

**Borrego Water District Board of Directors**  
**Special Meeting and Proposition 218 Water and Sewer Rate Public Hearing**  
**June 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm**  
**Borrego Springs Library: 2580 Country Club Rd.**  
**Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

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**I. OPENING PROCEDURES -**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Directors' Roll Call: President Dice, Vice President Baker, Directors Duncan & Moran.
- D. Approval of Agenda
- E. Comments from the Public & Requests for Future Agenda Items (may be limited to 3 min)
- F. Comments from Directors
- G. Correspondence Received from the Public - None

**II. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION -**

Proposition 218 Water and Sewer Rate Public Hearing

Open Public Hearing – K Dice, BWD

BWD Staff Report: Process Overview and Primary Factors Considered – J, Clabaugh, BWD

BWD Water and Sewer Rate Study and Recommendations – K Kostiuk, Raftelis

Public Comment - (may be limited to 3 min)

Close Public Hearing – K Dice

Resolution No. 2025.06.10: Water and Sewer Rates Adjustments Commencing July 1, 2025 and Taking Other Actions Relating Thereto

**III. CLOSING PROCEDURE:**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on July 15, 2025, to be available online and in person at 806 Palm Canyon Drive. See Board Agenda at [BorregoWD.org](http://BorregoWD.org) for details, Agenda information available at least 72 hours before the meeting.

AGENDA: June 17, 2025: The Borrego Springs Water District complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons with special needs should call Geoff Poole, General Manager – at (760) 767 – 5806 at least 48 hours in advance of the start of this meeting, in order to enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. If you challenge any action of the Board of Directors in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Directors (c/o the Board Secretary) at, or prior to, the public hearing.

All Documents for public review on file with the District's secretary located at 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs CA 92004. Any public record provided to a majority of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, regarding any item on the open session portion of this agenda, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Board Secretary, located at 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs CA 92004.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06-10 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BORREGO  
WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER  
SERVICE CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the Borrego Water District (the “District”) is organized and operates pursuant to the California Water District Law, Division 13 commencing with Section 34000 of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to fix and collect charges for the provision of water service pursuant to Water Code Section 35470, and for wastewater service pursuant to Water Code Section 35501; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the District’s current rate structure for water and wastewater charges requires an update, the District retained an independent rate consultant to provide a cost of service analysis and rate study (“Study”), the results of which have been presented to the District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, according to the Study, proposed rate increases to the water and sewer service charges are required in order to provide sufficient revenue to the District, while continuing to proportionately allocate the cost of providing water and sewer service among the District’s customer classes; and

WHEREAS, the rate structure for the District’s water service charges comprises: (1) a Monthly Fixed Charge, based on the size of the meter serving a parcel of property; (2) a Water Commodity Charge, which is determined on the basis of the amount of water served to a parcel of property in hundreds of cubic feet (“HCF”), and which includes tiers for certain customers that pass on the increased cost of delivering water at higher volumes to higher water users; and (3) a Fireline Charge for customers with a private fireline serving their parcel, calculated based on the size of the fire meter; and

WHEREAS, the District’s wastewater charges are imposed on customers within the District’s service areas that receive sewer collection and treatment service from the District, and is composed of three separate service areas (“SAs”) – SA1, SA2, and A 5; and

WHEREAS, all wastewater customers pay a monthly fixed charge per equivalent dwelling unit (“EDU”) that varies depending on the SA, based on the unique costs of service therein; and

WHEREAS, the District charges separate wastewater charges on wastewater customers within SA2, depending on whether such customers are SA2 EDU “Holders” and SA2 EDU “Users,” with Holders comprising customers that have previously bought into the wastewater system but have not yet connected to the system; and

WHEREAS, the obligation to pay the SA2 EDU Holder charges stems from their agreement with the District to pay certain operating and maintenance costs of the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, SA2 EDU Users pay the sum of both the Holder and User charges, as described in more detail in Exhibit “A” hereto, and Borrego Springs Resort (“BSR”) in SA5 also pays a portion of its charges as a usage charge per unit of water delivered; and

WHEREAS, the District's rates for water and wastewater service charges are calculated to recover the costs of the District in providing water and wastewater services and to proportionately allocate those costs among the customers; and

WHEREAS, the revenues derived from the water and wastewater service charges will not exceed the funds required to provide water and wastewater services, respectively, and shall be used exclusively for providing water and wastewater service, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the water and wastewater service charges will not exceed the proportional cost of the services attributable to each parcel upon which they are imposed; and

WHEREAS, the water and wastewater service charges will not be imposed on a parcel unless the water and wastewater services are actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6 ("Article XIII D"), the District provided written notice (the "Notice") by mail of: (1) the proposed increases to the water and wastewater service charges to the record owner of each parcel upon which the water and wastewater service charges are proposed for imposition and any tenant directly liable for payment of the water and wastewater service charges; (2) the amount of the water and wastewater service charges proposed to be imposed on each parcel; (3) the basis upon which the water and wastewater service charges were calculated; (4) the reason for the water and wastewater service charges; and (5) the date, time, and location of a virtual public hearing (the "Hearing"), held in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, on the proposed water and wastewater service charges; and

