

RESOLUTION NO. 18-140

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 1 INCREASING SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES AND REVISING
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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 (MWTP), located west of the City limits along Highway 118;

WHEREAS, the MWTP has a design capacity of 5.0 million gallons per day (MGD), and the sewer collection system consists of 107 miles of sewer lines and four (4) sewer lift stations;

WHEREAS, the District also has a 1.5 MGD Tertiary Treatment Facility which produces reclaimed (or recycled) water for irrigation of MWTP landscaping, the Moorpark Country Club Golf Course, the Rustic Canyon Golf Course, and some agricultural customers;

WHEREAS, the recycled water distribution system consists of seven (7) miles of pipeline, one booster pump station, and a 1.5 million gallon storage reservoir;

WHEREAS, Expansion of recycled water distribution system increases the operation and maintenance costs;

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

WHEREAS, the inflationary cost of power has increase 3% to 5% in the last several years, and labor cost increased 7% in 2018 and is estimated to increase 3% in 2019;

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 2019;

WHEREAS, if the Board of the District approves the proposed rate increases, the Ventura County Waterworks Districts' Rules & Regulations will need to be amended; and

WHEREAS, the one or both of these proposed rate increases are subject to the majority protest provisions of Proposition 218 set forth in the California Constitution at Article XIII D, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with the law, has given timely, proper notice of the proposed increases to sewer and reclaimed water rates to all affected customers, or

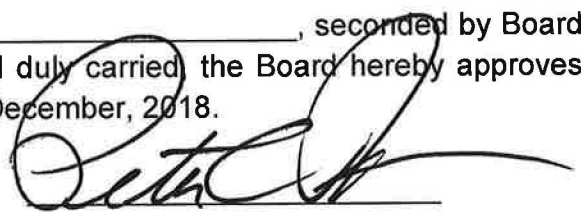
parcel owners, including notice of a public hearing on the proposed increases before this Board on December 4, 2018, at the Ventura County Board of Supervisor Hearing Room in the Hall of Administration, at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA, at a time certain; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has held a public hearing to hear and consider all oral and written comments and protests concerning the proposed rate increases and has determined that written protests were not received from a majority of all affected parcel owners or directly billed customers;

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

1. Approves the proposed sewer and reclaimed water rates shown on attached Exhibit 2, with these new rates to commence on January 1, 2019; and
2. Approves the proposed amendment to Part 6, Section D, Rule 6-D-5 of the Rules & Regulations, as shown on attached Exhibit 3.

Upon motion of Board Member Foy, seconded by Board Member Parks, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 4th 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 Low Danner
Deputy Clerk of the Board

