



## Stimulus money will pay for Piru plant

By From staff reports  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

The new sewage treatment plant in Piru will be built with \$14 million in grants and loans from the federal stimulus act, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors learned today.

Sue Hughes, the county's chief legislative analyst, told the board that as soon as the California Water Resources Control Board gets its share of stimulus money, it will direct an \$8.5 million grant to the county for the Piru plant. Another \$5.5 million will come in the form of a 30-year loan with an interest rate of just 1 percent, Hughes said.

"We have to be as aggressive as possible in going after these dollars," said Supervisor Kathy Long, whose district includes Piru. "This will be greatly appreciated and greatly needed in that community."

Piru's sewer plant must be replaced or the area will be hit with fines from state regulators because the current plant releases treated water that doesn't meet state standards.

To pay for it, residents there will see their sewer bills go up from the current level of about \$40 a month. The county's original estimate was \$100 a month, but the federal stimulus money will likely keep that total much lower.



© 2009 Ventura County Star