



March 19, 2025

**Reclamation District No. 2035**  
**Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing**  
**For Proposed Water Delivery Charge Increases**

Reclamation District No. 2035 (“District”) will hold a public hearing to consider proposed increases to the Water Delivery Charges at 9:30 a.m. on May 7, 2025, at the District Office located at 45332 County Road 25, Woodland, CA 95776.

Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, which was enacted by passage of Proposition 218 in 1996, this notice has been sent to all property owners in the District who are eligible to benefit from Water Delivery within the District. If approved, the rate increase would be implemented immediately.

**Why are rates being adjusted?**

The District strives to provide the highest quality, reliable, and legally compliant water delivery services to its customers. The District’s water service rates must generate the revenue required to pay the District’s costs to provide that level of service. The District’s costs have been increasing as a result of the ongoing need to maintain, repair and replace water service infrastructure amidst nationwide, regional and local inflation in the price of materials and services required for the District to physically operate and provide water service. Despite increasing costs, the District has not raised water service rates since 2020. An increase in rates is now necessary to achieve a fiscally sound budget, while continuing the current level of water service.

**Proposed water delivery rates**

The proposed water delivery rates are shown on **Attachment 1** to this notice, which compares the proposed Total New Water Rates to the Current Master Water Delivery Rates. The proposed Administrative Rate would cover the District’s fixed costs, while the Water Delivery Rate would cover the District’s variable costs. The basis for the rate proposal’s method of allocating costs of service is set forth in the Draft Technical Memorandum by Davids Engineering, Inc., re Water Rate Analysis. The Draft Technical Memorandum is available on the District’s website: <https://rd2035.specialdistrict.org/>

**Inflation Adjustment**

Due to continuing inflationary increases in the District’s costs of providing water service to District customers and anticipated increases in the cost of goods, services and labor used for general operations, the District’s cost of service is expected to continue increasing over the next five years at the rate of inflation. For this reason, the District is proposing a five-year rate

increase from 2025 and through 2030 that includes built-in allowance for increases in years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 that are tied to the rate of inflation.

The District is proposing to add future inflation adjustments to the proposed water rates shown on Attachment 1 to be made for inflationary increases in the cost of service for a 12 month period, as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items West (Series Id: CUUR0400SA0) for June through May of each respective year. The annual inflation increase will be limited to the lower of the actual cost of service increase, or the CPI increase, but the adjustment will never be less than zero. Notice of any adjustment pursuant to the annual inflation increase will be provided to customers not less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment through a bill notice or other mailing by the District. These future inflationary rate adjustments would become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030.

### **How can I respond to the proposed rate increase?**

Under Proposition 218, if you are the owner of record of a parcel or parcels subject to the proposed water service rate changes, you are entitled to protest against the proposed rate changes. You may submit a written protest to the District either at the public hearing or prior to the public hearing date. If written protests are timely filed by a majority of the affected property owners, the proposed water service rate changes will not be imposed.

A written protest must contain a description of the property or properties for which the protest is being submitted (the county assessor parcel number or property address). It must be signed by the individual with an ownership interest in said property. If the protest is submitted by an individual who is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll for Yolo County, the protest must contain or be accompanied by written evidence that the individual is the property owner or authorized to represent the owner.

Written protest of the proposed rate adjustments may be mailed to:

Reclamation District 2035  
45332 County Road 25  
Woodland, CA 95776

Only written protests that are received by the District prior to the close of the public hearing will be considered.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for any judicial action or proceeding challenging the District's approval of any new, increased, or extended water service rate.

### **For More Information**

For additional information, please contact Reclamation District 2035 General Manager Jesse Clark at (530) 308-0681.

# ATTACHMENT 1

## RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2035 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF PER-ACRE WATER DELIVERY RATES

**Table 1. Updated Water Rates Compared to Current Master Water Delivery Rate Sheet**

Crop	Administrative Rate	Water Delivery Rate	Total New Water Rate	Current Master Water Delivery Rate	Estimated Rate Increase (Decrease)
RICE	\$77.64	\$33.41	\$111.05	\$82.23	\$28.83
SWEET RICE	\$77.64	\$32.01	\$109.65	\$80.83	\$28.83
WILD RICE	\$77.64	\$30.71	\$108.35	\$79.53	\$28.83
ALFALFA	\$77.64	\$33.73	\$111.38	\$82.47	\$28.91
CORN	\$77.64	\$19.36	\$97.00	\$71.87	\$25.13
SOD	\$77.64	\$36.50	\$114.14	\$84.50	\$29.64
TOMATOES	\$77.64	\$25.59	\$103.24	\$76.46	\$26.77
SUDAN	\$77.64	\$20.66	\$98.30	\$72.83	\$25.47
VINE SEED	\$77.64	\$25.18	\$102.83	\$76.16	\$26.66
BEANS	\$77.64	\$17.16	\$94.81	\$70.25	\$24.56
SQUASH/PUMPKINS	\$77.64	\$25.18	\$102.83	\$76.16	\$26.66
MELONS	\$77.64	\$25.18	\$102.83	\$76.16	\$26.66
SUNFLOWER	\$77.64	\$20.66	\$98.30	\$72.83	\$25.47
OATS/WHEAT	\$77.64	\$7.13	\$84.78	\$62.86	\$21.92
DECOMP*	\$ -	\$ -	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$ -

\*Admin cost already paid.

The preceding rates are expressed per acre of land planted in specified crops, because different crops create different water delivery needs. The proposed rates are those shown in the fourth column from the left, titled Total New Water Rate. The Total New Water Right is comprised of the Administrative Rate, which covers the District's fixed costs, and the Water Delivery Rate, which covers the District's variable costs. The proposed Total New Water Delivery Rate is compared to the Current Master Water Delivery Rate shown in the fifth column from the left. The difference is shown in the far right-hand column, titled Estimated Rate Increase (Decrease).

These rates are also subject to annual inflationary increases in the cost of service for a 12-month period, as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items West (Series Id: CUUR0400SA0) for June through May of each respective year. The annual inflation increase will be limited to the lower of the actual cost of service increase, or the CPI increase, but the adjustment will never be less than zero. Notice of any adjustment pursuant to the annual inflation increase will be provided to customers not less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment through a bill notice or other mailing by the District. These future inflationary rate adjustments would become effective on January 1st of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030.