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County development fees OK'd to help ailing parks

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The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors gave preliminary approval Tuesday to adding fees to infill developments to help offset the effect on local park districts.

The county has long had such impact fees on development in new communities. But park districts in existing communities have struggled financially in recent years. The impact fee will help fund the parks in those communities.

The fees range from \$5,290 per single-family home in the Carmichael Recreation and Park District to \$6,566 in the Rio Linda-Elverta Recreation and Park District.

The Building Industry Association supported the fees after the county lowered the final price tag by 5 percent to nearly 20 percent, depending on the district.

The board, which unanimously supported the new fees Tuesday, is scheduled to give final approval Sept. 28. The new fee would then begin to take effect 60 days later.

The fee would phase in over three years with developers paying one-third this year, two-thirds next year and the full fee on developments the year after that.

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