

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS  
IN SEELEY LAKE-MISSOULA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT, MONTANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 8, 2017, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Seeley Lake-Missoula County Sewer District, Montana (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 11082017, entitled "Resolution of the Seeley Lake-Missoula County Sewer District, Montana; Declaring it to be the Intention of the District to Undertake Certain Local Improvements Consisting of the Design, Construction, and Installation of a Sewage Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection Lines and Associated Improvements and Appurtenances, Some of Which Benefit All of the Property in the District, and to Undertake to Authorize Special Assessments to Finance the Costs Thereof and Incidental Thereto Through the Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds; and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon" (the "Resolution of Intention"). Special assessments are to be levied in accordance with the Resolution of Intention to secure the repayment of bonds to be issued by the District to pay a portion of the costs of (i) construction and installation of the sewage treatment plant sized to serve all of the properties in the District and surrounding areas and associated appurtenances that benefit all properties in the District, including a force main and lift station (such plant and appurtenances, the "Sewage Treatment Plant"), and (ii) construction and installation of collection lines and a lift station connecting sewer services to properties in Subdistrict No. 1 of the District ("Subdistrict No. 1"), associated rights-of-way and easements, and abandoning existing septic systems in Subdistrict No. 1 (collectively, the "Subdistrict No. 1 Improvements").

The total estimated cost of the Subdistrict No. 1 Improvements and the Sewage Treatment Plant (together, the "Initial Project"), including associated costs of financing, is \$15,654,333. Costs of the Initial Project are expected to be paid by various grants available to the District in an aggregate amount of \$9,796,333 that will benefit the entire District and funds the District has on hand and available therefor in an amount of \$68,000, and the balance of costs would be paid by proceeds of bonds of the District. The bonds of the District are expected to be in three series: the Collection System Bond in the total principal amount of \$1,488,000 to pay a portion of the cost of the collection system serving only Subdistrict No. 1 and the Sewage Treatment Plant Bonds in the total principal amounts of \$3,000,000 and \$1,302,000, respectively, to pay a portion of the cost of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Each property in Subdistrict No. 1 would be assessed an equal amount based upon the cost of the Subdistrict No. 1 Improvements and costs incidental thereto to be financed by the Collection System Bond, which is estimated to be \$1,488,000. By spreading this estimated cost equally across each property in Subdistrict No. 1, the total principal amount of the assessment per property in Subdistrict No. 1 for the Collection System Bond is estimated to be \$7,153.85. Based on estimated total semiannual payments of assessments due in connection with the Collection System Bond of \$30,796.00, the estimated semiannual payments of assessments per each lot, tract, or parcel in Subdistrict No. 1 would be \$148.06, or \$296.12 per year.

The Sewage Treatment Plant is sized to serve not less than all lots, tracts, and parcels in the District. Each property in the District would be assessed an equal amount based upon the total cost of the Sewage Treatment Plant and costs incidental thereto to be financed by the Sewage Treatment Plant Bonds, which is estimated to total \$4,302,000. By spreading this

estimated cost equally across each property in the District, the total principal amount of the assessment per property in the District is estimated to be \$8,552.69. Based on estimated total semiannual assessments in the District due in connection with the Sewage Treatment Bonds of \$90,724.00, the estimated semiannual payments of assessments per each lot, parcel or tract in the District in connection with the Sewage Treatment Bonds would be \$180.37, or \$360.74 per year.

If an increase occurs in the number of properties within the boundaries of the District during the term of the Bonds, the Board will recalculate the amount assessable to each property based on the Subdistrict in the District in which the increase in the number of properties occurs. The recalculation will be further based on the amount of the outstanding principal of and interest on the Collection System Bond, if applicable, and the Sewage Treatment Plant Bonds for the fiscal year and the District will spread the assessments across the District, and if appropriate, Subdistrict No. 1, based on the number of benefited properties within the boundaries of the District, and if appropriate, Subdistrict No. 1, as of the July 1 following the action that resulted in the increase in the number of properties.

From and after the date of the adoption of the resolution approving the levy of the special assessments, if such resolution is adopted, the lien of the special assessments to pay or finance a portion of the costs of the Initial Project and incidental costs is not extinguished or diminished by the combination or consolidation of multiple properties into fewer properties; accordingly, the area consisting of the combined or consolidated properties will be assessed in an amount equal to the amount it would have been assessed had the combination or consolidation of properties not occurred.

A complete copy of the Resolution of Intention, which includes the proposed assessment for each property in the District, is on file with the Secretary of the District and is available for public inspection.

**Any owner of real property within the District subject to assessment for the cost and expense of making the Initial Project may make and file with the Secretary of the District until 5:00 p.m., M.T., December 18, 2017, written protest against the proposed levy of assessments.**

Such protest:

- shall be in writing, clearly identify the protestor and the property in the District owned by the protestor (by, for example, property tax identification number or legal description or other means that identifies the property with reasonable clarity), and be signed by all owners of the property;
- shall be either (i) sent by mail to the Secretary of the District, Seeley Lake-Missoula County Sewer District, P.O. Box 403, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, or (ii) delivered in person to the Seeley Lake-Missoula County Water District office located at 281 Rice Ridge Road, in Seeley Lake, Montana; and
- shall be received by the District by not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017.


*A mailed protest that is received by the District after 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2017 will not be counted notwithstanding that it is postmarked before December 18, 2017. The Secretary of the District shall endorse on the protest the date and hour of receipt of the protest by him or her.*

On Thursday, December 21, 2017, commencing at 5:15 p.m. at the Missoula County Satellite Office, 3360 Hwy 83 N, Seeley Lake, Montana, the Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all valid protests to the proposed levy of the special assessments submitted prior to the conclusion of the protest period. At the election of the Board of Directors, such hearing may be adjourned from day to day.

Further information regarding the special assessments or other matters in respect thereof may be obtained from Greg Robertson, at Missoula County Public Works Department, 6089 Training Drive, Missoula, Montana 59808, or by telephone at (406) 258-4818.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SEELEY LAKE-MISSOULA COUNTY  
SEWER DISTRICT.

  
Secretary

Publish: November 16, 2017 and November 23, 2017

Mail: November 17, 2017