

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ADJUST ITS WATER AND SEWER RATES, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS UNDER PROPOSITION 218 AND AB 2257, AND AUTHORIZING DISTRICT TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District (the “District”) is authorized, pursuant to California Water Code §§ 31001 and 31007, to fix, prescribe, revise and collect rates and other charges/fees for furnishing water and sewer services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, in analyzing the water and sewer service rates provided for herein, the District has caused to be prepared a study and analysis of its water and sewer service rates by Raftelis Financial Consultants, entitled the “Water and Sewer Cost of Service Study”, for consideration of the Board of Directors on August 18, 2025 (hereinafter the “Study”), the analysis and conclusions of which are incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Study, and analysis contained therein indicates the need to adjust water and sewer service rates. The rates therein are based on that Study; and

WHEREAS, the Study will be available for public review and inspection on the District website at www.mswd.org or at the District offices located at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 218, prior to imposing or increasing any fee or charge, the District shall provide written notice by mail of the proposed fee or charge to the record owner of each identified parcel upon which the fee or charge is proposed for imposition, together with an explanation of:

- The amount of the fee or charge proposed to be imposed upon each,
- The basis upon which the amount of the proposed fee or charge was calculated,
- The reason for the fee or charge,
- The date, time and location of the public hearing on the proposed fee or charge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 2257, the District adopted the exhaustion of administrative remedies procedure contained in Government Code section 53759.1, which requires ratepayers to bring an objection regarding the proposed rate to the District’s attention prior to the deadline established by the Board as part of the ratemaking process. In accordance with AB 2257, the District must comply with the procedural and substantive requirements of Government Code section 53759.1, et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to initiate proceedings under Proposition 218, and in compliance with Government Code section 53759.1, to consider the adoption of the proposed water and sewer rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Mission Springs Water District **DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE, AND ORDER** as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals, and each of them, are true and correct.

Section 2. The District declares its intention to adjust its water and sewer rates, to initiate proceedings under Proposition 218 and AB 2257, and to authorize District staff to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the resolution.

Section 3. The public hearing is set for Monday, October 20, 2025, at 3 p.m., in the Mission Springs Water District Boardroom, located at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs, CA, to take testimony on whether the proposed changes should be adopted and to consider any written objections and responses thereto. The Board directs staff to mail a written notice which complies with Proposition 218 and contains all information required by Government Code Section 53759.1, to all affected property owners and customers of record setting forth the proposed changes at least 45 calendar days before the Public Hearing.

Section 4. District staff shall take all action necessary to comply with Proposition 218 and Government Code section 53759.1, et seq.

Section 5. The District shall post the Study and the Proposition 218 Notice on its website, and shall include a link to the Study in the Proposition 218 Notice. The District shall also mail the Study to any person upon request.

Section 6. The District intends for the revised rates to take effect on March 1, 2026 (year 1); January 1, 2027 (year 2); January 1, 2028 (year 3); January 1, 2029 (year 4); and January 1, 2030 (year 5) in accordance with option number one as detailed in the Study, subject to compliance with the Proposition 218 process addressed above.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Ivan Sewell
President of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Brian Macy
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors