

RESOLUTION NO. 24-160

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 17 TO INCREASE WATER RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025, AND CONTINUE EXISTING WATER STANDBY CHARGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

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 the 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, based on increased water rates approved by the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD), the District's cost of imported water will increase by 9.5% for the calendar year 2025;

WHEREAS, the cost of power is estimated to increase by 4%; the cost of labor, including salaries and benefits, is estimated to increase by 5%; and the cost of materials is estimated to increase by 3% for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25;

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increase is needed to continue to purchase imported water from CMWD and 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 staff estimates that, if the District does not increase its current water rates and charges, the District will not be able to maintain appropriate reserves;

WHEREAS, the amounts of the proposed 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 that the proposed rate increases as shown in Exhibit 4, attached hereto, be adopted;

WHEREAS, the District uses the best available information to calculate proposed increases in the cost of imported water purchases from Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD);

WHEREAS, the District has no control over the rates set by CMWD and must pass those costs through to customers upon increases in the wholesale charges;

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, 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 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 service 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, per section 53759 of the Government Code effective January 1, 2022, legal challenges to new increased, or extended fees or charges must be brought within 120 days of either the effective date of the fee or charge or the date of the ordinance, resolution or motion, adopting or approving the fee or charge, whichever is later;

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, based on the records of the Clerk of the Board, having reviewed all written protests submitted to it before 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, 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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby (i) adopts the proposed rate schedule in Exhibit 4, attached hereto, effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after January 1, 2025, (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 as part of the County tax roll for fiscal year 2025-26.

Upon motion of Board Member Parvin, seconded by Board Member Gorell, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 10th day of December 2024.

By: Kelly Borg
Chair, Board of Ventura County Waterworks
District No. 17

ATTEST:

SEVET JOHNSON

Clerk of the Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17

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 JANUARY 1, 2025**

<u>Water Commodity Rates</u>		
<u>Residential</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>28-day Billing Cycle</u>		
Tier 1 0 – 9.33 HCF*	<u>\$5.91</u>	<u>\$6.47</u>
Tier 2 >9.34 – 50.40 HCF	<u>\$7.01</u>	<u>\$7.68</u>
Tier 3 >50.41 HCF	<u>\$8.79</u>	<u>\$9.63</u>
<u>35-day Billing Cycle</u>		
Tier 1 0 – 11.67 HCF	<u>\$5.91</u>	<u>\$6.47</u>
Tier 2 >11.68 – 63.00 HCF	<u>\$7.01</u>	<u>\$7.68</u>
Tier 3 >63.01 HCF	<u>\$8.79</u>	<u>\$9.63</u>
<u>Other Classes</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Non-Residential	<u>\$7.16</u>	<u>\$7.84</u>
Temporary Construction	<u>\$7.37</u>	<u>\$8.07</u>
* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)		
<u>Monthly Service Charges – Meters</u>		
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
3/4-inch	<u>\$26.06</u>	<u>\$28.54</u>
1-inch	<u>\$37.49</u>	<u>\$41.05</u>
1 1/2-inch	<u>\$66.06</u>	<u>\$72.34</u>
2-inch	<u>\$100.33</u>	<u>\$109.86</u>
3-inch	<u>\$208.88</u>	<u>\$228.72</u>
4-inch	<u>\$368.83</u>	<u>\$403.87</u>
6-inch	<u>\$751.58</u>	<u>\$822.98</u>
<u>Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line</u>		
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
6-inch	<u>\$48.03</u>	<u>\$52.59</u>
<u>NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate</u>		

EXHIBIT 5
Waterworks District No. 17
Schedule of Water Standby Charges
for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Parcel No.	Situs Address	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	159 Saddlebow	1.010	47.30
8500011145	Saddlebow	1.000	46.82
8500012135	34 Corral	1.130	52.92
8500022085	109 Saddlebow	2.830	132.50
8500024135	96 Saddlebow	1.150	53.84
8500032085	46 Saddlebow	1.090	51.04
8500034025	240 Bell Canyon	1.000	46.82
8500043015	220 Bell Canyon	5.000	234.10
8500043065	306 Bell Canyon	2.030	95.04
8500043085	314 Bell Canyon	2.740	128.30
8500043095	318 Bell Canyon	2.670	125.02
8500051105	19 Bronco	1.000	46.82
8500052105	188 Bell Canyon	2.790	130.64
8500052125	180 Bell Canyon	2.810	131.56

8500061115	59 Buckskin	1.000	46.82
8500061155	85 Buckskin	1.000	46.82
8500062095	22 Stallion	1.780	83.34
8500062135	157 Bell Canyon	1.000	46.82
8500062155	167 Bell Canyon	1.360	63.68
8500071105	49 Ranchero	1.910	89.44
8500071145	160 Stagecoach	1.230	57.60
8500071215	77 Ranchero	1.350	63.22
8500071365	6 Ranchero	1.460	68.36
8500071445	54 Stagecoach	1.380	64.62
8500082015	148 Stagecoach	1.040	48.70
8500101075	14 Colt	1.740	81.48
8500101105	49 Hackamore	5.000	234.10
8500101185	9 Colt	1.180	55.26
8500106055	18 Stagecoach	1.140	53.38
8500106085	6 Stagecoach	1.000	46.82
8500111055	18 Baymare	1.000	46.82
8500111355	123 Bell Canyon	1.000	46.82
8500122175	14 Ramuda	1.750	81.94
8500132055	16 Holster	1.270	59.46
8500132175	43 Bell Canyon	1.000	46.82
8500132235	11 Bell Canyon	1.690	79.14
8500141125	53 Dapplegray	1.090	51.04

8500142145	118 Dapplegray	1.050	49.16
8500151135	19 Stirrup	2.390	111.90
8500152145	142 Dapplegray	4.500	210.70
8500160185	15 Wrangler	1.520	71.18
8500171095	169 Dapplegray	5.000	234.10
8500172065		1.230	57.60
8500200025	16 Maverick	5.000	234.10
8500200035	145 Buckskin	5.000	234.10
8500200045	141 Buckskin	5.000	234.10
8500211335	42 Flintlock	1.560	73.04
8500212205	47 Flintlock	1.720	80.54
		120.595	5,646.24

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