RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTERN HILLS WATER DISTRICT

DECLARING AND CONFIRMING RESULTS OF NOTICED PROPOSITION 218 PROTEST PROCEEDINGS AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS FOR RATES FOR WATER SERVICES

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Western Hills Water District ("WHWD") resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, a mailed notice of proposed rate increases for water service in compliance with Proposition 218 was distributed to the property owners of record within the WHWD boundaries as listed on Stanislaus County's last equalized roll, and to all residents with the WHWD;

WHEREAS, written protests to the proposed rate increase for water services were received by the Secretary of the Board at or before the public hearing at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Board and District staff have determined the validity of the protests received and have determined that a majority of the affected property owners or other residents did not submit written protests; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the District has complied with all substantive and procedural requirements of Cal. Constitution Art. XIII D § 6 (Proposition 218) and may proceed with the noticed water rate increase.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The canvass by the Secretary of the Board and District staff of the written protests received is hereby approved and confirmed.
- 3. Each qualified property owner was provided notice of the proposed rate increase for water services in accordance with Proposition 218. Of the qualified property owners filing written protests, a majority did not file valid written protests; therefore, the proposed rate increases for water services has carried. The Board is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to affect the increased rates for water service, as set forth below:

Base Rate

FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
\$568.51	581.90	585.89	610.53	625.85

Tiered Usage Rates – 1 Unit = 748 Gallons Per Month

Residential Tiered Calculations

Tier 1 = \$4 Tier 2 = \$6 Tier 3 = \$9

Homeowners Association and Commercial Association – No Base Rate Applied
Tier 1 = \$6
Tier 2 = \$8
Tier 3 = \$10

- The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to enter this Resolution on the minutes of the Board, which action shall constitute the official declaration of the result of the noticed protest proceeding.
- 5. This Resolution, and the new water rates referenced herein, shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

Motioned by Director M. George Johnson, second by Director M. Oliver, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: M. Kovich, J. Frederick, M. Davies

Noes: Abstain: Absent:

I, Mary Davies, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Western Hills Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the said Board of Directors held the 28th day of June 2025.

Mary Davies, Board Secretary