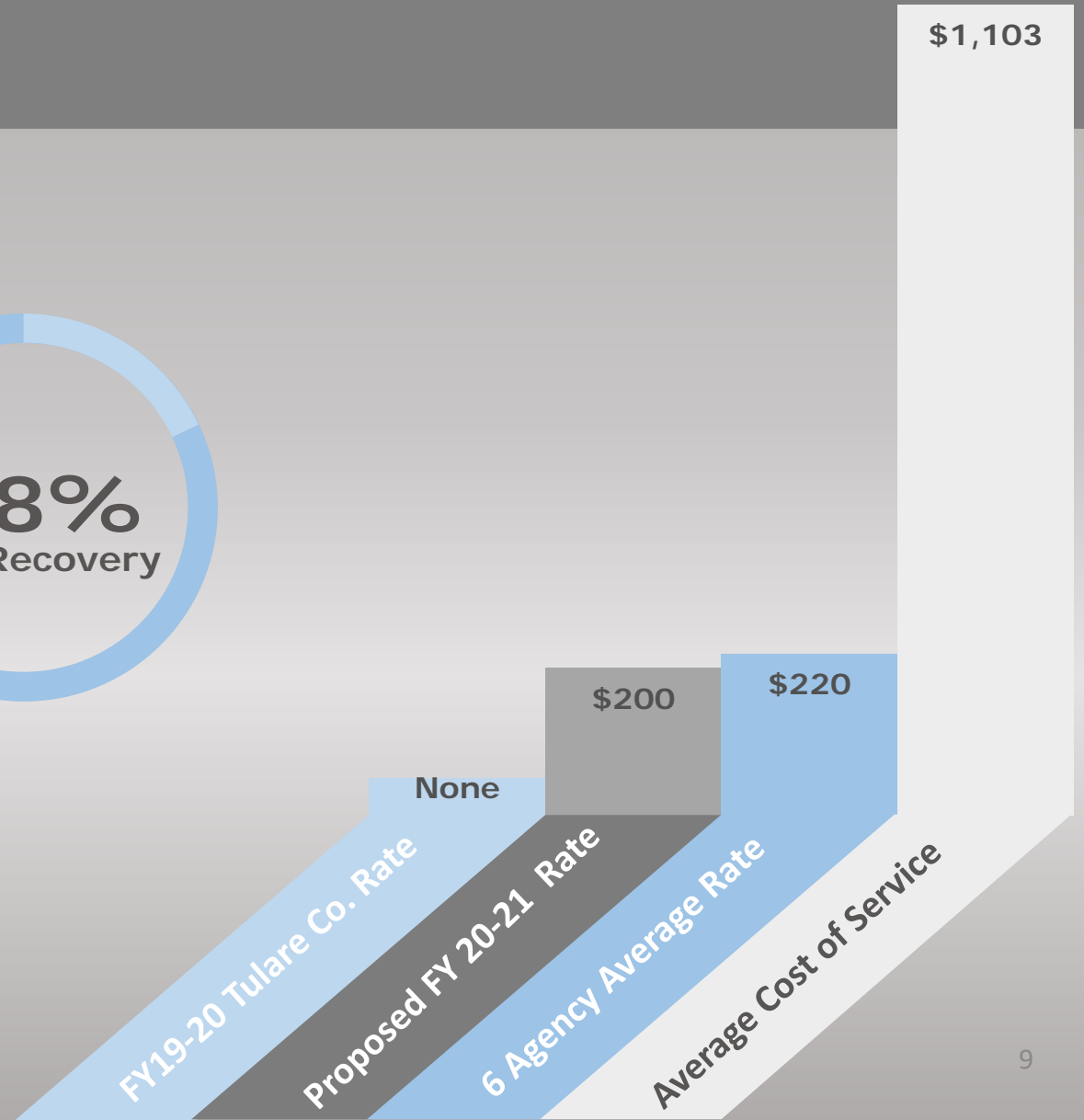
Special Event Permit Fee

Fee Implementation Date: **July 1, 2020**

Initial Fee Amount: **\$200**

Projected annual increase in revenue:
\$2,400

Average annual cases: 12



Outside Input

1. Reviewed and Approved by County Counsel
2. Reviewed and Approved by County Auditor
3. Publicly Noticed Hearing (Newspaper Advertisement)

Requested Action

1. **Conduct a public hearing considering the proposed fee adjustments as listed in Attachment “A” (2020/2021 Proposed Fee Changes) and Attachment “B” (2020/21 Summary of Proposed Fee Changes) of the agenda item; and**
2. **Approve the Proposed Fees for the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, effective July 1, 2020, listed in Attachment “C” of the agenda item.**