

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 38 TO INCREASE WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38 (District) provides potable water imported water from the State Water Project, delivered through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Calleguas Municipal Water District;

WHEREAS, District staff has reviewed the District's costs and revenues and determined that the District must increase its volumetric commodity (water) rates and fixed monthly service charges to provide fiscal stability and meet projected revenue requirements, including operations and maintenance expenses, capital expenditures, and reserve requirements;

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of imported water will increase 6% for calendar year 2024;

WHEREAS, the cost of power is estimated to rise up to 4%, the cost of labor, including salaries and benefits is estimated to increase by 3.5%, and the cost of materials is estimated to increase up to 3% for fiscal year (FY) 2024;

WHEREAS, the estimated increase is needed for expenditures for planned capital projects, as well as repairs and maintenance on aging infrastructure;

WHEREAS, District staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current rates and charges, the District cash reserve will decrease below target levels by FY 2027;

WHEREAS, the amounts of the proposed rates and charges do not exceed the estimated reasonable costs of providing the services for which the rates and charges are imposed, and these costs are allocated to payers in a manner that is proportional and bears a fair and reasonable relationship to the payers' burdens, or benefits received, from such services;

WHEREAS, District staff recommends that the proposed rate increases as shown in Exhibit 4, attached hereto, be adopted;

WHEREAS, the District uses the best available information to calculate proposed increases in the cost of imported water purchases from Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD);

WHEREAS, the District's Citizens' Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed fee schedule and those in attendance concurred with the recommended rate and monthly service charge increases;

WHEREAS, per section 53759 of the Government Code effective January 1, 2022, legal challenges to new increased, or extended fees or charges must be brought within 120 days of either the effective date of the fee or charge or the date of the ordinance, resolution or motion, adopting or approving the fee or charge, whichever is later;

WHEREAS, the proposed increases in the District's water rates and monthly service charges are subject to the majority protest provisions of California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6 (Proposition 218);

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Proposition 218, has given timely, proper notice of the proposed increases to volumetric commodity (water) rates and monthly services charges to all affected customers (e.g., parcel owners and directly billed tenants), including providing notice of the public hearing on the proposed increases before this Board at the Ventura County Board of Supervisor Hearing Room in the Hall of Administration, at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, at a time certain;

WHEREAS, the Board has now held a public hearing to consider all oral and written comments, protests and objections concerning these proposed increases; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having reviewed all written protests submitted to it prior to the conclusion of the public hearing, has determined that written protests were not received from a majority of affected customers such as parcel owners and directly billed tenants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38 hereby (i) adopts the proposed rate schedule, as shown in Exhibit 4, attached hereto, effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after February 1, 2024, and (ii) directs that these rates be published on the District's website.

Upon motion of Board Member _____, seconded by Board Member _____, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 23rd day of January 2024.

By: _____
Chair, Board of Ventura County Waterworks
District No. 38

ATTEST:
SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38
County of Ventura, State of California

By: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT 4

VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 38 (LAKE SHERWOOD) PROPOSED WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE ON THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED METER READING AND BILLING CYCLE ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Water Commodity Rates			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
28-day Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$3.83	\$4.06
Tier 2	9.34 – 58.80 HCF	\$5.19	\$5.50
Tier 3	> 58.81 HCF	\$6.27	\$6.65
35-day Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 11.67 HCF	\$3.83	\$4.06
Tier 2	11.68 – 73.50 HCF	\$5.19	\$5.50
Tier 3	> 73.50 HCF	\$6.27	\$6.65
Other Classes		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Residential Non-Tiered		\$5.67	\$6.01
Non-Residential		\$5.82	\$6.17
Temporary Construction		\$4.84	\$5.13
* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); *AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)			
Monthly Service Charges – Meters			
Meter Size		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
3/4-inch		\$19.89	\$21.08
1-inch		\$29.77	\$31.56
1 1/2-inch		\$54.47	\$57.74
2-inch		\$84.10	\$89.15
3-inch		\$177.92	\$188.60
4-inch		\$316.19	\$335.16
6-inch		\$647.05	\$685.87
Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line			
Meter Size		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
2-inch		\$7.47	\$7.92
3-inch		\$12.04	\$12.76
4-inch		\$19.89	\$21.08
6-inch		\$48.09	\$50.98
8-inch		\$96.74	\$102.54
NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate			