

ORDINANCE NO. 146

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE LINDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ADJUSTING WATER SERVICE RATES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Linda County Water District as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase and adjust the District water rates to account for increased costs of providing the service because of inflation, increased costs of supplies, services, labor, benefits, and regulatory compliance, and to fund capital improvements and adequate operational and capital reserve levels. This is the District's first water rate increase since 2006.

Section 2. Findings. The Board of Directors finds and determines as follows:

(a) The increased water service rates implemented by this ordinance have been fixed in an amount sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the District's water utility operations, provide for repairs and replacement of water system works, provide for increased costs of regulatory compliance, and to pay the principal and interest on utility system indebtedness.

(b) The increased water service rates are reasonably related to, and do not exceed, the District's cost of providing water service to each parcel.

(c) The revenues derived from the water service rates do not exceed the funds required to provide water service its customers and are not used for any purpose other than the particular utility service.

(d) The amount of the water service rates imposed on each customer's parcel does not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to that parcel.

(e) The District water utility services are services that are actually used by and immediately available to the owner of each parcel receiving service.

(f) No portion of this fee increase is imposed for general governmental services.

(g) The District Board of Directors has conducted a duly noticed public hearing on this proposed rate increase in accordance with California Constitution article XIII D and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, and the Board did not receive a majority protest against the proposed rate increase.

(h) The increased water service rates are supported by the District's water system financial plan and rate analysis prepared by Municipal Consulting Group dated June 28, 2019; Notice of Public Hearing mailed on June 28, 2019; 2017-18 and 2018-19 District budgets; 2017-18 District audited financial statements; and, District water system master plan.)

Section 3. Water Service Rate Adjustment. Linda County Water District Code chapter 5, section 5.19.1, paragraphs A and B are hereby amended to include the five-year schedule of

increases in the District's Monthly Base Rate Service Charges and Monthly Metered Rate Service Charges in the amounts set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, which Exhibit A is incorporated in full by reference.

Section 4. CEQA. The Board of Directors finds that the increase in the water service rates enacted in this ordinance are for the purposes of meeting operating expenses of the District water utility operation (including labor, supplies, equipment and materials), meeting financial reserve needs and requirements of the District water system, and obtaining funds for water system improvements that are necessary to maintain and enhance water service within the existing District service area. Accordingly, the Board of Directors determines that this rate increase is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines. (Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8); CEQA Guidelines section 15273.)

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance and the new water and sewer service rates shall take effect on November 1, 2019.

Section 6. Posting. The District Secretary is directed to post a copy of this ordinance in three public places within the District within 10 days after its enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Linda County Water District on this 9th day of September 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

EXHIBIT A

**SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL INCREASES IN
MONTHLY BASE RATE SERVICE CHARGES AND
MONTHLY METERED RATE SERVICE CHARGES
(Five-Year Schedule)**

Water Connection and Usage Monthly Service Charge Schedule 2019-2023

Effective Date of annual rate increase

Current	11/1/19	11/1/20	11/1/21	11/1/22	11/1/23
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Water Connection Base Rates listed by meter size in USD

5/8 Inch Meter	6.50	8.25	10.00	11.75	13.50	15.25
3/4 Inch Meter	9.10	11.85	14.60	17.35	20.10	22.90
1 Inch Meter	11.70	17.00	22.25	27.50	32.80	38.15
1 1/2 Inch Meter	14.30	26.70	39.10	51.50	63.90	76.25
2 Inch Meter	22.05	42.00	62.00	82.00	102.00	122.00
3 Inch Meter	42.80	80.00	117.00	154.00	191.00	228.75
4 Inch Meter	57.10	122.00	187.00	252.00	317.00	381.25
6 Inch Meter	101.15	233.50	366.00	498.00	630.00	762.50

Usage Rate per measured Unit of water (100 cubic feet) all meter sizes USD

per Unit	0.70	0.85	1.05	1.20	1.40	1.55
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A 3% annual adjustment above the projected rates projected in the above table may be included in customer water usage rates, but the inflator will not be implemented unless approved by the Board of Directors.