

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313725

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 01 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS TO
WASTEWATER, WATER, RECYCLED WATER AND
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER CONTROL PROGRAM RATES
AND CHARGES.

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department provides water for City of San Diego (City) customers through the Water Utility Fund, wastewater collection for City customers through the Municipal Wastewater Fund, and wastewater treatment and disposal services for City customers and regional partners through the Metropolitan Wastewater Fund; and

WHEREAS, these rates are determined through a process prescribed by state law, which requires a cost of service analysis and City Council approval of any rate adjustments at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the goal of a cost of service analysis and rate adjustments is to ensure that the utility has 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, the Water Utility's last cost of service study was approved by City Council on November 17, 2015, covering rate increases that went into effect January 1, 2016 through September 1, 2019. The Wastewater Utility's last cost of service study was approved on February 26, 2007 covering rates that went into effect May 1, 2007 through May 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department prepared and submitted the 2021 Wastewater Cost of Service Study and supplemental addendum (2021 COSS) and the Industrial Wastewater Control Program Cost Allocation Study which describe in detail the basis and reasons for implementing the water and wastewater rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 218 Notice was mailed at least 45 days prior to the September 21, 2021 public hearing on the proposed water and wastewater rate increases, and 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 the procedures previously adopted by the City Council in Resolution R-302245; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council is authorized to approve, pursuant to proposition 218, the following not to exceed rate adjustments and associated actions:

a. Proposed wastewater rate adjustments, increasing wastewater system revenues by 5%, effective January 1, 2022; 4%, effective January 1, 2023; 4% effective January 1, 2024; and 3%, effective January 1, 2025 consistent with the 2021 Wastewater Cost of Service Study and supplemental addendum (2021 COSS); and

b. Proposed wastewater service charges and commodity and strength charge adjustments consistent with the 2021 COSS; and

c. Proposed wastewater capacity fee consistent with the 2021 COSS; and

d. Proposed recycled water service charges and commodity rate adjustments consistent with the 2021 COSS; and

e. Proposed industrial wastewater control program (IWCP) user fee adjustments consistent with the Industrial Wastewater Control Program Cost Allocation Study, effective July 1, 2022, and phasing in the proposed IWCP adjustments over a four year period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council is authorized to approve, pursuant to Proposition 218, a pass through rate increase not to exceed 3% to reflect the actual San Diego County Water Authority wholesale rate increase effective January 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or designee is authorized to accept the 2021 COSS and Industrial Wastewater Control Program Cost Allocation Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Report to City Council is received by the City Council and on file in the office of the City Clerk Document No. RR-313725.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Christine M. Leone
Christine M. Leone
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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09/07/2021
Or.Dept: PUD
Doc. No.: 2754546

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of SEP 21 2021.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Connie Patterson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10/1/21
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 21 2021, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Chris Cate	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Cate voted nay on the portion to approve a pass-through rate increase not to exceed 3% to reflect the actual San Diego County Water Authority wholesale rate increase effective Jan. 1, 2022.

Date of final passage OCT 01 2021.

(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:

(Seal)

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

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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