

**HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 593  
ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2026-1  
AMENDING APPENDIX I  
OF THE HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CODE  
TO ADJUST THE MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT as follows:

WHEREAS, because the cost of providing water and sewer services to District customers has been steadily increasing, the Board of Directors commissioned a Water and Wastewater Rate Study by Tuckfield & Associates to determine how the existing District Service Charges compare to the ongoing administrative, repair, and maintenance costs, and whether the existing fees and charges are sufficient to cover the costs of providing service; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said Study and findings, the Board of Directors made findings in Resolution 589, adopted April 7, 2026, "Resolution Accepting Water and Wastewater Rate Study, Announcing Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-1 to Adjust the Monthly Charges and Rates for Water and Waste Water Services, and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon," that the current monthly Sewer and Water Service Charges are not keeping pace with the increased costs of providing sewer and water service, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the District to adopt an ordinance adjusting the monthly charges and rates for sewer and water services, and that the rate structures proposed in the 2026 Water and Wastewater Rate Study conducted by Tuckfield & Associates appear to meet the requirements of Proposition 218 and other statutes and will result in water and sewer rates that are fair and equitable, and are based on the cost of service to the various users; and

WHEREAS, the Board called for a public hearing to allow for public comment on the proposed ordinance, which was set for May 26, 2026; and, more than 45 days prior to such date, the District mailed notices to every ratepayer in the District, and to every customer and person owning property in the District, according to county property tax rolls, which notices were designed and intended to meet the requirements of those state laws commonly known as "Proposition 218;"

WHEREAS, the Board heard and responded to public comments in such public hearing, and the Board Secretary tallied all written protests which were received prior to the close of the public hearing; and found that such protests constituted less than the number required to prevent adopting such Ordinance,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT hereby adopts Ordinance 2026-1, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF THE HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CODE TO ADJUST THE MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE," as set forth on Exhibit "A," attached hereto, pursuant to which the adjusted rates and charges shall be charged beginning July 1, 2026.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The Secretary of the District is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of the adoption of this Ordinance, which shall include a summary of the Ordinance together with the names of those Directors voting for and against the adoption of this Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after the adoption

of this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the community of Hilmar, and shall post at the principal office of the Hilmar County Water District a certified copy of the full text of the adopted Ordinance along with the names of those Directors who voted for and against the Ordinance, as required under Section 31027(b)(1) of the California Water Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors of the HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT on this 26th day of May, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES AND IN

FAVOR:

Director(s): Jim Jones, Frank Hilliard, Jim Gendes, Dave Anderson, Tony Salvador Jr.

NOES:

Director(s): —

ABSENT:

Director(s): —

ABSTENTIONS:

Director(s): —

Jim Jones

Jim Jones, President of the Board of  
Directors of Hilmar County Water District

DATED: May 26, 2026

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Curtis Jorritsma, Secretary of the Board  
of Directors of Hilmar County Water District

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CODE**  
**APPENDIX I TABLE A**  
**SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, CHARGES, FEES AND SURCHARGES**  
**Effective July 1, 2026**

The following water rates, charges, fees and surcharges are assessed and payable pursuant to the Hilmar County Water District Water Ordinance (Title 4 of the Hilmar County Water District Code).

**I. WATER FACILITIES FEES (See Section 4.22.005)**

Type of Fees	Amount of Fee or Charge	When Payable
a. Single family residence  (Each parcel or lot that is actually developed or proposed to be developed as a single family residence.)	\$9,306.10*	At time of Annexation
b. Multi-family residential  (Each parcel or lot that is actually developed or proposed to be developed into multi-family residential use.)	The greater of: (1) \$46,530.50* per acre (or a proportionate amount for less than one acre), or (2) \$9,306.10* per dwelling unit (or proposed dwelling unit)	At time of Annexation
c. All other uses	\$46,530.50* per acre (or a proportionate amount for less than a full acre)	At time of Annexation

\*Said fees are subject to annual increases based on changes in the California Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as compared to such index based on the change in the index from March of each year.

**II. WATER CONNECTION INSPECTION FEE (See Section 14.22.007 (a))**

Description	Amount	When Payable
Separate inspection fee payable for each water connection	\$377.06* (non-refundable)	When applying for Connection Permit

\*Said fee is subject to annual increases based on changes in the California Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as compared to such index based on the change in the index from March of each year.

**III. WATER METER CHARGE (See Section 4.22.007(c))**

Description	Amount	When Payable
All meters	Estimated actual cost of meter and installation plus 10%	When Applying for Connection Permit

**IV. WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE (See Section 4.22.009)**

Users	Amount	When Payable
a. Single family residential	\$7,835.00*	The earliest of the following events: 1.) Applying for a Can and Will Serve Commitment Notice, or 2.) Applying for a Water Connection Permit, or 3.) Connecting to the District's Water System
b. All others	\$7,835.00* for each "Equivalent Single Family Dwelling Unit" as defined in Chapter 1.05 of Title I	

\*Said fees are subject to annual increases based on changes in the California Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as compared to such index based on the change in the index from March of each year.

