



RESOLUTION NO. 20260616-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING WATER SERVICE RATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 THROUGH 2030-2031

WHEREAS, the Meiners Oaks Water District Board of Directors has developed and approved a five-year financial plan for the operation and maintenance of the District's facilities; and

WHEREAS, the District has projected the cost of operations over the next five years, identified and prioritized its capital replacement needs, allocated reserve funds, and established a minimum emergency reserve level; and

WHEREAS, the District has projected the revenue required to successfully operate and maintain the District during the five-year term of the financial plan; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors has reviewed the District's projected costs and revenues and determined that the District must adjust its water rates to provide fiscal stability and meet projected revenue requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed a water rate structure that fairly allocates the cost of operating and maintaining the District among the properties served by the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the District's water rates are subject to the majority protest provisions of Proposition 218, as set forth in the California Constitution at Article XIII D, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with the law, has given timely, proper notice of the proposed increases to the water rates, including providing notice of a public hearing on the proposed increases before the Board of Directors on June 16, 2026, at Meiners Oaks School located at 400 S. Lomita Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023, at 6:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has now held a public hearing to consider all written protests and oral comments or protests concerning the proposed rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, having reviewed all written protests submitted to the District prior to the conclusion of the public hearing, has determined that written protests were not received from a majority of affected parcel owners to reject the rate change

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Meiners Oaks Water District that the rates and fees for water service for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 through 2030-2031, beginning July 1, 2026, and on each July 1 thereafter for a period of five years, are hereby adopted as set forth below:



Meter Size	Monthly Fixed Charge				
	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31
5/8"	\$43.33	\$47.66	\$52.43	\$57.67	\$60.55
3/4"	\$64.39	\$70.83	\$77.91	\$85.70	\$89.99
1"	\$106.48	\$117.13	\$128.84	\$141.72	\$148.81
1 1/2"	\$211.72	\$232.89	\$256.18	\$281.80	\$295.89
2"	\$338.00	\$371.80	\$408.98	\$449.88	\$472.37
3"	\$737.87	\$811.66	\$892.83	\$982.11	\$1,031.22
4"	\$1,327.19	\$1,459.91	\$1,605.90	\$1,766.49	\$1,854.81
6"	\$2,737.32	\$3,011.05	\$3,312.16	\$3,643.38	\$3,825.55
Variable Charge per Unit 1 hundred cubic feet	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31
	\$4.70	\$5.17	\$5.69	\$6.26	\$6.57

FURTHER RESOLVED, that properties located in pressure zones requiring additional energy purchases by the District to deliver water shall be assessed an additional lift charge based on the cost of delivery.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Meiners Oaks Water District this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
 NOES: 0
 ABSENT: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST: 
 Michel Etchart
 Board President


 Summer Ward
 Board Secretary



PROPOSED WATER RATES (FY2026/27-2030/31)						
Monthly Meter Charge (MC) – Consolidates MWAC + MCC+Standby+CMWDSurcharge						
Meter Size		FY2026-27	FY2027-28	FY2028-29	FY2029-30	FY2030-31
5/8"		\$43.33	\$47.66	\$52.43	\$57.67	\$60.55
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1"		\$106.48	\$117.13	\$128.84	\$141.72	\$148.81
1.5"		\$211.72	\$232.89	\$256.18	\$281.80	\$295.89
2"		\$338.00	\$371.80	\$408.98	\$449.88	\$472.37
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Unit Rate per HCF						
Meter Size		FY2026-27	FY2027-28	FY2028-29	FY2029-30	FY2030-31
All		\$4.70	\$5.17	\$5.69	\$6.26	\$6.57

NOTES:

- 1 Unit = 100 cubic feet = 1 HCF = 748 gallons
- Proposed rates consolidate MWAC, MCC, standby and surcharge fees into a single Monthly Meter Charge (MC)
- Pressure zones requiring additional energy purchases to deliver water shall continue to be assessed the lift charge based on cost of delivery.
- Eliminated Drought Surcharge
- Other fees (Administrative, Fire Flow, etc) - attached



NEW SERVICE CONNECTION FEES

Meter Size		Multiplier	FY2026-27
5/8" & 3/4"		1.00	\$4,117.00
1"		1.66	\$6,834.22
1.5"		2.50	\$10,292.50
2"		5.33	\$21,943.61
3"		11.66	\$48,004.22
4"		33.33	\$137,219.61

FIRE FLOW NEW SERVICE CONNECTION FEES

Meter Size			FY2026-27
1"			\$4,200.00
2"			\$4,969.80
3"			\$8,198.00
4"			\$37,447.00

NOTES:

- Capital Fee = Total Net Assets / Total Service Connections
- Base Capital Fee: \$4,117.00 (from most recent Financial Audit Net Assets)
- Fire Flow Fee = (GPM × Multiplier) + Base Capital Fee
- GPM rates: 1" = 50 GPM, 2" = 160 GPM, 3" = 350 GPM, 4" = 1000 GPM



Other Rates and Fees Schedule

New Customer Account Refundable Deposits

Customer Type	Refundable Deposit
Residential	\$50
Commercial	\$75
Agriculture	\$150

Penalties

Penalty	Amount
Delinquent Payment	10%
Returned Checks	\$12
Reconnect for Non-payment (normal hours)	\$50
Reconnect for Non-payment (after hours)	\$150
Failure to Test Backflow	\$150

Note: Backflow customers must submit test results within 14 days of the 3rd notice; otherwise, a fine may be applied, and water service will be disconnected.

Administrative Fees

Administrative Service	Fee
Will-Serve Letter Requests, New Meters, or Expansion of Service Requests	\$100
Fire Flow Verification Fee (per hydrant)	\$300
Lock Cutting Fee	\$150
Meter Tampering Fee	\$150 & up

Temporary Hydrant Meter

Charge Type	Amount
Deposit (Refundable when meter returned undamaged)	\$1,000
Administrative Fee (Installation & Removal)	\$100
Usage Charge (per unit)	\$4.70

	5/8" & 3/4"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"
Customer Valves	\$95	\$130	\$238	\$238			
Meter Testing	\$48	\$53	\$159	\$159	\$175	\$175	\$250

*Standard shipping rates will be applied