

RESOLUTION NO. 23-024

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 17 INCREASING WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES
AND CONTINUING EXISTING WATER STANDBY CHARGE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17 (District) provides potable water to the Bell Canyon community, Boeing North American, Inc., and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District customers in the Santa Susana Knolls. The District's entire water supply is imported water from the State Water Project, delivered through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Calleguas Municipal Water District, and city of Simi Valley.

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 4.5% for calendar year 2023;

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 2023;

WHEREAS, the estimated increase is needed for expenditures for planned capital projects, including a much-needed new 1.5-million-gallon reservoir, as well as repairs and maintenance on aging infrastructure;

WHEREAS, District's staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current rates and charges, the District will have a negative cash balance by fiscal year 2026;

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's Citizens' Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed fee schedule and unanimously concurred with the recommended rate and monthly service charge increases;

WHEREAS, per Senate Bill 323, 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 proposed increases in 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 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;

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 a report, attached hereto as 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, as shown in Exhibit 4, attached hereto, effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after March 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 and continuing to collect these as a part of the annual general county tax bill.

Upon motion of Board Member Parvin, seconded by Board Member Long, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 28th day of February 2023.

By: Utau Jov
Chair, Board of Ventura County Waterworks
District No. 17

ATTEST: Dr. Sevet Johnson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Don Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board



EXHIBIT 4

**VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 17 (BELL CANYON)
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES
TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED METER READING
AND BILLING CYCLE ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2023**

Commodity Rates		
Residential		
28-day Billing Cycle		
Tier 1	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$5.24
Tier 2	9.34 – 50.40 HCF	\$6.21
Tier 3	>50.41 HCF	\$7.79
35-day Billing Cycle		
Tier 1	0 – 11.67 HCF	\$5.24
Tier 2	11.68 – 63.00 HCF	\$6.21
Tier 3	>63.01 HCF	\$7.79
Non-Residential		\$6.07
Temporary Construction		\$6.25
* 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	\$23.09	\$24.24
1-inch	\$33.21	\$34.87
1 1/2-inch	\$58.52	\$61.45
2-inch	\$88.89	\$93.33
3-inch	\$185.06	\$194.31
4-inch	\$326.76	\$343.10
6-inch	\$665.85	\$699.14
Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
6-inch	\$42.55	\$44.68
NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate		

EXHIBIT 5
Waterworks District No. 17
Schedule of Water Standby Charges
for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Parcel No.	Standby Acres	Standby Charge
6850060165	5.000	234.10
6850060215	5.000	234.10
6850060325	5.000	234.10
6850060335	5.000	234.10
6850060345	5.000	234.10
8500011105	1.010	47.30
8500011145	1.000	46.82
8500012135	1.130	52.92
8500022085	2.830	132.50
8500024135	1.150	53.84
8500032085	1.090	51.04
8500034025	1.000	46.82
8500043015	5.000	234.10
8500043065	2.030	95.04
8500043085	2.740	128.30
8500043095	2.670	125.02
8500051105	1.000	46.82
8500052105	2.790	130.64
8500052125	2.810	131.56
8500061115	1.000	46.82
8500061155	1.000	46.82
8500062095	1.780	83.34
8500062135	1.000	46.82
8500062155	1.360	63.68
8500071105	1.910	89.44
8500071145	1.230	57.60
8500071215	1.350	63.22
8500071365	1.460	68.36
8500071445	1.380	64.62
8500082015	1.040	48.70
8500101075	1.740	81.48
8500101105	5.000	234.10
8500101185	1.180	55.26
8500106055	1.140	53.38
8500106085	1.000	46.82
8500111055	1.000	46.82
8500111105	1.000	46.82
8500111115	1.000	46.82
8500111125	1.000	46.82
8500111135	1.000	46.82
8500111355	1.000	46.82
8500122175	1.750	81.94
8500132055	1.270	59.46
8500132175	1.000	46.82
8500132235	1.690	79.14
8500141125	1.090	51.04
8500142145	1.050	49.16
8500151135	2.390	111.90
8500152145	4.500	210.70

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Parcel No.	Standby Acres	Standby Charge
8500160185	1.520	71.18
8500171095	5.000	234.10
8500172065	1.230	57.60
8500200025	5.000	234.10
8500200035	5.000	234.10
8500200045	5.000	234.10
8500211335	1.560	73.04
8500212205	1.720	80.54
124.595		5,833.52