**V. WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES (Monthly) (See Section 4.22.011). Adopted by Ordinance No. 2026-1 effective July 1, 2026**

**A. BASE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE CHARGES**

The monthly Base Water Service Charge will be the sum of the Fixed Service Charges and the Volume Charges set forth below for all customers.

Monthly charges for water service shall have two components for all customer categories:

- 1) A fixed charge for each customer, based on the size of the water meter, AND
- 2) A variable charge based on usage.

The monthly charges shall be as follows:

**Fixed Service Charges**

Meter Size	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029	July 1, 2030
3/4-inch	\$23.22	\$25.19	\$25.69	\$26.20	\$26.72
3/4-inch x 1-inch	\$23.22	\$25.19	\$25.69	\$26.20	\$26.72
1-inch	\$25.54	\$27.71	\$28.26	\$28.83	\$29.41
1.5-inch	\$28.64	\$31.07	\$31.69	\$32.32	\$32.97
2-inch	\$37.16	\$40.32	\$41.13	\$41.95	\$42.79
3-inch	\$99.90	\$108.39	\$110.56	\$112.77	\$115.03
4-inch	\$123.14	\$133.61	\$136.28	\$139.01	\$141.79
6-inch	\$177.35	\$192.42	\$196.27	\$200.20	\$204.20
8-inch	\$239.32	\$259.66	\$264.85	\$270.15	\$275.55
Backflow Service Charge	\$10.98	\$11.91	\$12.15	\$12.39	\$12.64

**Variable Charges**

Additional charge per each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage

<b>Customer Category</b>	<b>July 1, 2026</b>	<b>July 1, 2027</b>	<b>July 1, 2028</b>	<b>July 1, 2029</b>	<b>July 1, 2030</b>
All customers	\$2.45	\$2.66	\$2.71	\$2.76	\$2.82

**Customers Outside District Boundaries.** The monthly water rate for water service outside the District boundaries shall follow the same rate schedule as for customers within District Boundaries.

**PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

<b>Private Fireline Size</b>	<b>July 1, 2026</b>	<b>July 1, 2027</b>	<b>July 1, 2028</b>	<b>July 1, 2029</b>	<b>July 1, 2030</b>
3-inch	\$8.62	\$9.35	\$9.54	\$9.73	\$9.92
4-inch	\$18.36	\$19.92	\$20.32	\$20.73	\$21.14
6-inch	\$53.33	\$57.86	\$59.02	\$60.20	\$61.40
8-inch	\$113.65	\$123.31	\$125.78	\$128.30	\$130.87

**B. ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE WATER SERVICE CHARGES**

Unless otherwise indicated, commencing July 1, 2031 the fixed and variable Water Service Charges described above shall be adjusted annually on the 1st day of July of each year by an amount equal to the one-year percentage change in the All Urban Consumers Index, U.S. City Average (CPI-U), as supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the 1st day of January immediately preceding the July 1st date of adjustment, unless or until such time as new rates are set by the Board of Directors.

The amount of such adjusted Base Water Service Charges shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{Adjusted Monthly Water Service Charge Rate} = \frac{\text{Current Year Consumer Price Index (CPI-U)}}{\text{Ending Scheduled Year CPI (CPI-U)}} \times \text{Base Water Service Charge}$$

**VI. GUARANTEE DEPOSIT (also known as SERVICE AGREEMENT CONNECTION CHARGE) (See Section 4.23.003)**

<b>Users</b>	<b>Amount</b>
All Users	\$150.00 For all applications for Water Service after September 15, 2005

**VIII. RECONNECTION CHARGE (See Section 4.13.015)**

Effective April 1, 2020 (Resolution No. 531), Charge for Re-Establishment of Service will be as follows: Re-Establishment Charge \$50.00. After-Hours\* Charge \$100.00 for a total of \$150.00 when service is Re-established After Hours\*. Applicable penalties will be payable prior to reconnecting a disconnected water service.

\*After-Hours is considered to be anytime outside of normal business operations which are between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

**IX. PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS (See Section 4.21.019)**

Effective April 1, 2020 (Resolution No. 531), a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed on the past due bill on the 25th of the month at 8:30 a.m. The late fee will be applied to any account with a past due balance of at least \$20.00.

**HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CODE**  
**APPENDIX I TABLE B**  
**SCHEDULE OF SEWER SERVICE RATES, CHARGES, FEES AND SURCHARGES**  
**Effective July 1, 2026**

The following sewer rates, charges, fees and surcharges are assessed and payable pursuant to the Hilmar County Water District Sewer Ordinance (Title 5 of the Hilmar County Water District Code).

