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# Ordinance 24-01 PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE

**SECTION 1: Short Title** 

The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be: "PVCWD Service Fee and Charges Ordinance" and may be cited as such.

**SECTION 2: Purpose** 

"The purposes of this Ordinance are:

- Establish sufficient rates and fees to fund Pleasant Valley County Water
  District Operations, including regulatory cost, legal expenses, wholesale
  water purchase cost and other cost necessary to the ongoing operation of the
  District, and
- b. In order to pass through increased wholesale water costs and increased regulatory pump charges, that increase the cost of water that Pleasant Valley County Water District charges to its customers, and
- c. Establish such other fees, including stand by fees; reconnection fees; charges for water waste. Such fees are necessary for the ongoing operations and management of the District's water service."

### Section 3: Definitions and Abbreviations.

- (a) "PVCWD" shall mean Pleasant Valley County Water District
- (b) "Recycled Water" shall mean in the broad sense, all water supplied by PVCWD
- (c) "Ac/ft " shall mean one acre foot of water
- (d) "Turnout" shall mean any connection to the PVCWD for the purpose of providing PVCWD supplied water
- (e) "Idle Turnout" shall mean an existing turnout that has been locked off or has not been immediately available for use by the customer.

- (f) "Fixed Charge""- Shall mean a fee imposed for any turnout that is open and available for use by the customer.
- (g) "Pass Through Rate" Shall mean a fee for wholesale water or regulatory fee increases not anticipated in the Pleasant Valley County Water District 2023 Cost of Service Study – Specifically United Water Conservation District Wholesale Rate increase for FY 24-25

## Section 4: <u>Metered Use Rates, Billing, Late Fees, Disconnection and Reconnection</u>

The following rates are effective beginning at 12:01am on July 1st, 2024:

**Section 4.1 Metered Use Rates** - The metered use rate for turnout delivered water in accordance with Supplemental Water Availability Limits as established by Pleasant Valley County Water District Ordinance(s) shall be: **\$395.30/ Ac/ft** 

i.Pass Through Rate- A pass through rate for all water delivered through a Pleasant Valley County Water District Turnout shall be assessed in the amount of shall be \$25/ Ac/ft in addition to the "Metered Use Rate"

**Section 4.2 Billing-** The District shall deliver a monthly bill to each customer by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, the bills are due and payable by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the following month of the billing date

- i. Late Fees- Any account that fails to pay the bill in full will incur a 6% late fee on any unpaid balance for the billing period.
- ii. Disconnection for Non Payment- Any account that is delinquent beyond 30 days after the due date shall be subject to termination in accordance with Resolution 17-01 or the then current Delinquent Account Policies adopted by the Pleasant Valley County Water District Board and be subject to \$150 dollar reconnection fee if service is terminated for non payment.

**Section 4.3**Fixed Charge A \$395.30/month fee shall be imposed for each turnout that is available for use by a customer.

Section 4.4 Charges for Relocation or Abandonment of Metered Service. Charges for all meter relocation services will be billed at the District's actual cost plus a 15% administration fee to cover handling and billing costs on all materials as well as other related costs incurred by the District in connection with the provision of these services. An estimate of costs for each relocation or abandonment shall be available upon request from the District's General Manager.

**Section 4.5** Reconnection Fees for Idle Turnouts- The following fees shall be imposed on each turnout where a customer request that an Idle Turnout be Restored to service:

The reconnection fee shall be calculated using the then effective Fixed Charge Fees times the number of months the Turnout has been Idle.

**Section 4.6 <u>Prohibition of Water Waste-</u>** No Customer of PVCWD shall cause or allow the direct application or runoff from lands irrigated with PVCWD waters to reach or come in contact with roads or other prohibited drainage system consistent with applicable local, state, federal or other regulatory restrictions relating to the delivery of Recycled Water.

Violation of this section shall be subject to:

- 1. \$50 fine for a first offense
- 2. \$100 for second offense within a 12 month period and the termination of water service for 48hours.
- 3. \$300 for a third offense in a 12 month period and the termination of water service, for a period of up to 14 days an no less than 5 days from the date of notice. The length of termination of service shall be determined by the General Manager and in no case will water service be restored until all fines and outstanding charges to the District are satisfied on the subject account.

#### **SECTION 5: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2024.

#### **SECTION 6: Publication**

Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be published in title and general description only in a newspaper of general circulation within the District's general area of service.

#### **SECTION 7: Repeal of Ordinances**

Ordinance 23-01 is repealed and replaced by Ordinance 24-01

#### **SECTION 8: Severability**

In the event that any section, clause or portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, the validity of the remaining sections of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Pleasant Valley County Water District Board of Directors on this 21st day of May 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Vujovich, Broome, Hansen, Menne

NOES: Directors:

**ABSENT:** Directors: Kaihara

Thomas Vujovich, BOARD PRESIDENT

Jared Bouchard, GENERAL MANAGER

- Mhety Dennis McNulty, General Counsel

ATTEST:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**