WHEREAS, the District provided such Notice not less than forty-five days prior to the Hearing on the proposed rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the District considered all valid legal objections and responses submitted in accordance with Government Code section 53759.1, and determined to proceed with the Hearing on June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at the Hearing, the Board of Directors heard all oral testimony, and considered all written materials, and written protests concerning the establishment and imposition of the proposed rate increases for the water and wastewater service charges, and at the close of the Hearing, the District did not receive written protests against the establishment and imposition of the proposed rate increases for the water or wastewater service charges from a majority of the affected property owners and tenants directly liable for the payment of the water or wastewater service charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined to adopt the proposed rates for the water and wastewater service charges at the maximum rates and on the effective dates set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto; and

WHEREAS, the rates for the water service charges established by this Resolution and set forth in Exhibit "A" are for the purpose of: (A) meeting operational expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits; (B) purchasing or leasing supplies,

equipment, or materials; (C) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and (D) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, as set forth in this Resolution, and, therefore, the establishment of such charges is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Borrego Water District as follows:

Section 1. The matters set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct statements and by this reference are incorporated herein and made findings and determinations of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the water and wastewater service charges in the amounts and at the maximum rates set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto. The rates and charges in Exhibit "A" shall be effective for all services provided on and after July 1, 2025. The General Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the rates for water and wastewater service, to collect the charges for such service, and other authorizations set forth herein.

Section 3. The rates set forth in Exhibit "A" are the maximum rates. At any time, the Board may implement the rates for water and/or wastewater service up to the maximum rate, or at a lower rate, provided that should the Board determine to implement the rates at an amount lower than the maximum rate, the Board shall be authorized to reinstate the rates up to the maximum approved rates at any time thereafter.

Section 4. All resolutions or administrative actions by the Board of Directors, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby superseded only by this Resolution to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby. The Board of Directors hereby declares it would have passed this Resolution and each section, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more portion is held invalid.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Borrego Water District held on the 17th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

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President, Board of Directors of  
Borrego Water District

ATTEST:



## Exhibit "A"

### Water and Wastewater Service Charges

#### WATER

| Meter Size <sup>1</sup> | July 1, 2025 | July 1, 2026 | July 1, 2027 | July 1, 2028 | July 1, 2029 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5/8"                    | \$52.76      | \$57.78      | \$63.27      | \$67.70      | \$72.44      |
| 3/4"                    | \$52.76      | \$57.78      | \$63.27      | \$67.70      | \$72.44      |
| 1"                      | \$72.07      | \$78.92      | \$86.42      | \$92.47      | \$98.95      |
| 1 1/2"                  | \$120.33     | \$131.77     | \$144.29     | \$154.40     | \$165.21     |
| 2"                      | \$178.26     | \$195.20     | \$213.75     | \$228.72     | \$244.74     |
| 3"                      | \$361.67     | \$396.03     | \$433.66     | \$464.02     | \$496.51     |
| 4"                      | \$631.98     | \$692.02     | \$757.77     | \$810.82     | \$867.58     |
| 6"                      | \$1,278.79   | \$1,400.28   | \$1,533.31   | \$1,640.65   | \$1,755.50   |

| Customer Class <sup>2</sup>     | Tier Width | July 1, 2025 | July 1, 2026 | July 1, 2027 | July 1, 2028 | July 1, 2029 |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Residential</b>              |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Tier 1                          | 0-7        | \$4.41       | \$4.83       | \$5.29       | \$5.67       | \$6.07       |
| Tier 2                          | 8-22       | \$5.45       | \$5.97       | \$6.54       | \$7.00       | \$7.49       |
| Tier 3                          | >22        | \$7.89       | \$8.64       | \$9.47       | \$10.14      | \$10.85      |
| <b>Multiple Units</b>           |            | \$5.23       | \$5.73       | \$6.28       | \$6.72       | \$7.20       |
| <b>Irrigation</b>               |            | \$6.45       | \$7.07       | \$7.75       | \$8.30       | \$8.89       |
| <b>Commercial/Public Agency</b> |            | \$5.06       | \$5.55       | \$6.08       | \$6.51       | \$6.97       |

| Fireline Size <sup>3</sup> | July 1, 2025 | July 1, 2026 | July 1, 2027 | July 1, 2028 | July 1, 2029 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2"                         | \$5.33       | \$5.84       | \$6.40       | \$6.85       | \$7.33       |
| 4"                         | \$32.94      | \$36.07      | \$39.50      | \$42.27      | \$45.23      |
| 6"                         | \$95.67      | \$104.76     | \$114.72     | \$122.76     | \$131.36     |
| 8"                         | \$203.87     | \$223.24     | \$244.45     | \$261.57     | \$279.88     |

#### WASTEWATER

| Customer Class <sup>4</sup> | July 1, 2025 | July 1, 2026 | July 1, 2027 | July 1, 2028 | July 1, 2029 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SA 1                        | \$59.93      | \$65.78      | \$72.20      | \$79.24      | \$86.97      |
| SA 5                        | \$63.24      | \$69.41      | \$76.18      | \$83.61      | \$91.77      |
| SA2 Holder                  | \$28.68      | \$31.48      | \$34.55      | \$37.92      | \$41.62      |
| SA2 User                    | \$34.56      | \$37.93      | \$41.63      | \$45.69      | \$50.14      |

1. Charge per month
2. Charge per unit of water (each unit = one hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons)
3. Charge per month
4. Charge per month per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), where each EDU = wastewater demand for a typical single-family home