

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
INCREASING MONTHLY SEWER USE RATE AND FIXED MONTHLY RATE FOR
THE CAMARILLO UTILITY ENTERPRISE**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Public Works Agency's Water and Sanitation Department (Department) provides sewer service to the Camarillo Utility Enterprise (CUE), which provides sanitation services to the Department of Airports, its tenants and several other property owners located at the Camarillo Airport;

WHEREAS, the Department must increase the sewer service charges, consisting of a monthly sewer use rate and a fixed monthly rate, for the CUE to remain solvent and to offset increased costs;

WHEREAS, the Department's proposed monthly sewer use rate and fixed monthly rate increases of 10% cover only the CUE's estimated increased costs, and the resulting charge does not exceed the CUE's estimated cost of providing sewer service;

WHEREAS, the reserve fund targets are critical in determining the full cost of service. Reserve funds are an important tool in assuring the financial sustainability of a utility by addressing cash-flow needs and the lag between expenses incurred and revenue received, as well as setting aside funding for future capital repair and replacement projects, and District staff has recommended that the Board establish, as the District's policy, reserve fund targets of 25% of operating expenses, 10% of operating revenue, and 2% of net assets;

WHEREAS, the proposed sewer use rate and fixed monthly rate increases are subject to the 45-day notice and majority protest requirements of Proposition 218 set forth in the California Constitution at article XIII D, section 6;

WHEREAS, notice of this proposed sewer service charges increase, and the date, time, and location of the public hearing thereon, has been properly provided to all affected property owners or customers in accordance with law;

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors (Board) conducted a public hearing on June 22, 2021 to hear and consider all oral and written comments, protests and objections concerning the proposed monthly sewer use rate and fixed monthly rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all such oral and written comments, protests and objections, if any, and has determined that written protests were not received from a majority of affected parcel owners or customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves:

1. The proposed increase of the monthly sewer use rate from \$18.69 to \$20.55 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of average water usage;
2. The proposed increase of the fixed monthly rate from \$36.18 to \$39.80 per customer, effective July 1, 2021; and
3. Establishing as the District's policy, reserve fund targets of 25% of operating expenses, 10% of operating revenue, and 2% of net assets.

ADOPTED, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 22nd day of June 2021.

By: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Michael Powers
Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

By: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board