



Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

June 17, 2025

Budget Summary (Table 1)

The budget for Fiscal Year 25-26 is summarized in the attached table. The table shows the projected expenditures and capital spending for FY 25-26 compared to the projected revenues and reserves. The District implemented new rates in FY 2022-2023, establishing a three-year water rates schedule that will end in FY 2024-2025. MOWD will publish a Water Rate Study RFP in FY 25/26, with potential new rates taking effect in FY 26/27. Effective June 1, 2023, Stage 1 Conditions were implemented, which increased all customers' allocations to baseline and discontinued the drought surcharge. The District proposes a slight decrease in overall expenses, with no anticipated increase in revenue, and is seeking grant funding for the replacement treatment plant.

Projected Expenses (Table 2)

The operating expenses are budgeted at \$1,929,000, and capital expenses are budgeted at \$215,000, totaling \$2,144,000.00. This is a total budgeted expense reduction of \$84,200 from FY 24/25. The operating expenses in select categories are increasing compared to the previous three years, largely due to salaries, retirement, insurance, engineering and technical services, professional consulting expenses for new regulations, the new backflow program, and safety equipment. However, there are decreases in expenses for phones, liability and workers' compensation insurance, audit fees, election supplies, and attorney services. Capital expenses vary from year to year; however, some of the FY 25-26 priorities will address these capital projects.

Some highlights of the projected expenses are:

- New Backflow Program (previously managed by Ventura County) requires ongoing professional and hazard assessment contractor expenses;
- CalARP Chlorine Safety Program requires initial professional hazard assessments and program development consultation;
- Capital Expense:
 - Valve Replacements: The District has identified valves that require replacement or upgrade, totaling \$66,500, with priority given to the most critical valves.
 - Evaluation of battery backup power (i.e. Tesla batteries) for the District Office, \$30,000.
 - Completion of the chlorine alarm tie-in to SCADA at all locations, \$10,000.
 - Installation of a large storage container at the yard, \$8,500.
 - Appropriations for contingencies will remain at \$100,000.



Projected Revenues (Table 3)

The projected revenue of \$2,203,672.00 is summarized in Table 3 and is based on the FY 25-26 water rates at Stage 1 conditions, assuming minimal change in total water consumption from FY 24-25. The District implemented Stage 1 conditions on June 1, 2023, discontinuing the drought surcharge. Additionally, the District continues to seek grant funding for the Replacement Treatment Plant, which would provide the District with \$335,000 in grant funds to cover the MKN design expenses already paid out. The total projected revenue from all sources for FY 25-26 is \$2,203,672.00 (non-grant-related funds), which is an increase of \$150,228 from FY 24-25. The total revenue minus total costs projected for FY 25-26 is estimated to be \$59,672.00.

Rates & Rate Structure (Table 4)

A Proposition 218 Public Hearing for new water rates was previously held on June 30, 2022, providing a 3-year rate schedule that ends with FY 24-25. A Water Rate Study RFP will be published in July 2025, with Prop 218 anticipated in the spring of 2026.

FY 25-26 water rates will remain at the FY 24-25 rates:

- Rate per unit remains at \$3.95;
- Monthly Water Availability Charge will stay at \$36.00;
- Meter Capacity Charges will remain at the set amount for each meter size;
- Drought surcharge is discontinued under Stage 1 conditions.
- Casitas standby charges reflect current Casitas fees;
- Capital Improvement Fees (see table)



Table 1: Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Total Operating Expenditures	\$1,929,000.00
Capital Expenses	<u>\$215,000.00</u>
Total Operating & Capital Expenses	\$2,144,000.00
Projected Total Income	\$2,203,672.00
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Projected Total Income – Projected Total Expenses	\$59,672.00
Reserves Beginning	\$1,655,605.00
Reserves Estimated Ending	\$1,750,000.00

Table 2: Expense Budget	
Expenditures	2025-2026 Budget
Salaries	\$ 708,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 56,500.00
Retirement Contributions	\$ 98,000.00
Group Insurance	\$ 110,000.00
Company Uniforms	\$ 3,500.00
Phone Office	\$ 3,500.00
Janitorial Service	\$ 7,500.00
Refuse Disposal	\$ 5,000.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 88,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 30,000.00
Wells	\$ 10,000.00
Truck Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
Office Equip. Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00
Cell Phones	\$ 4,500.00
System Maintenance	\$ 60,000.00
Safety Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
Security	\$ 2,000.00
Laboratory Services	\$ 14,500.00
Membership and Dues	\$ 10,000.00
Printing and Binding	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Postage and Express	\$ 13,000.00
B.O.D. Fees	\$ 25,000.00
Engineering & Technical Services	\$ 60,000.00
Computer Services	\$ 30,000.00
Other Prof. & Regulatory Fees	\$ 80,000.00
Public and Legal Notices	\$ 2,000.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 20,000.00
GSA Fees	\$ 80,000.00
VR/SBC/City of VTA Law Suit	\$ 30,000.00
Rental Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Audit Fees	\$ 22,000.00
Small Tools	\$ 5,000.00
Election Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Treatment Plant	\$ 12,000.00
Fuel	\$ 20,000.00
Travel Exp./Seminars	\$ 2,000.00
Utilities	\$ 3,500.00
Power and Pumping	\$ 97,000.00
Purchased Water	\$ 50,000.00
CMWD Standby Passthrough Fees	\$ 40,000.00
Meters	\$ 50,000.00
Backflow Program	\$ 25,000.00
Online Bill AutoPay Transaction Fees	\$ 8,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,929,000.00
Table 2: Expense Budget	
Capital Expenditures	2025-2026 Budget
Water Distribution System	
Valve Replacements	\$ 66,500.00
Structures and Improvements	
Office Backup Battery Power	\$ 30,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	
Field Equipment	
Chlorine Alarms	\$ 10,000.00
Storage Container - Yard	\$ 8,500.00
Appropriations for Contingencies	\$ 100,000.00
Total CIP Spending	\$ 215,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,144,000.00
	2025-2026 Budget
Income	
Total Revenue	\$ 2,203,672.00
Grant Reimbursements	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 2,203,672.00
Total Revenue - Total Expenses	\$ 59,672.00
County Reserves	\$ 1,500,000.00
LAIF	\$ 250,000.00

