

RESOLUTION NO. 26-093

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 16 (PIRU) TO ESTABLISH SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND SEWER STANDBY CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027 AND APPROVE THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE CHARGES ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL COUNTY TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (District) provides sewer service to the community of Piru;

WHEREAS, a report entitled "Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 Report Describing Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Standby Charges for FY 2026-27 (Health and Safety Code Section 5473)" (Report), attached hereto as Exhibit 3, is on file with the Clerk of the Board;

WHEREAS, the Report includes a "Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 Summary of Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Standby Charges for FY 2026-27" (Exhibit 3A) and a "Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 Schedule of Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Standby Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-27" (Exhibit 3B), and the charges in Exhibits 3A and 3B do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service;

WHEREAS, the District's costs for fuel, labor, materials, electrical power, and compliance with evolving regulatory and lab requirements continue to increase;

WHEREAS, the District must replace aging infrastructure by planning for, designing, and constructing a more efficient, reliable, and sustainable wastewater collection and conveyance system;

WHEREAS, the District continues to pay off a \$2 million General Fund loan, and repay a five-year loan of approximately \$1.4 million used for high-priority capital improvement projects such as the solar project, master plan assessment, and headworks screen replacements;

WHEREAS, the District's proposed monthly sewer service charge increases cover only the District's estimated increased operations and maintenance costs, and the resulting charge does not exceed the District's estimated cost of providing sewer service;

WHEREAS, the District's proposed sewer standby charges will remain at the existing rates and therefore do not require compliance with Proposition 218's procedural requirements;

WHEREAS, according to the Rules and Regulations for Ventura County Waterworks Districts No. 1, 16, 17, 19, and 38, the District's rates and charges are made publicly available on the Ventura County Public Works Agency, Water and Sanitation Department's website;

WHEREAS, the proposed sewer service charge increase is subject to the 45-day notice and majority protest requirements of Proposition 218 outlined in the California Constitution in Article XIII D, section 6;

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed sewer service charge increases and the date, time, and location of the public hearing thereon has been properly provided to all affected property owners or customers according to the law;

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing to hear and consider all oral and written comments, protests, and objections concerning the proposed monthly sewer service charge increase;

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 the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution, or motion, whichever is later;

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

WHEREAS, according to Health and Safety Code section 5473, the District may continue to have the monthly sewer charge collected on the general county tax roll; and

WHEREAS, according to Water Code section 55507, the District may continue to have the sewer standby charges collected on the general county tax roll;

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

1. Approves the Report and the proposed monthly sewer service charge increase from \$126.52 to \$151.19 per equivalent residential unit (ERU). The increased monthly sewer service charge will become effective July 1, 2026;
2. Maintains the existing \$46.82 per parcel sewer standby charge; and
3. Elects to have the monthly sewer service charges and the sewer standby charges, as shown in Exhibit 3B, collected on the annual general county tax roll.

Upon motion of Board Member Long, seconded by Board Member Luvera, and duly carried, the Board of the District hereby approves and adopts this resolution on this 23rd day of June 2026.

By: J. Johnson
Chair
Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16

ATTEST:
Dr. SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk of the Board

