

RESOLUTION NO. 26-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR WATER SERVICE BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2031

The Board of Directors of the Bear Valley Community Services District resolves as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Directors finds as follows:

A. Article XIID of the California Constitution and the Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code section 53750 and following) (collectively, "**Proposition 218**"), set forth certain procedures that the District must follow with respect to adopting increases in "property related fees and charges" such as Water service rates and charges.

B. The District retained an independent consultant, LT Municipal Consultants, to prepare a Water rate study ("**Rate Study**") dated January 2026, to review the District's existing Water rate structure and to make recommendations as to a revised rate structure that would provide revenues sufficient to: (1) fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of the District's water system ("**Water System**"), (2) provide adequate reserves for unforeseen extraordinary maintenance and repairs, and (3) provide for capital expenditures.

C. The Rate Study recommends a revised Water rate schedule for five years 2026 through 2031.

D. The Board has determined that the Water rates ("**Water Rates**") proposed for the District's Water operating fund ("**Water Operating Fund**"), as set forth in the Water Rate Study are necessary in order to, among other things, maintain and operate the District's water system, provide reserves for unforeseen extraordinary maintenance and repairs, and provide for capital expenditures.

E. Pursuant to Resolution No. 26-25 adopted on January 22, 2026, the Board set a public hearing ("**Public Hearing**") for March 26, 2026, to consider the proposed Water Rates, notice of which was mailed to all record owners of affected property at least 45 days prior to Public Hearing. The notice described (a) the amount of the fee or charge to be imposed upon each affected parcel, (b) the basis upon which the amount of the proposed fee or charge was calculated, (c) the reason for the fee or charge, and (d) the date, time, and location of the Public Hearing on the proposed fee or charge.

F. The Board held the duly noticed Public Hearing on March 26, 2026. All interested persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard, and the Board considered all written protests against the proposed Water Rates that were received by the close of the Public Hearing.

G. Written protests against the proposed Water Rates were not presented by a majority of the affected parcels.

H. The procedures followed and the proposed Water Rates are in compliance with Proposition 218 based on the following: (i) the proposed Water Rates are not imposed as a

condition of approval of a development project; (ii) the Water Rates are established upon a rational basis between the fees charged each customer and the service and facilities provided to each residential property owner or tenant, as applicable; (iii) the revenues derived from the proposed Water Rates do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost to provide the property-related services; (iv) the revenues derived from the proposed Water Rates will not be used for any other purpose than that for which the Water Rates are imposed; (v) the proposed Water Rates do not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to each parcel; (vi) the proposed Water Rates are imposed on services which are immediately available to each parcel; (vii) the proposed Water Rates are not levied for general governmental services; and (viii) the proposed Water Rates are not discriminatory or excessive, are sufficient under the California Government Code, comply with the provisions or covenants of any outstanding debt of the District payable from the revenues of the Water Operating Fund, comply with the provisions of Proposition 218, and are in compliance with all other applicable laws.

Section 2. Environmental Review. The Board of Directors exercises its independent judgment and finds that the adoption of this Resolution is not a “project” within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. This Resolution is also exempt from CEQA under the exemptions contained in CEQA Guidelines section 15273(a) because it constitutes the establishment of fees or charges for the purpose of obtaining funds to meet the financial and service obligations of the water system for ongoing operation and maintenance, debt service, and capital improvements within existing service areas, and CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty to have no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. Approval of Water Rate Study. The Board of Directors accepts and approves the Water Rate Study setting forth the basis for the Water Rates.

Section 4. Approval of Water Rates. The Board approves the Water Rates set forth in Exhibit A of this Resolution. The Water Rates for 2026 will be effective as of April 1, 2026. The Water Rates set forth for calendar years 2027, 2028, 2028, and 2030 will be effective as of April 1 of each such year, unless the Board determines otherwise by separate resolution.

Section 5. Repeal of Existing Water Rates. The Water Rates established under this Resolution supersede all Water Rates covering the same services adopted under Resolution 18/19-26 or any prior resolution and such Water Rates are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution will take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED on March 26, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Lewis, Hernandez, Tabor, Paparella
NOES:	Frevert
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

BY: Paul Paparella
Paul Paparella, Board President

ATTEST: Denise Jelleschitz
Denise Jelleschitz, Board Secretary



Attachment A

CURRENT	Effective Date	PROPOSED				
		Apr 1, 2026	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2028	Apr 1, 2029	Apr 1, 2030
BASE RATE	BASE RATE					
All customers	Meter Size Up to 1" **					
\$84.74	1.5"	\$97.18	\$109.81	\$124.09	\$140.22	\$158.45
	2" or Fire Protection Line	\$191.38	\$216.26	\$244.37	\$276.14	\$312.04
	3"	\$304.42	\$343.99	\$388.71	\$439.24	\$496.34
	4"	\$605.86	\$684.62	\$773.62	\$874.19	\$987.83
	6"	\$944.98	\$1,067.83	\$1,206.65	\$1,363.51	\$1,540.77
		\$1,886.98	\$2,132.29	\$2,409.49	\$2,722.72	\$3,076.67
CONSUMPTION CHARGE (\$/HCF)	CONSUMPTION CHARGE (\$/HCF)					
Tier 1: 0-5 HCF	All Drinking Water Usage	\$5.11	\$5.77	\$6.52	\$7.37	\$8.33
Tier 2: Over 5 HCF						
Effluent (recycled water)	Effluent (recycled water)	\$5.38	\$6.19	\$7.12	\$8.19	\$9.42
Non-Potable (lakerfill)	Non-Potable (lakerfill)	\$4.76	\$5.38	\$6.08	\$6.87	\$7.76

HCF = one hundred cubic feet; 1 HCF = 748 gallons

** All single-family residential customers will be billed the 1" meter fee

Effluent and non-potable water use is billed by consumption only