Table 3: Rates Based Revenue
FY 2025-2026

1) Meter Charges

Meter size	No. of Accts/Dwellings	Monthly WAC	Monthly MCC	Annual Revenue
5/8"-3/4"	1584	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$684,288
1"	161	\$36.00	\$17.60	\$103,555
1 1/2"	7	\$36.00	\$39.70	\$6,359
2"	18	\$36.00	\$114.70	\$32,551
3"	2	\$36.00	\$282.20	\$7,637
4"	0	\$36.00	\$855.50	\$0
6"	1	\$36.00	\$1,737.50	\$21,282
	1773	TOTAL METER CHARGE REVENUE		\$855,672

2) Annual Water Sales

	Units	Rate	Annual Revenue
Stage 1 Condition Consumption (Assume no increase over previous yr, use 5 yr avg as high end)	260,000	\$3.95	\$1,027,000
Over-alloc surcharge	45,000	\$5.00	
	TOTAL WATER SALES REVENUE		\$1,027,000

3) Water Bill Late Fees

	Annual Revenue
Total Annual Late Fees Collected	\$40,000
TOTAL LATE FEE REVENUE	\$40,000

4) Property Taxes

	Annual Revenue
Property Tax Revenue Collected	\$215,000
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	\$215,000

5) Interest Income

	Annual Revenue
Total interest income	\$60,000
TOTAL INTEREST REVENUE	\$60,000

6) Administrative Fees

	Annual Revenue
Total Administrative Fees	\$6,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE	\$6,000

TOTAL PROJECTED ANNUAL REVENUE \$2,203,672

Table 4: Water Rates for 2022 - 2025*

1) Monthly Water Availability Charge (MWAC)

Meter size	Approved				Current
	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	FY2025-26
All	\$35.91	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00

2) Monthly Meter Capacity Charge (MCC)

Meter size	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	FY2025-26
5/8"&3/4"	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1"	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.80	\$17.60	\$17.60
1.5"	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$37.80	\$39.70	\$39.70
2"	\$104.00	\$104.00	\$109.20	\$114.70	\$114.70
3"	\$256.00	\$256.00	\$268.80	\$282.20	\$282.20
4"	\$776.00	\$776.00	\$814.80	\$855.50	\$855.50
6"	\$1,576.00	\$1,576.00	\$1,654.80	\$1,737.50	\$1,737.50

3) Unit Rate per HCF for all water used

Meter size	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	FY2025-26
All	\$2.34	\$3.85	\$3.90	\$3.95	\$3.95

4) Over-Allocation Penalty (Additional charge for use exceeding a customer's monthly allocation.)

Meter size	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	FY2025-26
All	\$1.00/Unit	The Over-Allocation Penalty will be set at Casitas MWD's Over-Allocation Penalty then in effect (Currently \$5.00/HCF). The amount is additional to the unit rate.			

5) Casitas Surcharge & Standby Fee

Meter size	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	FY2025-26
All	The cost of purchasing water from Casitas MWD is collected as a "Casitas Surcharge" added to a customer's bill in proportion to the amount of water used that month. Standby Connection fees are based on Casitas billed rates, are evenly distributed amongst all accounts. (NO CHANGE)				

6) Other Fees and Charges

See our website for special rates and conditions.

Note: 1 Unit = 100 cubic feet = 1 HCF = 748 gallons

* No change in FY25/26

Meiners Oaks Water District

New Service Connection Fees

FY 2025-2026

Meter size	Multiplier	FY2025-26
5/8"&3/4"	1.00	\$4,004.33
1"	1.66	\$6,647.19
1.5"	2.50	\$10,010.83
2"	5.33	\$21,343.08
3"	11.66	\$46,690.49
4"	33.33	\$133,464.32

Fire Flow New Service Connection Fees

Meter size	FY2025-26
1"	\$4,087.33
2"	\$4,857.13
3"	\$8,085.33
4"	\$37,334.33

Formulas:

Capital Fee = $\frac{\text{Total Net Assets}}{\text{Total Service Connections}}$ \$ 4,004.33
(Use most recent Financial Audit Net Assets)

Fire Flow Fee =

1"	50 GPM x 1.66 = \$83.00 + \$4,004.33
2"	160 GPM x 5.33 = \$852.80 + \$4,004.33
3"	350 GPM x 11.66 = \$4,081.00 + \$4,004.33
4"	1000 GPM x 33.33 = \$33,330.00 + \$4,004.33