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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 317000

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 3 0 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2026 WATER MEMORANDUM MODIFYING THE 2025 WATER COST OF SERVICE STUDY AND PROPOSITION 218 IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT UNDER CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 15273.

RECITALS

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

A. The Council will consider whether to approve adjustments to water rates in accordance with the 2026 Water Memorandum Modifying the 2025 Water Cost of Service Study (Stantec Memo) to be consistent with California Constitution, Article XIIID, section 6 for the purpose of ensuring that the City's Water Utility have the financial means to meet operational and capital needs (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 through 15285 list the statutory CEQA 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 the provisions of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15273 (titled "Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges") because it involves the establishment, modification, and approval of rates, tolls, fares 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 section 15273.

2. The City Clerk or designee is directed to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption regarding the Project with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By _____
Justin Edward Stanek
Deputy City Attorney

JES:cc
September 22, 2026
Or.Dept: PUD
CC No. N/A
Doc. No.: 4553765

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on OCT 27 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10/30/26 _____
(date) TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____ _____
(date) TODD GLORIA, Mayor

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on October 27, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☒	☐	☐	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☐	☒	☐	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☐	☐	☒	☐
Kent Lee	☐	☒	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vivian Moreno	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☒	☐	☐	☐

Date of final passage OCT 30 2026.

(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 _____, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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