From: Patrick Trevisani
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Surface Water Assessment and Fee Increase
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 12:02:58 PM

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

Parcel ID: 153015644580000520

Address: 11175 109th Way, Largo, FL, 33778

September 4, 2025 Public Hearing

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Taxpayers are not an unlimited ATM. We expect transparency, accountability, and respect for the people who actually fund this County.

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Best,
Patrick Trevisani
407-446-0558

From: Sierra Shipley
To: Patrick Trevisani; BCC Agenda Comments
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From: PAULA CHIATELLO
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: Objection to surface water assessment fee
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:38:44 PM

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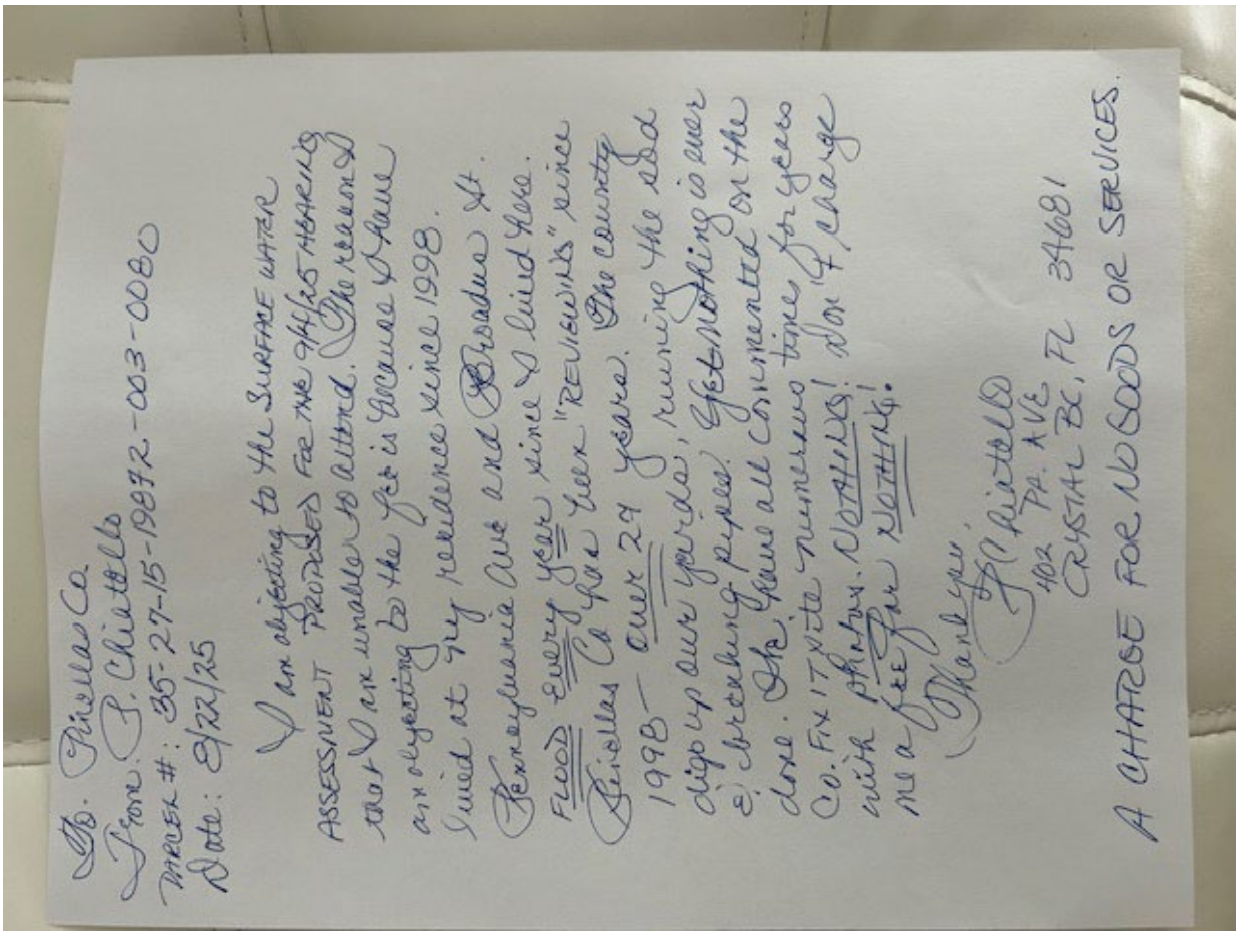
The County's been talking about this for over 27 years. I'll be dead before I ever see Broadus St drainage fixed.



