

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD
FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF TIMELY SUBMITTED WRITTEN OBJECTIONS
AND DISTRICT RESPONSES AND DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO
THE PROPOSITION 218 PROTEST HEARING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2026

WHEREAS, in 2024, the California Legislature adopted Assembly Bill ("AB") 2257, which created a set of procedures that local agencies can elect to follow when adopting rates pursuant to Proposition 218. The purpose of AB 2257 is to create an exhaustion of administrative remedies procedure that, if a local agency chooses to implement, requires ratepayers to bring a Written Objection regarding a proposed property-related water fee to the local public agency governing body's attention prior to the deadline established by the local public agency as part of the rate process. The purpose of AB 2257 is also to provide an opportunity for the local public agency to address or resolve the timely received Written Objection(s) before its governing body makes a final decision on whether to establish a new, or amend a current, property-related fee or special assessment pursuant to Proposition 218. AB 2257 became effective January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2025, the District Board adopted Resolution 2025-1, adopting and establishing the procedures required by Assembly Bill 2257 (Government Code section 53759.1, et seq.), which requires any property owner or ratepayer that may wish to bring a judicial action challenging the rates compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution to submit a Written Objection to the proposed water rates prior to the deadline established by the District Board as part of the ratemaking process. The Written Objection must include all of the information specified in the Proposition 218 Notice. Prior to or during the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing, the District must respond to all timely submitted Written Objections, in writing, including the grounds for which a challenge is not resulting amendments to the proposed rates, and the Board must consider all Written Objections and District responses. Any judicial action or proceeding to challenging the water rates shall be subject to the time limits and requirements set forth in Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Assembly Bill 2257, if the District complies with the requirements of Government Code section 53759.1, then ratepayers must bring a written objection regarding the proposed water rates to the District's attention prior to the deadline established by the District as part of the ratemaking process and any judicial action or proceeding to review, invalidate, challenge, set aside, rescind, void, or annul the water rates shall be subject to the requirements set forth in Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government Code section 53759.1, the District did all of the following:

- 1) On August 11, 2025, the District adopted Resolution 2025-1, electing to follow the procedures of Assembly Bill 2257, codified at Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2.

- 2) The District established a deadline of January 28, 2026 to submit Written Objections to the proposed water rates.
- 3) On December 8, 2025, the District made its proposed water rates, the Rate Study, the Proposition 218 Notice, which includes the written basis for the water rates required by Government Code section 53759.1, available to the public on its website. This date is more than 45 days before the January 28, 2026 deadline to submit a written objection.
- 4) On December 10, 2025, the Proposition 218 Notice was mailed to affected ratepayers and property owners. This date is more than 45 days before the January 28, 2026, deadline to submit a written objection
- 5) The posted and mailed Notice fully complied with the requirements of Proposition 218 and contained the following information:
 - a. A link to the Rate Study
 - b. A prominently displayed statement that all written objections must be submitted to the District by the January 28, 2026 deadline and that a failure to timely object in writing bars any right to challenge the proposed water rates in court.
 - c. All substantive and procedural requirements for submitting a written objection to the proposed water rates.
6. The District has, therefore, provided at least 45 days for a ratepayer or property owner to review the proposed water rates and the Rate Study and to timely submit to the District a Written Objection to the water rates that specifies the grounds for alleging that the water rates do not comply with Proposition 218 or any other applicable law.

WHEREAS, by the January 28, 2026, deadline for Written Objections to be received by the District, the District had received a total of 11 timely submitted Written Objections that complied with the substantive and procedural requirements detailed in the Proposition 218 Notice; and

WHEREAS, the District considered and responded in writing to all timely submitted Written Objections, including the grounds for which a challenge is not resulting in amendments to the proposed rates, and the District's response explained the substantive basis for retaining the proposed fee; and

WHEREAS, during the Board's regular meeting on February 9, 2026, District staff presented all timely submitted Written Objections and District responses to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Florin County Water District, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct and that the staff report and attachments presented to the Board and the public

this date are true and correct, and hereby incorporates the recitals and the staff report and attachments by reference, to establish the factual basis for the District's adoption of this Resolution.

2. The Board hereby finds that the District and Board have complied with the requirements of AB 2257, located at Government Code section 53759.1.

3. The Board hereby finds that this resolution is exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment, per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3).

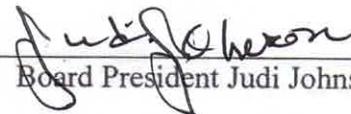
4. The Board hereby finds that the District has considered and responded to all timely received Written Objections and has presented them to the Board during the regular February 9, 2026 meeting.

5. Pursuant to Government Code section 53759.1(d), in exercising its legislative discretion, the Board hereby determines and finds, after presentation and consideration of all timely received Written Objections and District responses, that the Written Objections and District responses do not warrant clarifications to the proposed fee, that the written objections and District responses do not warrant a reduction to the proposed fee , and that further review is not required.

6. Pursuant to Government Code section 53759.1(d), in exercising its legislative discretion, the Board hereby determines and finds, after presentation and consideration of all timely received Written Objections and District responses, that the District can proceed with the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing schedule for February 11, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of February, 2026. I, Judi Johnson, President of the Florin County Water District, hereby certify the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the Florin County Water District by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Taylor, Redoubte, Andrews, Parvis, Johnson
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none


Board President Judi Johnson

ATTEST:

By: 
Edmond Leggette, District General Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Jeff Mitchell, General Counsel