

GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 22-18

A Resolution Adopting Proposed Increased Sewer Rates to Fund Sewer Services for the Period of September 2018 – June 2023

WHEREAS, the Groveland Community Services District (“District”) has incurred increasing expenses for personnel, chemicals, materials, supplies, compliance with governmental regulations, and other costs of service related to providing safe, reliable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the District faces increased costs to fund necessary repair, maintenance, upgrading and improvements to its infrastructure and facilities to protect the public health and safety and for compliance with state permits, regulations, laws and to address public service expectations; and

WHEREAS, the District has not increased sewer rates since 2010 and has significantly reduced expenses in an attempt to balance the budget; and

WHEREAS, pumps, pipes, valves, controls and other wastewater collection equipment has reached its useful life and must be replaced in the future on a predictable schedule to control costs; and

WHEREAS, improvements to wastewater treatment plant processes and equipment can reduce costs and increase the productivity of personnel; and

WHEREAS, increased spending on replacement of equipment and infrastructure is immediately necessary to reduce breakdowns and to ensure reliable operation; and

WHEREAS, the District currently does not have a reserve fund for the future replacement of its expensive underground infrastructure such as sewer mains, manholes and related infrastructure, which is critically important to appropriately spread system costs over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the District has consulted with a rate design firm, who evaluated existing revenue and expenses, and determined that increases to the monthly sewer service charges (sewer rates) paid by all District customers is necessary to keep the District operating efficiently, prepare for the estimated future cost of sewer system operation and to make necessary system improvements; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2018 the District held a public meeting and received public comment and input on the Sewer Rate Study prepared by Bartle Wells Associates, which was approved by the Board during that meeting; and

WHEREAS, The District has prepared a Notice of the proposed rate increase, which was mailed on July 2, 2018 to each affected property as required by law; stating the date, time, and location of the public hearing to consider public comments and protests regarding the adoption of the rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the District's Notice set forth the reasons for the increase and the procedure by which a parcel owner may protest the increase, including the address to which a protest could be mailed or delivered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of California law, the District provided the Notice and a period of 45-days for public review and comment on the proposed sewer rate increase, prior to the public hearing and Board action to increase the sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall not approve the sewer rate increase if a majority of the properties affected by the sewer rate increase submit a written protest to the District by the date and time specified in the Notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD HEREBY FINDS AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. A Notice of Proposed Sewer Rate Increase and Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to all District customers on July 2, 2018.
2. An informational public meeting regarding the proposed sewer rate increase was held on July 18, 2018.
3. A Public Hearing was held this August 15, 2018 to receive comments and protests on the proposed sewer rate increase.
4. Written protests have not been submitted by a majority of properties affected by the rate increase, and the Board may proceed with adoption of the proposed sewer rate increase.
5. The sewer rate increase as proposed in the Notice of Proposed Sewer Rate Increase and attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved and shall become effective September 1, 2018

WHEREFORE, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on August 15, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Adopted August 15, 2018

Robert Swan, President

ATTEST:

Jennifer Flores, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Jennifer Flores, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on August 15, 2018.

DATED: _____.