

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315129

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 25 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER
RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COSTS OF SERVICE
STUDY AND PASS-THROUGH INCREASES IN THE
WHOLESALE COST OF WATER CHARGED BY THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND PROPOSITION 218.

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department (Department) provides water for City of
San Diego (City) customers through the Water Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Water Financial Plan, Cost of Service, and Rate
Study Final Report dated March 31, 2023, (Final COSS) was accepted by the City Council and is
on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR-315013; and

WHEREAS, the Final COSS, which is also included in the staff materials accompanying
this resolution, details the Water Utility's financial plan, cost of service analysis, and rate design
process, and also provides recommended adjustments for water rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the goal of a cost of service analysis and rate adjustments is to ensure that
the utility has the financial means to meet operational and capital needs, and that customers are
paying their appropriate proportional share of the costs to provide services; and

WHEREAS, in June of each year, the SDCWA board approves wholesale water rate
increases effective the following year on January 1, to pass through SDCWA's increased costs to
its member agencies that increase the City's water purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, based on the Final COSS and the pass-through SDCWA wholesale rate
increase for calendar year 2024, the Department proposes water rate adjustments increasing the
water system revenues by an amount not to exceed 10.2 percent, effective December 1, 2023,
and 8.7 percent, effective January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution, Article XIID, section 6 (Proposition 218) requires the City hold a public hearing on any proposed new or increased rates and fees and mail a written notice at least 45 days prior to the public hearing to the record owners of each identified parcel upon which the fee or charge is proposed for imposition; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to the address to which the Department customarily mails the regular customer billing statement, as authorized by California Government Code section 53755 on July 24, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218, and the procedures previously adopted by the Council in San Diego Resolution R-302245; and

WHEREAS, the City did not receive written protests from a majority of affected property owners or tenants by the close of the public hearing conducted in accordance with Proposition 218 and Resolution R-302245; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council approves, as authorized by Proposition 218, adjustments to the water rates to increase the water system revenues by an amount not to exceed 5.0 percent effective December 1, 2023; 5.2 percent effective July 1, 2024 (based on the rates in place on November 30, 2023); and 8.7 percent

effective January 1, 2025, consistent with the rate structure included in the Final COSS and the pass-through SDCWA wholesale rate increase for calendar year 2024.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By Melissa D. Ables
Melissa D. Ables
Chief Deputy City Attorney

MDA:cw
Date: September 5, 2023
09/20/23 REV.
Or.Dept: Public Utilities
CC No.: N/A
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of SEP 19 2023.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By Krystel Medina
Deputy City Clerk for Connie Patterson

Approved: 9/25/23
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

SEP 19 2023

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage SEP 25 2023.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA J.S. FUENTES

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Connie Patterson, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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