

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,  
APPROVING AN INTERIM POLICY  
TO REDUCE THE AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE  
FOR WATER YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2016, the Board of Directors of San Benito County Water District passed Ordinance 58, which established charges for Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Water; and

**WHEREAS**, said charges were based on certain assumptions of deliveries during the water years beginning March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has determined that deliveries of Agricultural water in the year beginning March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 will far exceed the amount of water assumed to be delivered in the 2016 rate analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the District staff has re-evaluated the required rate based on the current USBR allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, after such evaluation staff has determined that a rate less than the rate established in February 2016 would provide the revenue required; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Zone 6 groundwater and surface water users to maximize the amount of imported Central Valley Project water put to beneficial use in each water year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

Interim Policy: Based upon the facts sets forth in the Recitals above, it shall be the interim policy of the Board of Directors that the charges for agricultural water for the water year beginning March, 2017, and ending on February 28, 2018 shall be as follows:

	<b>Current Charge Water Year Commencing March 1, 2017</b>	<b>Reduced Charge Water Year Commencing March 1, 2017</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>
<b>CONTRACT CUSTOMERS</b>			
Agricultural	\$ 272.00	\$ 191.00	per acre foot
Agricultural Full Cost (RRA Section 205(a)(3)*	\$ 463.00	\$ 382.00	per acre foot
Agricultural Full Cost (RRA Section 202(3)*	\$ 445.00	\$ 364.00	per acre foot

This interim policy shall be in effect until February 28, 2018, at which time the rates established in Ordinance No. 58 for the water year commencing March 1, 2018, shall be in effect.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, by the San Benito County Board of Directors by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Tobias, Tonascia, Bettencourt, Flores & Huenemann

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

/s/John Tobias  
John Tobias  
President

ATTEST: /s/Sara Singleton  
Sara Singleton  
Assistant Manager