

*Item 331
Subitem A
3/4/2025*

(R-2025-415)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316088

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 13 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE APPROVAL OF WATER RATE INCREASES PURSUANT TO INCREASES IN THE WHOLESALE COST OF WATER CHARGED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15273.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The Council will consider approval of water rate increases that the City charges customers in an amount not to exceed 5.5 percent to pass through the increase in the wholesale cost of water charged by the San Diego County Water Authority, effective May 1, 2025 (Project).

B. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code (Code) sections 21000-21189.91, provides in Code section 21083 that the California Office of Planning and Research will promulgate, and the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency will adopt, guidelines for implementation of CEQA. The California Office of Planning and Research promulgated, and the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency adopted, the guidelines for implementation of CEQA set forth in Title 14 California Code of Regulations sections 15000 through 15387 (CEQA Guidelines).

C. Code section 21084 requires the CEQA Guidelines to include a list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are exempt from the provisions of CEQA. CEQA Guidelines sections 15260-15285 list the statutory exemptions promulgated by the California State Legislature.

D. The Council has considered the written record related to the Project and all public comments about the potential environmental effects of the Project. The Council, using its independent judgment, has determined that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15273 because it involves the establishment, modification, and approval of rates, tolls, fare or other charges by the City which are necessary for meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits; purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials; meeting reserve needs and requirements; and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

E. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines sections 15273.

2. The City Clerk or designee is directed to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA with the San Diego County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research regarding the Project.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

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

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February 18, 2025
Or.Dept: PUD
Doc. No. 3964501

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
MAR 04 2025.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 3/12/25
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on MAR 04 2025, 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"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage MAR 13 2025.

(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.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Hinda Irwin*, Deputy
For Gilbert Sanchez

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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