

ORDINANCE NO. 26-264

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAR VALLEY
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING DISTRICT CODE TITLE 1,
CHAPTER 8, SECTIONS 1-8-1 BUDGET, 1-8-4 DISBURSEMENTS, AND 1-8-12
DISHONORED CHECKS**

The Board of Directors for the Bear Valley Community Services District does ordain as follows:

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

A. It is in the District's interest to periodically review and adjust budget and financial policies and related procedures to remain compliant with local, state, and federal requirements and best management practices.

B. It is more effective and efficient to remove the day-to-day procedures from District Code and place them in separate policies to enable greater ease in modifying them to meet changing business needs.

C. The recommended changes meet local, state, and federal requirements while enabling the District to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

SECTION 2. Amendment to District Code Sections 1-8-1, 1-8-4, and 1-8-12 of Chapter 8 of Title 1 of the Bear Valley Community Services District Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

1-8-1: BUDGET:

A. Time Of Adoption: On or before July 1 of each year, the board of directors shall publish notice stating that the general manager has prepared a proposed final budget which is available for inspection at a time and place within the district specified in the notice, and the date, time and place when the board of directors will meet to adopt the final budget and that any person may appear and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items. The board of directors shall publish its notice at least two (2) weeks before the hearing in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the district. The district shall annually adopt a budget and file a copy of same with the Kern County auditor on or before September 30 of each year.

B. Joint Responsibility: The treasurer, the finance committee, the board and the general manager jointly complete the budget preparation, review, adoption process, and budget calendar.

C. Amendment Of Budget: Any amendment to the budget after adoption of the final budget shall occur as per Government Code section 61111. (Ord. 26-264, 4-9-2026)

1-8-4: DISBURSEMENTS:

The section will be deleted from the District Code.

1-8-12: DISHONORED CHECKS:

The section will be deleted from the District Code.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Environmental Quality Act. This ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and is not a project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The approval of the code amendments in the proposed ordinance does not approve any physical development and it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. Any specific development project that may result from these changes will be subject to environmental review. For these reasons, the proposed amendments would not have the potential to result in individually or cumulatively significant effects on the environment and these District code amendments are exempt from review under CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is directed to cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Bear Valley Community Services District on the 26th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Paul Paparella, Board President

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Denise Jelleschitz, Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
Palmer Hilton, District Counsel