

Minutes

WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Special Meeting

December 17th , 2020

6:15 P.M.

Call In

Please Note: Due to the Covid mandated guidelines we have moved to a call in PUBLIC HEARING for new rate changes.

Please Note: In compliance with the Federal "Americans with Disabilities Act", any person who requires special accommodations in order to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact 265-4720 - prior to the meeting.

Open Meeting : 6:15

Approval of the Agenda: Kass K. motioned, Amy B. 2nd ALL Approved

Public Comment on Agenda item only : Recording of the roll call-in is on our website. Everybody that called in was giving a chance to talk. Board members answered all questions. Kym J. read letters from Lori Todd and from Lee and Tina Brown.(see attachments) (<https://washingtonwater.specialdistrict.org/>)

Water Agency Meeting :

I. New Business

A. Public Hearing for new Rate changes: All call-ins where asked to state their name and state their vote for the new rate change. Votes are as follows:

Joe L. YES Denis A. YES Rod W. YES Lyla T. NO Ann S. NO Lori T. NO

Cathy C. NO Daniella H. NO Peggy T. NO Tina J. YES

Board members Voted as follows---- Kass. K YES Amy B. YES Debbie S. YES

Charity J. YES and Alyssa W. YES

One write in vote by Lee and Tina Brown -- YES

Nov. 19, 2020



Washington County Water District
P.O. Box 34
Washington, CA 95986
Account # 1880

To the Washington County Water Board,

We are the property owners at 15888 Maybert Rd. We are not permanent residents on this property but use it periodically throughout the year. We have no renters, nor do we plan to have any in the future.

In the last year, our monthly usage has averaged 1771 gallons a month. There are some months where the water is never used because no one is at the property. In addition, to conserve, we always shut off the water main to the property when no one is on site.

We oppose the proposed new rating system and pose the following questions to the board members:

- The meters have only been in use for a limited time. Why were resources (a grant?) used to install meters if that strategy does not adequately cover costs?
- The meters were installed to monitor usage and encourage water conservation. How does unlimited usage promote a responsible water community, as people will be disincentivized to monitor their monthly water usage? Large water users will benefit from unlimited use.

We strongly feel that monthly metering is the fairest solution that would apply an identical rate to all water users.

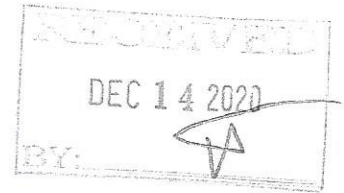
We thank you and would request that you continue to communicate with us through our partner of record, Lori Todd, who can be located at 10135 Hwy 116 Forestville, CA 95436.

Sincerely,
Jess & Lori Todd
Jerry & Peggy Todd
Zack & Danielle Hurst
Sue Ross

12/9/20

To whom it may concern,

I vote Yes on the new rate structure for
Washington, CA



Thank you

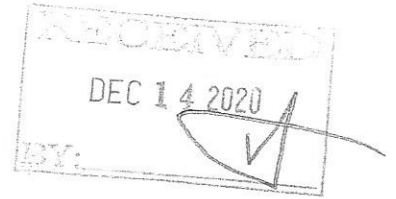
Lee Brown

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12/9/20

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Thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Brown".

Tina Brown

RESOLUTION NO. 20-12-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
INCREASING FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH
THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Washington County Water District ("District") is a Community Services District formed pursuant to Government Code section 61000, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 61115, the District has the authority to fix rates and charges and collect same for water service within the District; and

WHEREAS, the costs for delivering water to property owners, as well as the costs for operation and maintenance, have and continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed increase to water rates was provided to customers and property owners by mail pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6(a) and Government Code Sections 53755 and 61123; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed increase for other miscellaneous fees and charges was provided by publication, posted locally and mailed to all property owners parties pursuant to Government Code Sections 66016 and 66018; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6(a) and Government Code Sections 66016 and 66018; and

WHEREAS, a majority of residents, 51%, protest against property related fees and charges were presented by any of the affected parcels by the owners/tenants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

1. **Rescission of Conflicting Resolutions or Policies.** All prior resolutions or policies inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed but only to the extent that they conflict with this Resolution.
2. **Increases.** The following water usage rates and other charges will be increased according to the schedule of charges shown below:

Customer type	Rate	Increase/year (as needed)
Resident/ Property owner/vacation home property owner	\$60/ month	2%
Resident living in a campground/ extra dwelling	\$60/ month	2%
Yearly Camper/ vacation home extra dwelling	\$10/ month	2%
Business owner	\$159/ month	2%
Transient (Campground/Hotel guests)	2% of camp/hotel rate stay	None

Definitions:

Dwelling- a place where a person lives treating it as their home, for the purposes of housing and rent legislation and which may become the object of protection such as a statutory secure tenancy.

Excessive water use- Any water usage over 20,000 gallons.

Resident- Any person that resides in Washington, on owned property (that is considered a primary residence or second home/ vacation home), or someone renting from a property owner (living in a trailer, granny unit, or cabin) on that property.

Yearly camper- Any person(s) who holds a contract with a campground owner for a yearly campsite, wherein they are legally allowed to stay 60 days out of the year and not over that amount.

Transient- Any person(s) renting a campsite or hotel room for less than 14 days.

3. **Effective date.** The increases to the Monthly Service Charge will become effective on: December 27th, 2020.

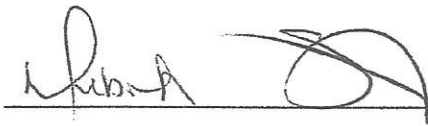
All the foregoing being on the motion of Director Name, seconded by Director Name, and authorized by the following vote, namely:

Ayes: Noes:

Directors: Kozloski, Shipley,
Boyle, Jackson, Wittler

Abstentions:
Absent:

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of the Washington County Water District as -duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors at a legally convened meeting held on the DATE. 12/17/20

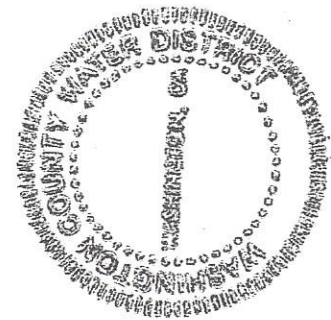


President of the Board of Directors

ATTESTED TO:



Secretary of the Board



With no other write-ins and no other call-ins all other customers are an automatic YES vote so with the votes as they stand the new rate structure was passed and is now in effect starting December 26th will show on your January 26th 2021 bill.

Close of the Water District Meeting: 8:03

IF ANY BOARD MEMBER NEED TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL, OR ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN THE MEETING BY CONFERENCE CALL CAN DIAL 1-978-990-5000 WITH THE CODE OF 890273# FOR ALL BUT CLOSED SESSIONS.