

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE RECYCLED
WATER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, On October 20, 2014, the San Benito County Water District (District) executed the Agreement Between the City of Hollister (City) and the San Benito County Water District for the Use of Recycled Water from the City Water Reclamation Facility (WRF); and

WHEREAS, the District and the City subsequently developed a comprehensive Water Recycling Program, including but not limited to the construction of treatment facilities and distribution pipelines.

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, the District adopted Ordinance 56 Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Recycled Water Project; and

WHEREAS, the District was able to serve Recycled Water for agricultural irrigation and improve water supply reliability in the County by reducing demand for imported surface water; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the quality of Recycled Water being produced at the WRF has been inconsistent and the cost of treatment has increased significantly; and

WHEREAS, the WRF has experienced intermittent interruptions in the production of Recycled Water due to maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, the District's demand for imported water for agricultural purposes has decreased and as a result the District often has surplus imported water that goes unused; and

WHEREAS, the WRF is currently unable to produce Recycled Water that meets Title 22 standards and it is unclear when water quality will be improved; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide continued water service to its Recycled Water customers using raw imported water as a replacement for Recycled Water on a temporary basis; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish temporary rules and regulations for its Recycled Water customers during periods when raw surface water is delivered instead of Recycled Water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District adopts the following temporary rules and regulations for the delivery of raw imported surface water to Recycled Water customers:

Availability of Replacement Raw Water:

- The District shall be solely responsible for determining if sufficient imported water is available to serve Recycled Water customers in any given year.
- Recycled Water customers will be second priority to existing raw water agricultural customers.
- The District reserves the right to cease the delivery of raw water to Recycled Water customers if it determines there will be an operational impact to existing customers.
- Recycled Water customers will be required to schedule the delivery of raw water in a manner that maintains adequate system pressures.
- Recycled Water customers will receive a District allocation of raw water in the same manner as other existing agricultural customers (Maximum of 1.2 acre-feet per acre at 100% allocation).
- Recycled Water customers will not be able to transfer raw water to parcels outside of the Recycled Water distribution system.

Cost of Service

- The price for raw water will be the applicable San Felipe agricultural water rate.
- The power charge will be the applicable San Felipe power rate for Subsystem 7.
- The current \$700 per meter annual fee for Recycled Water customers will continue to apply. Any amount of raw water purchased will be credited against this fee.

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 25th Day of February, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Wright, Flores, Freeman & Williams

NOES: DIRECTORS: Tonascia

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

(Signature of presiding Board member
Attested by Board Secretary
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/s/ Mark Wright
Mark Wright
President

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