

RESOLUTION NO. 25-097

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 1 TO INCREASE MONTHLY SEWER RATES AND RECLAIMED
WATER RATES, AND RECLAIMED WATER MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES AND
CONTINUE EXISTING WATER STANDBY CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

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, the District has lost revenues for water and sewer services provided to various parcels of real property for customers who did not pay their water or sewer bills and/or never paid such bills;

WHEREAS, staff recommends the District avail itself of the provisions of Government Code sections 54354, 54354.5, and 54355 and Health and Safety Code section 5473 and 5473a in order to reduce delinquencies, increase collections, and reduce collection costs by imposing liens for delinquent payment, or non-payment, of water or sewer service charges;

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 5473 and 5473a allow for the collection of water or sewer service charges through inclusion on the county tax roll;

WHEREAS, District staff have 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 recommend rate increases and adjustments to the monthly charges as shown in the attached Exhibit 3;

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 3) 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, outlined in the California Constitution at Article XIII D, Section 6;

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed action was provided per law;

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 considered all such oral and written comments, protests, and objections, and has determined that written protests were not received from a majority of parcels affected by the proposed sewer service charge increase;

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 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, the District has submitted the attached Schedule of Water Standby Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Exhibit 4) 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 rate, reclaimed water rate and reclaimed water monthly service charges as shown in Exhibit 3, attached hereto, effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after July 1, 2025, (ii) declares that delinquent charges and all penalties thereon when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien on the real property served and authorizes the Director of the District or their designee to record such lien in the form and manner prescribed by California Government Code section 54355, as may be amended from time to time, or any successor statutes, (iii) authorizes collection of delinquent charges only on the tax roll pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 5473 and 5473a

(iv) directs that these rates be published on the District's website, and (v) 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 4, attached hereto, and collection of the charge as part of the County tax roll for fiscal year 2025-26.

Upon motion of Board Member Parviri, seconded by Board Member Lopez, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 24th day of June 2025.

Julie Parviri
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: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk of the Board

