

Uniform Environmental Covenant Act (UECA) Fee Review and Program Cost Analysis

Environmental Quality Board
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Background

- Chapter 253 requires periodic fee evaluation
- Current fee: \$500 per Environmental Covenant
- EQB authorized to establish and adjust fees
- Objective: Align fees with program costs while supporting participation



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Uniform Environmental Covenants Act

- Enacted in 2007 (Act 68)
- Establishes enforceable activity and use limitations
- Applies to contaminated properties
- Enables safe reuse and redevelopment



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Environmental Covenant

- A legally binding property restriction
- Created as part of an environmental cleanup
- Limits how a property can be used
- Ensures long-term protection



Fee Related Program Activities

- Technical review by regional project officers
- Coordination with final reports
- Tracking and enforcement of covenants
- Data entry into eFACTS
- Maintenance of Activity and Use Limitations (AUL) Registry



Fee versus Cost

- Current fee: \$500
- Average Cost (7-year): \$522
- Difference: -\$22



Recommendation

- No fee increase recommended at this time
- Cost difference is minimal
- Maintaining fee supports voluntary participation and redevelopment



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Questions?

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