

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED WATER RATES  
COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 218, THAT THERE WAS NO MAJORITY  
PROTEST AGAINST THE PROPOSED WATER RATES,  
AND ADOPTING THE PROPOSED WATER RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Florin County Water District ("District") imposes water rates on its customers to cover the cost of providing water services. The District contracted with Bartle Wells ("Water Consultant") to develop the December 4, 2025 Water Rate Study ("Rate Study"). The Rate Study includes a comprehensive cost of services review of the District's water rates and a new rate structure that is compliant with all legal requirements, including Article XIII-D, Section 6 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District took numerous steps at public meetings throughout this process to ensure public transparency and participation, including:

On May 14, 2024, the District contracted with Bartle Wells to conduct and produce a Rate Study compliant with Proposition 218. This contract was entered into because District rates are the same as they were in 2011, and the current rates are unable to cover the District's costs of providing water to its customers. The contract with Bartle Wells was extended on July 14, 2025.

During the August 11, 2025, Board meeting, Board approved Resolution No. 2025-1, Adopting Proposition 218 Procedures consistent with Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2. These procedures help ensure the public has a clear opportunity to voice any potential concerns about non-compliance with Proposition 218 or any other law, as well as gives the District an opportunity to respond before it considers the proposed rates. The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item.

During the September 8, 2025, Board meeting, the District consultant from Bartle Wells attended the meeting, gave an introductory presentation regarding the rate study and proposed rates, answered questions from the Board, and was directed to make modifications to the study based on the Board's comments. The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item. The Board also gave input and direction to the General Manager on where and when the Proposition 218 Public Hearing should be held.

During the October 19, 2025, Board meeting, the District consultant from Bartle Wells attended the meeting, giving a presentation on the updated rate study, answered questions from the Board, and was directed to make minor modifications, but once those modifications were made, the Board would be satisfied with the Rate Study. The Board also discussed next steps in the Proposition 218 process, and directed the District General Manager to send out



the required Proposition 218 notice once the minor modifications were complete. The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item.

Following the October 19, 2025, Board meeting, the District consultant and District staff worked to make the changes recommended by the Board.

During the January 12, 2026, Board meeting, the Board discussed the February 11, 2026 Proposition 218 Protest Hearing and procedures, reviewed a Helpful Proposition 218 Sheet, which was subsequently posted to the District's website, and provided direction to staff. The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item.

During the February 9, 2026, Board meeting, the District presented to the Board all timely received Written Objections and District responses, the Board considered all timely received Written Objections and District responses, and in exercising its legislative discretion determined to proceed with the Proposition 218 Public Hearing scheduled for February 11, 2026. The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item.

**WHEREAS**, the Rate Study sets forth proposed water rates that do not exceed the District's reasonable cost of service, proportionally allocates those costs to the District's customers, complies with Proposition 218, and includes the written basis for the proposed water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 218, prior to extending, imposing or increasing water rates, the District must hold a public hearing to consider the rates and must mail written notice of the public hearing ("Proposition 218 Notice") to impacted rate payers and property owners at least 45 days prior to the public hearing to consider such modifications to the water rates together with an explanation of:

- (1) the amount of the proposed rates
- (2) the basis on which the rates are calculated
- (3) the reason for the rate modifications
- (4) the date, time and place of a public hearing to consider the rate modifications; and

**WHEREAS**, under Proposition 218, ratepayers and owners of property receiving District water services may protest the proposed rates by submitting a written protest prior to the close of the public hearing. While both ratepayers and property owners may submit protests, pursuant to Government Code section 53755, only one protest per parcel will be counted; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the District is choosing to comply with 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 to



submit a written objection to the proposed water rates prior to the deadline established by the Board as part of the ratemaking process. The District adopted Resolution 2025-1 on August 11, 2025, adopting and establishing the procedures required by Assembly Bill 2257; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2026, the District presented to the Board all timely received Written Objections and District responses, and the Board, exercising its legislative discretion, found and decided by adopting Resolution No. 2026-1 that the District complied with the requirements of Government Code section 53759.1 and to proceed to the Proposition 218 Public Hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2026, the District conducted a Proposition 218 Protest Hearing, considered all information related to this matter, including any supporting reports by District staff, any written comments or protests submitted by members of the public, all written objections and responses, all comments provided during the meeting, and at the conclusion of the hearing determined that a majority protest did not exist.

**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, finds that the staff report and attachments are true and correct, incorporates the recitals and staff report and attachments to the staff report herein by reference, and finds the above establishes the factual basis for the District's adoption of this Resolution.
2. The District hereby finds that this resolution is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), the Resolution creates government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. This Resolution is policy-oriented and would create a funding mechanism for the development of future water facilities. When and if specific water projects are developed and proposed for implementation, the environmental impacts of such facilities would be evaluated in accordance with CEQA and District practice at that time. If found to be a project under CEQA, the 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). Finally, the action is exempt from CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a) as the resolution is adopting updated water rates that are necessary to meet the operating, maintenance, and capital project funding needs of the District's water utilities and to maintain service within the District's existing service area.
3. The Board hereby determines that the water rates referenced herein are in compliance with the California Constitution Article XIII D and California Government Code sections 53755 and 53759.1.
4. The Board finds and determines that, based on the entire record before the Board, including but not limited to the Rate Study and the Staff Report and attachments thereto, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein:



- a. Revenues derived from the proposed water rates will not exceed the funds required to provide the respective water service.
- b. Revenues derived from the proposed water rates will not be used for any purposes other than that for which they were imposed.
- c. The amount of the water rates imposed upon any parcel of land or person as an incident of property ownership will not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The water rates imposed for a service or services that are actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the property in question.
- d. The water rates are not being imposed for general government services.

5. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Rate Study attached to the Staff Report as Attachment 2.

6. After receiving and considering documentary and oral testimony, the Board declared the public hearing closed and considered whether written protests were received from property owners or customers of record representing a majority of owners of the identified parcels.

8. There are 2,390 parcels within the District. For a majority protest, 1,196 protests must be received by the District. The District Clerk has counted 31 written protests, and based upon this number of written protests, the Board hereby finds that a majority protest to the water rates does not exist.

9. The Board hereby adopts the water rates set forth in the Rate Study.

10. The Board hereby directs the General Manager, or their designee, to take all appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

10. If any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is rendered or declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Resolution, and their application to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to that end, the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

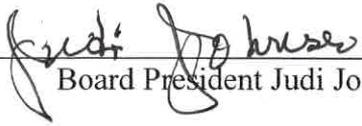
11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on February 11, 2026. The water rates set forth in the Rate Study will go into effect on March 1, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11<sup>th</sup> 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: Parvis, Redoble, Taylor, Andrews, Johnson



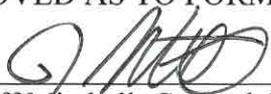
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

  
Board President Judi Johnson

ATTEST:

By:   
Edmond Leggette, District General Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:   
Jeff Mitchell, General Counsel