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From:	cindy cahill
To:	BCC Agenda Comments
Cc:	cindy cahill
Subject:	Objection to surface water assessment fee
Date:	Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:32:37 PM

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Greetings,
I received in mail today, 8/21/25, tax assessment and notice of water assessment fee. This notice states objections must be sent 20 days prior to the 9/4/25 meeting. 20 days from today is 9/10/25 , making the 20 day requirement impossible to meet.

I want it noted I object to this additional fee, it is too much money , an unreasonable increase. It will force many long time residents financial hardship.

Cindy cahill
1071 persimmon dr
Palm harbor

From: Diane Carney
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: Parcel 35-27-15-19872-017-0090
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025 3:03:04 PM

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From Diane M Carney September 4, 2025 re: objection to surface water assessment or fee.

I am objecting to this increased fee because I have spoken to the county several times about all the water that drains on my property from Vincent Street. I was told it was because my property is low and there are "plans" to address these issues. Well so far nothing has been done. My family has owned this property since 1982 and it was never this way. I live on the corner and every time the county paves or on the south side applies gravel, they are literally building a dam around half of my property. The drainage ditch is inadequate to take the water. Half the time it stays plugged up and stands water for toads and mosquitoes to breed in.

Every time we get a big rain, the back of my house floods from the water running off of Vincent Street and the front of the house floods from the bad ditch design. Why should I be expected to pay more when nothing is done to address the water running onto my property? Additionally now that I'm retired my monthly income has been cut in half. I can't afford more expenses.
Thank you,
Diane M Carney

From: Curt Norman
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: rate increase for H. C. Norman" parcel # 24-29-15-55584-000-0300;
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2025 2:26:24 PM

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Sep 4 2025 public hearing
Dear Sir,
I strenuously object to both the magnitude of the assessment at $22.9M for surface water management for a county the size of Pinellas, AND that you're proposing a 7% increase for next year, but capping it at 5% going forward---if you can live with 5%/yr in the future, you can live with 5% in 2026.
The Board needs a reality check on the difficult, inflationary times that Pinellas residents are currently dealing with, many of whom are on modest fixed incomes, I've had to deal with financial hard times in the corporate world, and I can tell you where there's a will, there's a way. With a budget of $22'9M
I can say with confidence,there's 10-20% of fat included, and the Board needs to do the necessary trimming.\

H.C.Norman

From: brianbkelly@wowway.com
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Cc: Peters, Kathleen; Scott, Brian
Subject: September 4, 2025 Public Hearing on Surface Water Assessment Fee
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:48:19 PM
Importance: High

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I can't make the public hearing on Surface Water Assessment, so I'm emailing my objection.

Here is my objection: Why am I charged one ERU when the only impervious area on the property is a driveway that doesn't come close to 2,339 square feet? My driveway might be half that size, so I should be charged one-half ERU.

I don't quibble with charging a fee for impervious area runoff. I object to the laziness of slapping every residence with a supersized driveway area.

I have no other impervious areas on my property. I have grass in the front next to the driveway and grass in the backyard.

Please revisit this. Easily 90 to 95 percent of homes in unincorporated Pinellas have driveways similar to mine. In essence we're subsidizing people with long or fat driveways.

Brian Kelly
Parcel 19-30-15-62739-001-0080

From: Tara Webster
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: Surface Water Assessment Objection, Sept 4th,2025 hearing
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 11:35:37 AM

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My name is Tara Webster and I am unable to make it to the Sept 4th, 2025 hearing. My parcel number is 04-31-16-32994-000-0230.
My objection is that the 7% is too high. The people of Pinellas county are hurting in this economy. And they're still recovering from last years storms. I object to this increase.

Respectfully,
Tara Webster

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