

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 19 TO INCREASE WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 (District) provides water to the community of Somis. In 2023, 6% of the water was imported water from the State Water Project, delivered through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Calleguas Municipal Water District, and the remaining 94% of the water was groundwater from local wells;

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 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%;

WHEREAS, District staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current rates and charges, the District's deficit will continue to grow, and the District's cash balance will go below the board approved reserve target in fiscal year 2024-25;

WHEREAS, the amounts of the 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 rate increases as shown in Exhibit 4, attached hereto;

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 unanimously concurred with the recommended rate and monthly service charge increases;

WHEREAS, per newly enacted 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;

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 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 January 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 19th day of December 2023.

Chair, Board of Ventura County Waterworks
District No. 19

ATTEST:
SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board

INPUT Exhibit 4

EXHIBIT 4

VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19 (SOMIS) PROPOSED WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE ON THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED METER READING AND BILLING CYCLE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024

Water Commodity Rates			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
28-day Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$2.41	\$2.59
Tier 2	9.34 – 28.93 HCF	\$2.93	\$3.15
Tier 3	> 28.94 HCF	\$3.87	\$4.16
35-day Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 11.67 HCF	\$2.41	\$2.59
Tier 2	11.68 – 36.17 HCF	\$2.93	\$3.15
Tier 3	> 36.18 HCF	\$3.87	\$4.16
Other Classes		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Residential Multi Family		\$3.33	\$3.58
Commercial		\$3.31	\$3.56
Agricultural		\$3.10 (\$1,350.36/AF)*	\$3.33 (\$1,450.55/AF)
Industrial		\$5.48	\$5.89
Institutional		\$3.58	\$3.85
Temporary Construction		\$5.71	\$6.14
Lift Charges		\$0.24	\$0.26
* 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		\$20.68	\$22.23
1-inch		\$31.65	\$34.02
1 1/2-inch		\$59.05	\$63.48
2-inch		\$91.93	\$98.82
3-inch		\$196.06	\$210.76
4-inch		\$349.51	\$375.72
6-inch		\$716.70	\$770.45
Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line			
Meter Size		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
2-inch		\$9.61	\$10.33
3-inch		\$19.83	\$21.32
4-inch		\$37.46	\$40.27
6-inch		\$100.74	\$108.30
8-inch		\$209.87	\$225.61
NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate			