

The following constitutes a description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, and a summary of their response.

The July 12, 2009, July 19, 2009 and July 26, 2009, issues of the Review Journal contained a notice to potentially affected businesses of the proposed resolution and fees. The notice included the date, time, and location of the scheduled public hearing.

In addition to the newspaper posting required by NRS, notices were sent to 802 Nevada licensed contractors, utility companies and engineering firms, Clark County Public Works and the Regional Transportation Commission. Notices were also sent to the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association, USA North, the National Utility Contractors Association of Las Vegas, the Common Ground Alliance of Las Vegas, the American Council of Engineering Companies, Associated General Contractors, Associated Builders and Contractors and the American Public Works Association to be distributed throughout their membership. The notice included detailed information on the proposed resolution, and fees, and scheduled public hearing, and provided the proposed resolution information telephone number and address for customer comments.

The District's website (www.cleanwaterteam.com) provided information regarding the proposed resolution and how potentially affected businesses could submit comments for the business impact statement. The proposed resolution was placed on the District's website, and was placed at the Engineering Services Counter for interested parties to take.

Six responses were received. One responder had questions regarding preparing a bid with the different charges. Five responses were received that indicated the proposed resolution will impact their business and will restrict the operation or expansion of their business. The responses indicated that the fees will be a burden to their business in these tough economic times. The responses also indicated that the proposed resolution would create another system that duplicates what is already in place with the "Call Before You Dig" system, and that if the other utility providers also charge for the marking under the "Call Before You Dig" program, it would have a negative impact upon contractors. The proposed resolution would also add to the burden of getting projects designed, built and paid for. The comments also stated that people will stop using the "Call Before You Dig" system, and do not understand why they should be required to pay for staff to place a mark indicating they are unable to locate the lateral. Additionally, they feel that it will take too long for the markings to be placed.