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## Collier approves water impact fee increase

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Collier County commissioners approved both an impact fee increase for water and wastewater at today's commission meeting.

County staff recommended the new impact fees be \$3,415 for each water connection and \$3,515 for each wastewater connection. This is a \$655 increase in the water hookup fee and a \$390 increase in the wastewater hookup fee.

With the approval, the county estimates it will generate \$74.8 million in water impact fees and \$76.4 million in wastewater impact fees in the next five years.

The new impact fees will go into effect Sept. 8.

Collier County recently completed a water and wastewater master plan that calls for an additional 18.5 million gallons per day of treatment capacity over the next ten years.

County officials expect to spend \$349 million on water expenditures and \$301 million on wastewater expenditures in the next five years.

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