

RESOLUTION NO. 23-078

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 1 TO INCREASE RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES, AND
CONTINUE EXISTING WATER STANDBY CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

WHEREAS, Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (District) provides water and sanitation services to the city of Moorpark (City) and the contiguous areas to the north and west of the City limits and operates the Moorpark Wastewater Treatment Plant, located west of the City limits along Highway 118;

WHEREAS, District staff has reviewed the District's costs and revenues and determined that the District must increase its rates to provide fiscal stability and meet projected revenue requirements, including operations and maintenance expenses, capital expenditures, and reserve requirements;

WHEREAS, District staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current sewer and agricultural water rates and the monthly potable and reclaimed water charges, the District will not be able to maintain appropriate reserves;

WHEREAS, District staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current agricultural water rate 5.5% to meet the "glide path" and correct the two potable monthly meter charges to 4.5%, the District will not be cost-of-service compliant;

WHEREAS, District staff recommends rate increases and adjustments to the monthly charges as shown in the attached Exhibit 4;

WHEREAS, the amounts of the fees do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the services for which the fees 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, the District's Citizens' Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed rate schedule (Exhibit 4) and unanimously concurred with the recommended increases to the sewer and agricultural water rates and the monthly potable and reclaimed water service charges;

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

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with the law, has given timely, proper notice of the proposed increases to 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 on June 6, 2023;

WHEREAS, per section 53759 of the Government Code, effective January 1, 2022, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution or motion, whichever is later;

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

WHEREAS, the Board, based on the records of the Clerk of 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 (e.g., parcel owners and directly billed tenants);

WHEREAS, under the authority of Water Code section 55501.5 and Government Code Section 54984, the District properly established a water standby charge for undeveloped properties for which water service is made available;

WHEREAS, District staff proposes to keep the current water standby charge unchanged for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and

WHEREAS, the District has submitted the attached Schedule of Water Standby Charges for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Exhibit 5) showing a description of each parcel for which, this standby charge is to be billed, together with the amount of the charge applicable to each parcel, so that said charges may be collected as a part of the annual general county tax bill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby (i) adopts the proposed rate schedule increasing the sewer and agricultural water rates and monthly potable and reclaimed water meter charges as shown in Exhibit 4, attached hereto, effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after July 1, 2023, (ii) directs that these rates be published on the District's website, and (iii) approves continuing the current water standby charge of \$46.82 per acre (or per parcel less than one acre), up to the maximum charge based on five (5) acres, as shown in Exhibit 5, attached hereto, and as part of the County tax roll for fiscal year 2023-24.

Upon motion of Board Member Parrin, seconded by Board Member Long, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 6th day of June 2023.


Chair
Board of Ventura County Waterworks
District No. 1

ATTEST:
Dr. SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: Jore Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board



EXHIBIT 4

VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 (MOORPARK) PROPOSED INCREASES FOR THE SEWER RATE, AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE, AND POTABLE AND RECLAIMED WATER MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES, TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED METER READING AND BILLING CYCLE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023

Potable Water Rate & Charges		
Classification	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Agricultural	\$4.69 (\$2,042.50/AF)	\$4.95 (\$2,155.73/AF)
<i>* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)</i>		
Potable Water Monthly Service Charges - Meters		
Meter Size	Current Charges	Proposed Charges
4-inch	\$167.53	\$173.40
6-inch	\$338.28	\$350.12

Sewer Rate & Charges		
Measure	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Per ERU	\$28.00	\$29.00
Reclaimed Water Monthly Service Charges - Meters		
Meter Size	Current Charges	Proposed Charges
3/4-inch	\$14.51	\$15.16
1-inch	\$19.57	\$20.45
1 1/2-inch	\$32.19	\$33.64
2-inch	\$47.33	\$49.46
3-inch	\$95.27	\$96.56
4-inch	\$165.93	\$173.40
6-inch	\$335.04	\$350.12

EXHIBIT 5

**Waterworks District No. 1
 Schedule of Water Standby Charges for
 Fiscal Year 2023-24**

PARCEL NO.	SITUS ADDRESS	Standby	
		Units (Acres)	Total
5000140045	8775 GRIMES CANYON RD	5	\$ 234.10
5000140055	NOT LISTED	2	\$ 93.64
5000281035	NOT LISTED	5	\$ 234.10
5110020110	NOT LISTED	5	\$ 234.10
5110020130	NOT LISTED	5	\$ 234.10
5110020160	NOT LISTED	5	\$ 234.10
5110020195	NOT LISTED	5	\$ 234.10
5120010010	NOT LISTED	5	\$ 234.10
8			\$ 1,732.34