

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-139**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS  
DISTRICT NO. 1 INCREASING WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, staff for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (the "District") has reviewed the District's costs and revenues and determined that the District must increase its water rates and service charges to provide fiscal stability and meet projected revenue requirements, including operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses, capital expenditures, and reserve requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of imported water is estimated to increase 3.4% in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of labor, including salaries and benefits, increased 7% in 2018 and is estimated to increase 3% in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the District needs to increase its expenditures on planned capital projects, including much-needed replacement and improvement projects;

**WHEREAS**, the District staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current rates and charges, the District's reserves will fall below target in FY 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes to the District's water rates and 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 water rates and services charges to all affected customers, or parcel owners, including notice of a public hearing on the proposed increases before this Board on December 4, 2018, at the Ventura County Board of Supervisor Hearing Room in the Hall of Administration, at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA, at a time certain;

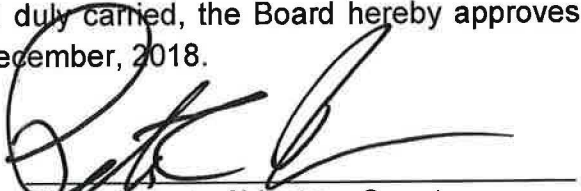
**WHEREAS**, the Board of the District has now held a public hearing to consider all written protests and oral comments or protests concerning the proposed rate increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the District, having reviewed and considered all written protests submitted to it prior to the conclusion of the hearing, has determined, based on the records of the Clerk of the Board, that written protests were not received from a majority of affected parcel owners or directly billed tenants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of the District hereby:

1. Approves the proposed rates and charges shown on attached Exhibit 2, with these new rates and charges to take effect on January 1, 2019.

Upon motion of Board Member Foy, seconded by Board Member Bennett, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
Chair, Board of Ventura County  
Waterworks District No. 1

ATTEST:  
Michael Powers,  
Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors,  
Acting *ex officio* as Clerk of the District Board

By: Lou Harris  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

