



COACHELLA
**WATER AUTHORITY &
SANITARY DISTRICT**
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WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY UPDATE

APRIL 8, 2026

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND SCHEDULE OPTIONS

- **Three (3) Proposed Options:**

All have 4 months of public outreach prior to approval of Cost of Service Study and mailing of Prop 218 Notice

- **Schedule Comparison Consideration:**

Coachella Valley Water District's projected rate adoption schedule

SCHEDULE OPTION #2

Task	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026	Jan 2027	Feb 2027	
Public Outreach: Starting April 2026 (4 month period)												
Approve COS Study and Authorize Prop 218 Notice Mailing: August 24, 2026 (set public hearing 45 days after)												
Deadline for Objections to Rates: October 8, 2026												
Public Hearing Adopting New Rates if Protest Fails: October 28, 2026												
Rate Increases Effective: January 1, 2027												

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Option #1

- **September 2026:** Public Outreach (4 month period)
- **January 2027:** Approve COS Study and Authorize Prop 218 Notice Mailing (set public hearing 45 days after)
- **February 2027:** Deadline for Objections to Rates
- **April/May 2027:** Public Hearing Adopting New Rates if Protest Fails
- **July 1, 2027:** Rate Increases Go Into Effect

Option #2

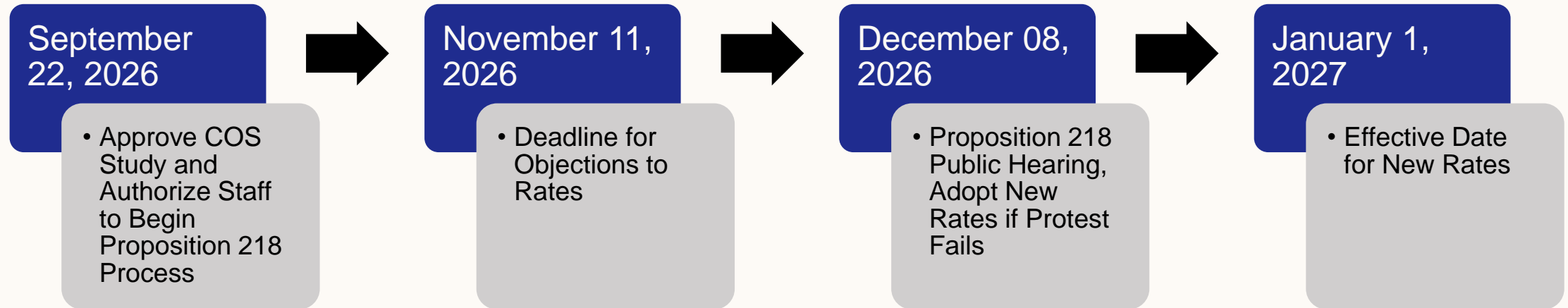
- **April 2026:** Public Outreach (4 month period)
- **August 24, 2026:** Approve COS Study and Authorize Prop 218 Notice Mailing (set public hearing 45 days after)
- **October 8, 2026:** Deadline for Objections to Rates
- **October 28, 2026:** Public Hearing Adopting New Rates if Protest Fails
- **January 1, 2027:** Rate Increases Go Into Effect

Option #3

- **September 2026:** Public Outreach (4 month period)
- **January 2027:** Approve COS Study and Authorize Prop 218 Notice Mailing (set public hearing 45 days after)
- **February 2027:** Deadline for Objections to Rates
- **Late February/Early March 2027:** Public Hearing Adopting New Rates if Protest Fails
- **July 1, 2027:** Rate Increases Go Into Effect

COMPARISON

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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CITY OF COACHELLA

August 24, 2026 - Approve COS Study and Authorize Prop 218 Notice Mailing



October 8, 2026: Deadline for Objections to Rates



October 28, 2026 - Public Hearing Adopting New Rates if Protest Fails



January 1, 2027 - Effective Date for New Rates

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

September 22, 2026 - Approve COS Study and Authorize Staff to Begin Proposition 218 Process



November 15, 2026: Deadline for Objections to RAC Rates



December 8, 2026 - Proposition 218 Public Hearing, Adopt New Rates if Protest Fails



January 1, 2027 - Effective Date for New Rates

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SCHEDULE OPTION #2



April 2026: Public Outreach (4 month period)



August 24, 2026: Approve COS Study and Authorize Prop 218 Notice Mailing (set public hearing 45 days after)



October 8, 2026: Deadline for Objections to Rates



October 28, 2026: Public Hearing Adopting New Rates if Protest Fails



January 1, 2027: Rate Increases Go Into Effect

SUPPORT FOR OPTION #2

- **Provides For Funding Leverage**
 - *Speeds up our ability to submit grant applications*
 - *Speeds up our ability to secure bonding*
- **More Than One Opportunity For Prop 218 Process**
- **Schedule Aligns With The Largest Water Agency In The Region**
- **Consistent Message Provides Credibility**