**I. SEWER FACILITIES FEES - (See Section 5.15.005)**

<b>Type of Fees</b>	<b>Amount of Fee or Charge</b>	<b>When Payable</b>
a. Single family residence  (Each parcel or lot that is actually developed or proposed to be developed as a single family residence.)	\$8,255.33*	At time of Annexation
b. Multi-family residential  (Each parcel or lot that is actually developed or proposed to be developed into multi-family residential use.)	The greater of: (1) \$41,276.65* per acre (or a proportionate amount for less than one acre), or (2) \$8,255.33* per dwelling unit (or proposed dwelling unit)	At time of Annexation
c. All other uses	\$41,276.65* per acre (or a proportionate amount for less than a full acre)	At time of Annexation

\*Said fees are subject to annual increases based on changes in the California Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as compared to such index based on the change in the index from March of each year.

**II. SEWER CONNECTION INSPECTION FEES - (See Section 5.15.009)**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>When Payable</b>
Separate inspection fee payable for each sewer connection	\$377.06* (non-refundable)	When applying for Connection Permit

\*Said fees are subject to annual increases based on changes in the California Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as compared to such index based on the change in the index from March of each year.

**III. SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE - (See Section 5.15.007)**

<b>Users</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>When Payable</b>
All Users	\$7,132.14* for each equivalent residential unit	The earliest of the following events: 1.) Applying for a Can and Will Serve Commitment Notice, or 2.) Applying for a Sewer Connection Permit, or 3.) Connecting to the District's Sewer System

\*Said fees are subject to annual increases based on changes in the California Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as compared to such index based on the change in the index from March of each year.

**IV. SEWER INSTALLATION CHARGES - (See Section 5.15.009)**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>When Payable</b>
Sewer Installation Charges (when installation is done by the District)	Actual Installation Costs incurred by the District plus 10%	Estimate paid when applying for Connection Permit. Balance, if any, paid after installation.

**V. SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES - (See Section 5.15.015) Adopted by Ordinance No. 2026-1 effective July 1, 2026.**

**A. BASE RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE**

The monthly charges for sewer service shall have two components:

- 1) A fixed charge for each customer, based on the customer class, AND
- 2) A variable charge, applicable to commercial customers and schools only, based on metered water usage.

The monthly charges shall be as follows:

**FIXED CHARGES**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>July 1, 2026</b>	<b>July 1, 2027</b>	<b>July 1, 2028</b>	<b>July 1, 2029</b>	<b>July 1, 2030</b>
Single-Family Dwelling	\$48.84	\$50.31	\$51.82	\$53.37	\$54.97
Multi-family (per dwelling unit)	\$43.96	\$45.28	\$46.64	\$48.04	\$49.48
Mobile Home Parks (per dwelling unit)	\$36.62	\$37.72	\$38.85	\$40.02	\$41.22
Commercial	\$48.84	\$50.31	\$51.82	\$53.37	\$54.97
Schools	\$48.84	\$50.31	\$51.82	\$53.37	\$54.97

**VARIABLE CHARGES**

Additional charge per each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>July 1, 2026</b>	<b>July 1, 2027</b>	<b>July 1, 2028</b>	<b>July 1, 2029</b>	<b>July 1, 2030</b>
Commercial	\$5.10	\$5.25	\$5.41	\$5.57	\$5.74
Schools	\$4.14	\$4.26	\$4.39	\$4.52	\$4.66

**Customers Outside District Boundaries.** The monthly sewer rate for sewer service outside the District boundaries shall follow the same rate schedule as for customers within District Boundaries.

**B. ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES**

Unless otherwise indicated, commencing July 1, 2031, the fixed and variable Sewer Service Charges set forth above shall be adjusted annually on the 1st day of July of each year by an amount equal to the annual percentage change in the All Urban Consumers Index, U.S. City Average (CPI-U), as supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the 1st day of January immediately preceding the July 1st date of adjustment, unless or until such time as new rates are set by the Board of Directors.

The amount of such adjusted Base Sewer Charges shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{Adjusted Monthly Sewer Service Charge Rate} = \frac{\text{Current Year Consumer Price Index (CPI-U)}}{\text{Ending Scheduled Year CPI (CPI-U)}} \times \text{Base Sewer Service Charge}$$

**VI. GUARANTEE DEPOSIT (also known as a SERVICE AGREEMENT CONNECTION CHARGE) - (See Section 5.16.003)**

<b>Users</b>	<b>Amount</b>
All Users	\$150.00 for all applications for Sewer Service after September 15, 2005

**VII. RECONNECTION CHARGE - (See Section 5.12.007 Chapter 5.12) (Formerly Section 1204)**

<b>Users</b>	<b>Amount</b>
All Users	\$25.00 plus any applicable costs and penalties payable prior to reconnecting a disconnected sewer service

**VIII. PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS - (See Section 5.13.015)**

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