

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-819**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT DECLARING ITS  
INTENTION TO ADOPT INCREASED SEWER RATES,  
SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 1, 2023, AND  
DIRECTING STAFF TO PROVIDE NOTICE PURSUANT TO  
PROPOSITION 218**

**WHEREAS**, the Goleta West Sanitary District provides wastewater collection and treatment services to over 6,000 customers within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District retained Raftelis Financial Consultants, an independent third party financial advisor, to develop a cost of service study (“Report”) to determine whether current wastewater rates are sufficient to fund the District’s cost of service. The Report is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Report has determined that current rates do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service and recommends increasing rates in order to recover the cost of service; and

**WHEREAS**, wastewater rate increases are subject to the notice, protest and hearing requirements established under Proposition 218.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Goleta West Sanitary District does hereby resolve as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The Report is hereby approved and adopted.

**SECTION 3.** The Board hereby initiates proceedings to adopt the proposed wastewater rates recommended in the Report.

**SECTION 4.** The Board hereby fixes the first day of June, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the District’s Board Room, UCSB Campus Parking Lot 32, Santa Barbara CA 93106, as the date, time and place for a public hearing (“Public Hearing”) on the proposed wastewater rate increases.

**SECTION 5.** Staff is hereby instructed to provide notice of the proposed rate increase in conformity with Proposition 218 and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, California Government Code sections 53750 et seq.

**SECTION 6.** At the Public Hearing, the Board shall consider all objections or protests, if any, to the proposed rate increase, and any person shall be permitted to present written or oral testimony. Although oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as a formal protest, the Board welcomes community input during the Public Hearing.

**SECTION 7.** At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, all protests submitted and not withdrawn will be tabulated.

**SECTION 8.** A majority protest exists if protests are submitted in opposition to the proposed rate increase by a majority (50% plus 1) of the property owners and customers of record. Although both property owners and customers of record are permitted to submit protests, only one protest shall be counted for each parcel.

**SECTION 9.** If there is a majority protest against the proposed rate increase, the Board shall not adopt the rate increase.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Goleta West Sanitary District, Santa Barbara County, California at a special meeting duly held on the 12th day of April, 2023.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Goleta West Sanitary District, Santa Barbara County, California at a meeting thereof held on the 12th day of April, 2023, by the following vote of the members thereof:

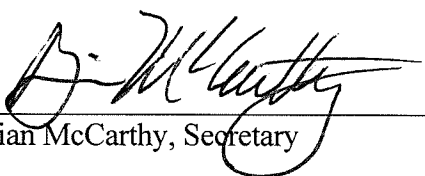
AYES: Thomas, Bearman, Turenchalk, Lewis, Geyer

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

  
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Brian McCarthy, Secretary

  
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Eva Turenchalk, Board President