

ORDINANCE NO. 327

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE  
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT  
ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF RECYCLED WATER CHARGES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISTRICT CODE CHAPTER 6.38

WHEREAS, the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) has previously developed and instituted Recycled Water Charges to finance the recycled water furnished by Central San, and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and necessary that all users of Central San's recycled water contribute their appropriate portion of the funding for the production of recycled water and the operation, maintenance, and periodic replacement of Central San's recycled water facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the current Schedule of Recycled Water Charges and has determined that the annual recycled water charges should be increased by: 3% for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 and 3% for FY 2024-25; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 6.38 of District Code provides the enabling authority for Central San to implement the proposed uncodified Schedule of Recycled Water Charges; and

WHEREAS, a properly noticed public hearing to receive comments and protests and to consider the proposed uncodified Schedule of Recycled Water Charges was held on April 18, 2019 as set forth in the Schedule of Recycled Water Charges below; and

WHEREAS, in adopting this ordinance, the Board of Directors finds that:

- a. Written notices of the proposed increase in recycled water charges were sent by first class U.S. mail to every owner of property that is connected or could reasonably be connected to the recycled water distribution system at least 45 days prior to the public hearing on the proposed increase conducted on June 1, 2023.
- b. All written protests against the proposed increase in the recycled water charges, including those provided in person, by facsimile, email and U.S. mail, were considered and tallied at the public hearing conducted on June 1, 2023, and Central San was not presented with protests by a majority of the owners of the identified parcels affected by this change.
- c. The amount of the charge imposed does not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the properties receiving recycled water and the charge is only imposed on those properties or users actually receiving recycled water.

- d. This action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15273 (a) (1-4) of District CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Central San does ordain as follows:

Section 1 (To be Uncodified)

The "Schedule of Recycled Water Charges" as set forth in this ordinance is hereby adopted in uncodified form pursuant to the provisions of District Code Section 6.38.

Schedule of Recycled Water Charges

<b>USER GROUP</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b> (per thousand gallons)	<b>PROPOSED RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023</b> (per thousand gallons)	<b>PROPOSED RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024</b> (per thousand gallons)
Class I (former potable users)	\$4.15	\$4.27	\$4.40
Class II (former canal/well users)	\$1.98	\$2.04	\$2.10

As of the effective date of this ordinance, recycled water charges shall be charged at such rates and for such categories of users as set forth in said Schedule of Recycled Water Charges and shall remain in effect until amended or replaced by ordinance.

Section 2

All ordinances, parts of ordinances and any provision of Ordinance No. 305 in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed. The provisions of this ordinance, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations thereof and not as new enactments. To the extent the recycled water charge rates or any portion thereof is determined invalid or unconstitutional, or during any period where the new rates are stayed due to a legal challenge, such portions of Ordinance No. 305 shall remain in effect and such rates and charges due thereunder for any categories of users shall remain due and payable as if those portions of Ordinance No. 305 had not been repealed.

With respect, however, to violations, rights accrued, liabilities accrued, or appeals taken, prior to the effective date of this ordinance, under any ordinance, or part of an ordinance, such ordinance, or part of an ordinance, shall be deemed to remain in full force for the purpose of sustaining any proper suit, action, or other proceedings, with respect to any such violation, right, liability or appeal.

Section 3

This ordinance shall be a general regulation of Central San and shall be published once in the *Contra Costa Times* and *San Ramon Valley Times*, newspapers of general circulation within Central San, and shall be effective on July 1, 2023. This ordinance shall be kept on file with the Secretary of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Central San on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:           Members: Lauritzen, McGill, Pilecki, Hockett  
NOES:           Members: None  
ABSTAIN:       Members: Wedington



Barbara D. Hockett  
President of the Board of Directors  
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District  
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COUNTERSIGNED:



Katie Young  
Secretary of the District  
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District  
County of Contra Costa, State of California

Approved as to form:



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