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**Background**

Drainage fees are based upon the full actual cost of planning, designing and constructing the system of planned local drainage facilities. The cost of design engineering, whether completed by District staff, design consultants, developers or other agencies, is a cost associated with the implementation of the system of planned local drainage facilities. These costs are to be included in the calculation of the Prepaid Drainage Assessment rates. The following, therefore, states the policy of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

**Policy**

1. It is the policy of the District to ensure that costs for design engineering, associated with Master Plan storm drainage facilities, that are completed by District staff, engineering consultants, developers and other agencies be properly charged and accounted in the Prepaid Drainage Assessment rates. The District, therefore, determines as follows:
  - A. When Master Plan drainage facilities are designed by the District’s engineering staff, or other District positions involved in the design, this expense shall be recognized as a cost for implementation of planned local drainage facilities and included in the calculation of drainage fees. The District’s cost for design engineering, including overhead, shall be computed by the District and included in the computation of the schedule of Prepaid Drainage Assessment rates.
  - B. When Master Plan drainage facilities are designed by an Engineering Consultant under a District professional services contract and paid by the District, this expense shall be recognized as a cost of implementation of planned local drainage facilities and included in the computation of the schedule of Prepaid Drainage Assessment rates.

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- C. When Master Plan drainage facilities are designed by development as a condition of approval, the design engineering shall be provided by the engineering consultant of the developer. The cost of design engineering shall be paid by the developer directly to his engineering consultant. Such reasonable engineering costs shall be recorded by the District as Master Plan costs, generally with an executed Drainage Facility Development Agreement, and, therefore, applied as a credit against the Prepaid Drainage Assessment obligation of the development and included in the calculation of the schedule of Prepaid Drainage Assessment rates.
  
- D. Design engineering services expended by other agencies in conjunction with the construction of Master Plan storm drainage facilities, incorporated into another agencies project, shall be paid by the District in accordance with an agreement executed between the agencies. These design engineering costs shall be recorded by District as Master Plan costs and, therefore, included in the calculation of the schedule of Prepaid Drainage Assessment rates.