

RESOLUTION NO. 756

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1

ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE STRUCTURE APPLICABLE TO DISTRICT WATER SERVICE, AND TO REFLECT SUCH FEES AND CHARGES AS SHOWN IN "EXHIBIT A" EFFECTIVE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2017

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 ("District") provides water service to its domestic, commercial and agricultural customers within its boundaries, with the exception of the residents of the City of Solvang who are served by the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved and commissioned Bartle Wells Associates ("Consultant") to complete a water rate study before any water rate increases would be instituted and to ensure the District receives revenues sufficient to meet its expenses and contractual bond obligations as well as to comply with current laws governing the setting of water rates and charges, including but not limited to, Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218"); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees directed the Consultant to conduct a water rate study and provide a recommendations for water rates and service charges (collectively referred to as "water rates"), which will generate sufficient revenue to meet the District's cost of providing water service to its customers and its financial obligations over the next five years; and,

WHEREAS, the Consultant has conducted a review of the financial needs of the District and for purposes of recommending a fair and equitable water rate structure for the cost of water service, proportionate to customer water usage, that complies with current laws, and which provides adequate revenues to meet the water system financial obligations; and,

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2016 and October 17, 2016, at duly noticed special meetings of the Board of Trustees for the Water Rate Workshops, the Consultant presented the water rate methodology and rate setting alternatives; and,

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2016 at duly noticed special meeting of the Board of Trustees, accepted and approved the Final Draft Water Financial Plan and Rate Study and directed District Staff to provide notice as required by law for a public hearing to be conducted on December 13, 2016 to consider adoption of the water rates proposed in the Final Water Financial Plan and Rate Study, and;

WHEREAS, a full, true and correct copy of the Final Water Financial Plan and Rate Study dated October 26, 2016 is incorporated herein by this reference; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 218, all customers and property owners receiving water service were mailed a notice on October 27, 2016 of the public hearing at least 45 days prior to December 13, 2016 which notice contained: (1) the amount of the proposed rate increase; (2) the basis on which the rate increase is calculated; (3) the reason for the rate increase; and, (4) the date, time and place of a public hearing at which the proposed rates will be considered for adoption, together with an explanation of the right to submit written protests to the proposed increase; and,

WHEREAS, a full, true and correct copies of the original "Notice of Pubic Hearing regarding Proposed Water Rate Increases" are attached hereto and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, prior to the adoption of this Resolution, the District's Board of Trustees conducted and concluded a duly noticed public hearing concerning the proposed water rate increase as set forth in the Final Water Financial Plan and Rate Study, and considered all written and oral comments presented; and,

WHEREAS, at the close of such public hearing, no majority written protest to the proposed increase has resulted under Proposition 218; and,

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to adoption of a water rate increase have occurred prior to the adoption of this Resolution;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, that the above recitations are true and correct and, accordingly, are incorporated as a material part of this Resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds that the water rate increase is Statutorily Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15273; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that the adjustment of the water rates is in the best interest of the District and its customers, and complies with current laws, including but not limited to, Proposition 218; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the water rates as shown as Exhibit "A" and set forth in the Final Water Financial Plan and Rate Study as attached to this Resolution and directs District staff to implement such water rates effective on February 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified and acting President and Secretary respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees at a Special meeting held on the 13th day of December, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES, in favor thereof, Trustees:

Harlan Burchardi
Kevin Walsh
Michael Burchardi
Jeff Clay
Brad Joos

NOES, Trustees:

None

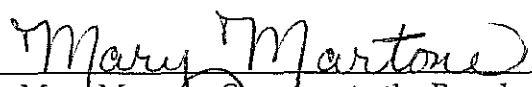
ABSENT, Trustees:

None



Kevin Walsh, President

ATTEST:



Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees