

**Resolution N<sup>o</sup>. 24-02-01**

**Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT TO RATES, TOLLS, FEES OR CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District (“Board”) established a Rate Study Committee (“Committee”) on July 28, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee’s objectives were to recommend adjustments to District rates that would meet operating and capital costs, debt service, and reserve requirements and that would be fair to customers, provide revenue stability, and promote conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board on July 28, 2022, authorized a professional services agreement with Nelisa Heddin Consulting, LLC, to conduct a Cost of Service and Rate Design Study (“Study”) for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Nelisa Heddin presented the preliminary results of the Study to the Board at its public meeting on October 18, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board reached consensus and provided direction to the General Manager and Nelisa Heddin Consulting regarding a recommended rate schedule for the adjustment of District rates as required to fully fund revenue requirements for the next 5 years; and

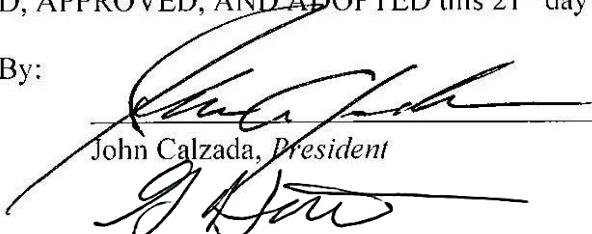
**WHEREAS**, the General Manager and Nelisa Heddin presented recommended rate adjustments at a Public Forum held on January 31, 2024

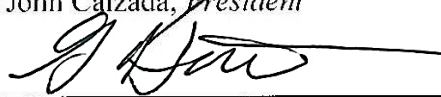
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District, as follows:

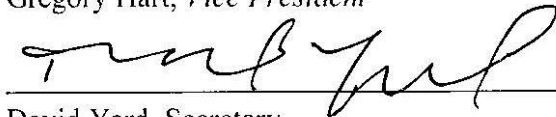
1. The rates, tolls, fees, and charges shown in Exhibit A for residential, commercial and public authority customers for the calendar years 2025 through 2029 are hereby approved.

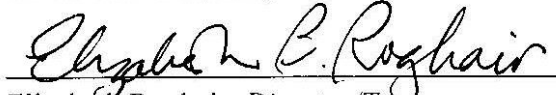
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024.

By:

  
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John Calzada, *President*

  
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Gregory Hart, *Vice President*

  
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David Yard, *Secretary*

  
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Elizabeth Roghair, *Director/Treasurer*

  
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David Burling, *Director*

**EXHIBIT A**

**ELDORADO AREA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT**

**2025-2029 RATES, TOLLS, FEES AND CHARGES**

*Effective with the February 2025 Billing reflecting January Water Use*

**RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY RATE SCHEDULES**

<b>MONTHLY RATES</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b><u>Base Rates</u></b>						
<b>PER METER CONNECTION</b>						
In-District	\$ 29.91	\$ 31.41	\$ 32.98	\$ 34.29	\$ 35.32	\$ 36.38
Out-of-District	\$ 60.56	\$ 75.78	\$ 78.23	\$ 80.46	\$ 82.41	\$ 84.41
<b><u>Volumetric Rates</u></b>						
<b>WATER USAGE PER 1,000 GALLONS</b>						
3,000 gallons or less	\$ 12.82	\$ 13.27	\$ 13.73	\$ 14.21	\$ 14.71	\$ 15.32
3,001 – 6,000 gallons	\$ 16.03	\$ 16.59	\$ 17.16	\$ 17.76	\$ 18.38	\$ 19.15
6,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 21.82	\$ 23.22	\$ 24.03	\$ 24.87	\$ 25.74	\$ 26.81
10,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 37.46	\$ 40.64	\$ 42.05	\$ 43.52	\$ 45.04	\$ 46.92
20,001 – 30,000 gallons	\$ 64.53	\$ 71.12	\$ 73.58	\$ 76.16	\$ 78.82	\$ 82.11
Over 30,000 gallons	\$ 96.81	\$106.68	\$110.38	\$114.24	\$118.23	\$123.16

**Base Rate:** Monthly rate charged for each metered connection and for any unmetered fire protection service line.

**Volumetric Rate:** Water usage charge per 1,000 gallons (commodity charge).

**Water Conservation Surcharge**

A water conservation surcharge will be imposed during the usage months of May through August in accordance with the provisions of EAWSD Resolution N°. 14-10-01.

**New Water Service Fees and Charges**

New Water Service fees and charges are established in EAWSD Policy N°. P18-08-01, as amended.

**Radio-read & BEACON® Meter Opt-out Fees and Charges**

Radio-read & BEACON meter opt-out fees and charges are established in EAWSD Policy N°. P14-03-01.

**Non-Emergency Special Services Requested by Customer**

<b>SERVICE TYPE</b>	<b>Regular Business Days/Hours</b>		<b>Request Made during Non-Business Hours including Weekends or Holidays</b>
	<b>With 24-hour Advance Notice</b>	<b>Same Day as Request Made Before 3:00 p.m.</b>	
Meter re-read*	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Flow test**	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Water turn-on/off	No Charge	\$50.00	\$150.00
Meter lid removal and replacement	No Charge	\$50.00	\$150.00

\* \$25 will be credited if a meter reading error is verified.

\*\* One flow test in a 12-month period will be provided at no charge.

Other special service requests will be charged on time and materials basis; estimates available from EAWSD. Neither EAWSD nor its contractors will conduct any work on the customer's side of the water meter.

### **Meter Testing Charge**

**\$400** for ¾ inch meter, **\$800** for 1-inch and larger meter to be paid in advance by the customer. District will test the customer's water meter to verify its accuracy. The testing fee will be credited to the customer after testing if the meter tests more than two percent (2%) in error to the detriment of the customer.

### **Hydrant Meter**

Upon prior approval of the District, persons or entities may make a temporary connection to a hydrant for the purchase of water under terms and conditions specified by the District at the time of the request. The following charges shall apply to such connections:

- Deposit for District hydrant meter **\$ 1,500.00**
- Field Service Charge as warranted **\$ 150.00**
- Charges for purchase of water Appropriate volumetric rate

### **Meter Tampering or Water Theft**

The charge for tampering with a meter, including meter can lid removal, or stealing water from the EAWSD water system shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for any subsequent offense, plus the cost of any water taken.

### **Willful or Negligent Damage to EAWSD Property**

The charge for causing willful or negligent damage to EAWSD property, including but not limited to any equipment or facilities, shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and seven hundred and fifty dollars (**\$750.00**) for any subsequent offense, plus the cost to repair any damage.

### **Taxes**

All charges are subject to, and will be increased by, applicable governmental gross receipts tax.

### **Payment Terms**

Bills are due and payable twenty-one (21) days after the billing date. Late fees may be imposed if payment is received more than 21 days after the billing date.

### **Returned Check Charge**

A returned check charge of forty dollars (**\$40.00**) will be imposed on any customer account where a check submitted for payment is returned by the bank because the account on which it is drawn is closed or contains insufficient funds.

### **Late Fees and Penalties**

Any EAWSD account that is not paid by the due date, in accordance with the District's rules and tariffs in force, shall incur an additional late payment penalty charge in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) or ten percent (10%) of the total invoice amount, whichever is greater.

### **Other Terms and Conditions**

All water service is provided subject to the rules and regulations of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District, as adopted and modified from time to time by the District's Board of Directors. Until paid, all EAWSD rates, tolls or charges constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 73-21-16(L) (1985). Lien notices shall be provided in accordance with EAWSD Policy N°. P22-10-01.