

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,
APPROVING AN INTERIM POLICY
TO REDUCE THE AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE
FOR WATER YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2018**

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2016, the Board of Directors of San Benito County Water District passed Ordinance 58, which established charges for Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Water; and

WHEREAS, said charges were based on certain assumptions of deliveries during the water years beginning March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that deliveries of Agricultural water in the year beginning March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 will exceed the amount of water assumed to be delivered in the 2016 rate analysis; and

WHEREAS, the District staff has re-evaluated the required rate based on the expected USBR allocation; and

WHEREAS, after such evaluation staff has determined that a rate less than the rate established in February 2016 would provide the revenue required; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Zone 6 groundwater and surface water users to maximize the amount of imported Central Valley Project water put to beneficial use in each water year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Interim Policy: Based upon the facts set forth in the Recitals above, it shall be the interim policy of the Board of Directors that the charges for agricultural water for the water year beginning March 1, 2018, and ending on February 28, 2019 shall be as follows:

CONTRACT CUSTOMERS	Board Approved Ordinance No. 58	Reduced Charge Commencing March 1, 2018	Unit of Measure
Agricultural	\$ 272.00	\$ 209.00	per acre foot
Agricultural Full Cost (RRA Section 205(a)(3)*	\$ 463.00	\$ 400.00	per acre foot
Agricultural Full Cost (RRA Section 202(3)*	\$ 445.00	\$ 382.00	per acre foot

This interim policy shall be in effect until February 28, 2019, at which time the rates established in Ordinance No. 58 for the water year commencing March 1, 2018, shall be in effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2018, by the San Benito County Board of Directors by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Tonascia, Flores, Tobias, Bettencourt & Huenemann

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

/s/ Joe Tonascia
Joe Tonascia
President

ATTEST: /s/ Sara Singleton
Sara Singleton
Assistant Manager