

DATE: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022  
TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: Lara Florea  
SUBJECT: Connection Fee Recommendation

The 2021 Connection Fee Analysis prepared by Stephen Connelly, was included in the Manager’s Report at the March 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting. After review, staff was asked to provide additional information which was presented at the April meeting. Staff was asked to provide a recommendation.

Since 2003, the BCRSD has increased the connection fee every 1 to 4 years. A connection fee analysis was completed in 2010, 2013, and 2015, each resulting in an increase the following year.

<b>BCRSD Connection Fee History</b>	
2003	\$450
2004	\$600
2007	\$750
2011	\$1,250
2014	\$1,375
2016	\$1,600

Comparison information:

<b>City of Columbia Connection Fee History</b>	
2015	\$1200
2016	\$1600
2017	\$2000
2018	\$2400
2022 Proposed	\$2797

Staff recommends:

- Schedule a Connection Fee Analysis every 3-5 years to be sure fees are in line with the current District finances, and inflation.
- Follow the same philosophy as the BCRSD User Rates. If increases are needed, they should be smaller and more often, rather than large increases less often.
- Follow the recommendation of the 2021 Connection Fee Analysis, and increase the connection fee to the lowest amount of \$2,300.00 effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.