**RULE 4.4 HEARING BOARD FEES**

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## 100 GENERAL

101 **PURPOSE:** To establish fees to be charged for petitions to the Hearing Board for the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (District).

102 **APPLICABILITY:** The provisions of this Rule shall apply to petitions to the Hearing Board pursuant to District Rules 5.1 and 5.2.

103 **EXEMPTIONS:** The Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) shall not be required to pay the fees required by this Rule.

## 300 STANDARDS

301 **FILING FEES:** Each petitioner, including any public agency, shall pay filing fees according to the schedule specified in Table 1.

**TABLE 1. FILING FEES**

| Petition Type | Fee |
|---|---|
| Hearing Pursuant to Rule 5.1 | **$1548** |
| Hearing Pursuant to Rule 5.2 | **$495** |

302 **SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:** In the event a petition takes longer to process than the times specified in Table 2, the petitioner shall pay supplementary fees equal to the additional hours multiplied by the Time and Materials Labor Rate of **$140** per hour.

**TABLE 2. PETITION PROCESSING TIME**

| Petition Type | Hours |
|---|---|
| Hearing Pursuant to Rule 5.1 | **7.5** |
| Hearing Pursuant to Rule 5.2 | **3** |

303 **WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF FEES:** A petitioner may request a waiver or reduction of fees required by this Rule at the time of application. Fees may be waived or reduced if the petitioner provides evidence to the APCO and the APCO determines that payment of such fees would cause financial hardship to the petitioner.

304 **REFUND OF FEES**:

304.1 In the event the Hearing Board reverses the decision of the APCO in an appeal to a permit decision, any fees paid by the petitioner as required by this Rule shall be refunded.

304.2 In the event a petition is withdrawn, and the petitioner notifies the District in writing seven (7) working days prior to the hearing, the petitioner shall receive a refund of fees paid to the District minus the actual costs incurred by the District.

305 **RECORDINGS:** Any person requesting a recording of a hearing shall pay the cost of preparing the recording.

## 400 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

401 **PAYMENT OF FEES:** Filing fees are due and payable at the time of filing a petition. If required pursuant to Section 302, supplementary fees are due and payable prior to the issuance of the Hearing Board's final Findings and Orders.

402 **CONSUMER PRICE INDEXING OF FEES:** Beginning on July 1, 2022, the District may adjust the fees prescribed by this Rule on an annual basis (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) following approval by the District Board of Directors. The rate change shall be determined based on the actual hearing board-related costs and the California Consumer Price Index (CPI), as provided in California Health and Safety Code Section 42311(h). The rate change shall be based on the "All Urban Consumers" category of the California CPI between April (two calendar years before the adjustment) and April (one calendar year before the adjustment).