

Olivehurst Public Utility District



Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 17, 2021

Item description/summary:

Reinstating lien process for delinquent utility accounts.

The District uses the lien process to allow the collection of delinquent utility accounts through Yuba County property tax rolls. With executive order N42-20 and the moratorium on water shut-offs, district staff temporarily suspended placing liens. The decision, intended to alleviate hardships caused by COVID19, exposes the District to losses when properties with delinquent bills are sold. A lien "clouds" the property title and prompts the escrow agent to send a demand for delinquent amounts to OPUD. Liens are the first in a two-step process. Without liens, we cannot do the annual direct assessments on these accounts. Staff recommends reinstating the lien process to prevent future losses.

Fiscal Analysis:

To be determined.

Employee Feedback

Front office staff is in favor of reinstating the lien process.

Sample Motion:

Authorize staff to reinstate lien process

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