

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1204**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT ADOPTING INCREASES TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Sanitary District (the "District") is authorized to provide sewer service to properties within its service area, and pursuant to Ordinance 94-115 the Board of Directors established the authority under State law to collect fees and charges for costs reasonably borne and charges levied by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, costs for providing sewer service and operating the sewer system have increased, and the District retained Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. (Raftelis), an independent rate consultant, to perform a cost of service analysis and rate study, entitled Wastewater Rate Study, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary of the Board and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2026, the District held a Board meeting, where Raftelis presented the results and recommendations from the Wastewater Rate Study to the Board of Directors for review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wastewater Rate Study found that increases and adjustments to the District's sewer service charges are necessary to meet increased costs of providing service and operating the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed sewer service charges include an incremental increase over the next five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues derived from the sewer service charges will not exceed the funds required to provide the services for which the sewer service charges are imposed, and will be used exclusively for the operation and maintenance of the District's sewer systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the sewer service charges are equitable to all customer classes; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the sewer service charges will not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to each parcel upon which they are proposed for imposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the sewer service charges will not be imposed on a parcel unless the service for which such charge is imposed, is actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, article XIII D, section 6 of the California Constitution ("Article XIII D") requires that prior to imposing any increase to the charges, the District shall provide written notice (the "Notice") by mail of the new or increased sewer service charges to the record owner of each parcel upon which the Charges are proposed for imposition and any tenant directly liable for payment of the sewer service charges, the amount of the sewer service charges proposed to be imposed on each parcel, the basis upon

which the sewer service charges were calculated, the reason for the sewer service charges, and the date time and location of a public hearing (the "Hearing") on the proposed sewer service charges; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XIII D such Notice is required to be provided to the affected property owners and any tenant directly liable for the payment of the sewer service charges not less than 45 days prior to the Hearing on the proposed sewer service charges and the Notice has been provided in compliance with Article XIII D; and

**WHEREAS**, the District considered all valid legal objections and responses submitted in accordance with Government Code section 53759.1, and determined to proceed with the Hearing and held such Hearing on May 12, 2026 where the Board of Directors invited oral and written comments from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Hearing, the Board of Directors considered all written materials and written protests to the proposed rate increases to the sewer service charges received prior to the close of the Hearing, and heard oral testimony concerning the establishment and imposition of the proposed rate increases to the sewer service charges, and at the close of the Hearing the Board of Directors determined that it did not receive written protests against the imposition of the proposed increases to the sewer service charges from a majority of the record owners of property upon which the sewer service charges are proposed for imposition or any tenants directly liable for the payment of the Charges (i.e., a customer of record who is not a property owner); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors now desires to establish sewer service charges effective July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter through and including July 1, 2030.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of Valley Sanitary District **HEREBY RESOLVES**:

1. The matters set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct statements and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Written protests against the proposed rates and charges were not presented by a majority of owners.
3. The sewer service charge set forth in the schedule is hereby approved and adopted.

| Annual Sewer Rate Schedule  | July 1, 2026                                                     | July 1, 2027 | July 1, 2028 | July 1, 2029 | July 1, 2030 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Fixed Service Charge</b> |                                                                  |              |              |              |              |
|                             | Rates Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)                         |              |              |              |              |
| Single Family               | \$ 557.47                                                        | \$ 624.37    | \$ 649.34    | \$ 675.31    | \$ 702.32    |
| Multi-Family                | \$ 243.98                                                        | \$ 273.26    | \$ 284.19    | \$ 295.56    | \$ 307.38    |
| Mobile Home                 | \$ 294.86                                                        | \$ 330.24    | \$ 343.45    | \$ 357.19    | \$ 371.48    |
| RV Park                     | \$ 229.76                                                        | \$ 257.33    | \$ 267.62    | \$ 278.32    | \$ 289.45    |
| Commercial-Low/Med Strength | \$ 323.75                                                        | \$ 362.60    | \$ 377.10    | \$ 392.18    | \$ 407.87    |
| Commercial-High Strength    | \$ 987.35                                                        | \$ 1,105.83  | \$ 1,150.06  | \$ 1,196.06  | \$ 1,243.90  |
| <b>Volumetric Rate</b>      |                                                                  |              |              |              |              |
|                             | \$ per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF) winter average water consumption |              |              |              |              |
| Single Family               | \$ 1.60                                                          | \$ 1.79      | \$ 1.86      | \$ 1.93      | \$ 2.01      |
| Multi-Family                | \$ 1.60                                                          | \$ 1.79      | \$ 1.86      | \$ 1.93      | \$ 2.01      |
| Mobile Home                 | \$ 1.60                                                          | \$ 1.79      | \$ 1.86      | \$ 1.93      | \$ 2.01      |
|                             | \$ per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF) annualized water consumption     |              |              |              |              |
| RV Park                     | \$ 1.77                                                          | \$ 1.98      | \$ 2.06      | \$ 2.14      | \$ 2.23      |
| Commercial-Low/Med Strength | \$ 1.43                                                          | \$ 1.60      | \$ 1.66      | \$ 1.73      | \$ 1.80      |
| Commercial-High Strength    | \$ 3.26                                                          | \$ 3.65      | \$ 3.80      | \$ 3.95      | \$ 4.11      |

4. The sewer service charges shall take effect on July 1, 2026 and shall increase each July 1 thereafter, through and including July 1, 2030 and the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager, or their designee, to implement and take all actions necessary to effectuate the rates for the sewer service charges set forth in this Resolution.

5. To the extent the sewer service charges set forth in this Resolution conflict with any fee or charge previously adopted by the District, it is the intent of the Board of Directors that these sewer service charges included in this Resolution will prevail.

6. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code §21000 et seq., and the regulations promulgated pursuant to CEQA ("The State Guidelines") the District Board finds that this Resolution establishes rates and charges for the purposes of meeting operating expenses of the District, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements of the District and obtaining funds for capital projects which are necessary to maintain sewer service within existing service areas in the District. (State Guidelines § 15273). The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based are located at 45500 Van Buren St., Indio, California 92201. The custodian for these records is the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

7. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase in this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Resolution or the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section, subsection,

sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid.

8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, by the following roll call vote. Resolution 2021-1142 is hereby repealed at the effective date of this resolution.

AYES: Canero, Duran, Jimenez, Santana, Vasquez

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Debra Canero, President

ATTEST:

  
Gerardo Jimenez, Secretary/Treasurer