

RESOLUTION NO. 2332

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER APPROVING
A SCHEDULE OF WATER RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

WHEREAS, Fowler Municipal Code Section 6-4.601 provides for the establishment of water service rates by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Peters Engineering Group prepared a Water Rate Study Engineering Report (“Study”) for the City which identified various capital improvement projects and costs, provided an analysis of rates and projected revenue, and presented projected rate alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Study was presented to the City Council of the City of Fowler at a duly noticed regular City Council meeting in June 2015, during which meeting the projected capital improvement projects and projected rate increases presented in the Study were discussed, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment and provide input on the proposed increased rates, and comments were received from the public on the proposed rates; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed increased water rate schedule was mailed to the record owners of each parcel in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218 and Government Code section 53750 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the proposed schedule of water rate increases and any protests to the proposed rate schedule was held at a duly noticed regular City Council meeting on August 18, 2015, before the City Council of the City of Fowler, which meeting and hearing was more than 45 days after the notice to property owners was mailed; and

WHEREAS, written protests to the proposed schedule of water rate increases were not presented by a majority of the owners of the identified parcels in the City of Fowler; and

WHEREAS, the proposed water rates set forth in the rate schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “A” are nondiscriminatory and the rates do not exceed the cost of providing water services for which the rates are imposed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the public interest to increase the water service rates as set forth in the rate schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fowler as follows:

1. The schedule of water rates set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto is hereby approved and adopted, and the schedule of water rates shall be effective beginning on September 1, 2015, and the rates shall be implemented and adjusted as set forth in the schedule.

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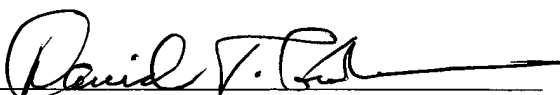
The foregoing resolution is hereby approved this 18th day of August, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Cardenas, Parra, Monis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hammer, Simonian



David Cardenas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeannie Davis, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED CITY OF FOWLER WATER RATES AND CHARGES

The current rate is \$16.24 per user for the first 10,000 gallons and \$1.62 per additional thousand gallons thereafter.

The proposed rates increase the rates to \$24.24 for the first 10,000 gallons and \$2.42 per additional thousand gallons thereafter and are phased in as follows:

Proposed Rate Structure

<i>Fiscal Yr</i>	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
<i>Base Rate</i>	\$17.24	\$18.24	\$19.24	\$20.24	\$21.24	\$22.24	\$23.24	\$24.24
<i>Per Add 1K Gal</i>	\$1.72	\$1.82	\$1.92	\$2.02	\$2.12	\$2.22	\$2.32	\$2.42

Sample Water Charges based on 14,000 Gallons per Month

<i>Fiscal Yr</i>	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
<i>Monthly Charge</i>	\$22.72	\$24.12	\$25.52	\$26.92	\$28.32	\$29.72	\$31.12	\$32.52	\$33.92

If approved, the FY 15/16 rate increase will be effective September 1, 2015. Future year rate increases will occur on September 1st of each following year with the last increase occurring on September 1, 2022.