

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
IMPLEMENTING A STANDBY OR AVAILABILITY CHARGE  
FOR THE 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 WATER YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 70.6.6 of the San Benito County Water District Act, the District, by resolution, may fix, on or before the first day of March in any calendar year, a water standby or availability charge within any zone of the District to which water is made available by the District through underground or surface facilities, whether the water is actually used or not, except that such charge shall not apply to lands permanently dedicated exclusively to public transportation of persons or property; and

**WHEREAS**, the standby charge shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10) per acre per year for each acre of land within any zone of the District or ten dollars (\$10) per year for any parcel of less than one acre; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the District on November 8, 1977 approved certain Propositions that provided, among other things, that;

- a) “in the area served by a pressurized distribution system there will be an annual maximum stand-by charge of \$10.00 per acre of land”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a public hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the District office, 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California, for the purpose of setting a standby or availability charge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District that this Resolution No. 2026-04 sets the standby or availability charge, which charge shall remain unchanged from the previous water year as follows:

\$6.00 per acre for 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 water years for each acre, and \$6.00 for any parcel of less than 1 acre, of land in the area served by the Zone 6 pressurized distribution system and it will also include a per parcel enrollment fee as determined by the San Benito County Assessor’s Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said charge was accomplished using the same methodology and rates as those which existed prior to November 6, 1996, and,

therefore, the charge is not subject to the provisions of Article XIII D, Section 6(a) of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Board is authorized to sign said Resolution, on behalf of this Board and District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Wright, Tonascia, Flores, Freeman & Williams  
NOES: DIRECTORS: None  
ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None  
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

(Signature of presiding Board member  
Attested by Board Secretary  
Resolution #2026-04)

/s/ Mark Wright  
Mark Wright  
President

ATTEST: /s/ Barbara L. Mauro  
Barbara L. Mauro  
Board Secretary