

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HOME GARDEN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

A Resolution of the Board of Directors
Setting Water Service Rates and Fees in
Accordance with Article XIID of The
Constitution of The State of California.

RESOLUTION 2026-003

WHEREAS, the HOME GARDEN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ("**District**") provides water service to its customers who pay for such services;

WHEREAS, the Board previously directed District staff to proceed with a rate study for water service in preparation for a public hearing to determine and set new rates and fees for water service which shall apply to all parcels located within the territorial boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proposition 218, on March 19, 2026 the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-001 which set a public hearing for May 20, 2026 to consider proposed water rate and fee increases based upon the completed rate study and to consider all of the valid written protests submitted under the protest rules specified within Resolution No. 2026-001 and the notice of public hearing approved by the Board;

WHEREAS, at least forty-five (45) days before the date set for the public hearing, District staff finalized the Board-approved notice of public hearing and mailed it to all property owners and tenants who are customers of the District on or about April 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proposition 218, on May 20, 2026 the Board held a public hearing and considered staff reports, public comments, the completed rate study for water services, the proposed water rate increases, and all valid written protests and objections;

WHEREAS, the fees were calculated by reviewing the District Engineer's fee and rate analysis, District's administrative overhead costs attributed to domestic water services and overall cost of water services, and also comparing the same to fees and rates charged by other nearby jurisdictions;

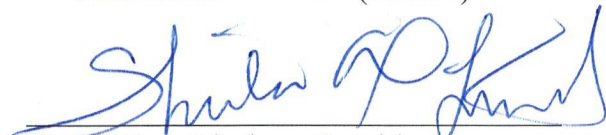
WHEREAS, based upon the final fees and rates analysis accepted by the Board, the proposed rate increases for water service do not exceed the reasonable cost of providing water services; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing held on May 20, 2026, all written protests to the proposed water service rates and fees which were timely received were counted by the

District and the Board reported that a total of 2 valid written protests were timely received and said number does not constitute a majority of affected parcels.

UPON MOTION OF BOARD MEMBER Washington, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Dunn, THE FOLLOWING WAS PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD May 20, 2026, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 4 COX-LINDSEY, REED, DUNN, WASHINGTON
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (OLEA)


Sheila Cox-Lindsey, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
LYDIA RITCHIE, District General
Manager and Board Secretary

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. Found that the foregoing recitals are true;
2. Adopted the water service rates and fees schedule over the next five (5) years, as listed in TABLE 1 - Domestic Water Fees and Rates for Year 1, attached hereto and fully incorporated herein;
3. Directed that the new water fees and rates for water service shall become effective commencing as of the first day of the next water billing cycle which starts on or after May 21, 2026 and, during the five (5) ensuing years thereafter, shall not exceed the amounts specified in TABLE 1, plus annual inflationary increases as specified under TABLE 1; and
4. Authorized the rates and all portions of this resolution to be severable such that, if any of the rates or any portion of this resolution is found invalid and unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other valid rates and/or portions of this resolution shall be, and continue, in full force and effect.

TABLE 1 - Domestic Water Fees and Rates for Year 1*

	ITEM OR SERVICE	EXISTING CHARGE	NEW FEE OR RATE
1.	Capacity Fee (for new connection to water system) Single-Family Residence (SFR) [22 Equivalent Fixture Units (EFU)]	\$1,000	\$6,500
2.	Capacity Fee (for new connection to water system) Commercial and Multi-Family Residences	\$1,000	Total EFU/22, multiplied by SFR Fee
3.	Metered Water Rate, Residential (per hundred cubic feet ≈ 748 gallons)	None	\$2.85
4.	Metered Water Rate, Commercial (per hundred cubic feet ≈ 748 gallons)	None	\$2.85
5.	Monthly Base Charge (pays for first 13.368 cubic feet ≈ 10,000 gallons) -5/8 inch Meter -3/4 inch Meter -1 inch Meter -1.5 inch Meter -2 inch Meter -2+ inch Meter	None None None None None None	\$40 \$58 \$102 \$230 \$410 Not Allowed
6.	Flat Rate Water, Residential (for SRFs without a meter)	\$62	\$65
7.	Flat Rate Water, Commercial (for non-SRFs without a meter)	\$62	\$230
8.	Re-Establishment of Service (confirmed Low-Income Household)	\$50	\$50
9.	Re-Establishment of Service	\$150	\$150
10.	Inspection Fee (new connections, re-establishment of service, Water Ordinance enforcements, abatement of violations and all other inspections)	None	\$250
11.	Will-Serve Application Fee (Includes up to 1 hour review by District Engineer, plus District staff handling. Further review by District Engineer will be invoiced to applicant at actual cost.)	None	\$275 + actual cost

* For Year 2 through Year 5, upon 30 days written notice by the District, the amounts of the charges may be increased annually, without a further hearing, by no more than the rise in the California Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) for All Urban Consumers (**CPI-U**), provided by the California Department of Industrial Relations. The CPI inflationary increase will be calculated commencing from earliest un-applied CPI index value (within the period the existing fee was effective), and the most recent CPI index value available as of the date of notice of an impending annual inflationary increase.
