



**UKIAH VALLEY
WATER AUTHORITY**

**Water Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
AGENDA**

Ukiah Valley Conference Center ♦ 200 South School Street ♦ Ukiah, CA 95482

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May 7, 2026 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a. Approval of the Minutes for the March 5, 2026, Regular Meeting.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA) / Water Executive Committee Members welcomes input from the audience. In order for everyone to be heard, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per person and not more than ten (10) minutes per subject. The Brown Act regulations do not allow action to be taken on audience comments on non-agenda items. If you wish to submit written comments, please provide information to the UVWA, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA, 95482.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.a. Consideration of Letter of Support for Redwood Valley County Water District's Annexation Efforts into the Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District.

Recommended Action: Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support for Redwood Valley County Water District's Annexation Efforts into the Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District.

Attachments:

1. UVWA Draft Letter of Support

4.b. Consideration of Approval of Common Interest Agreement.

Recommended Action: Authorize and Direct the Chair to Execute the Common Interest Agreement on Behalf of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority and Direct Staff to Take and all Actions Necessary to Effect that Execution.

Attachments:

1. Common Interest Agreement

- 4.c. Discussion Regarding the Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA) Joining Mendocino Inland Water and Power Commission.
Recommended Action: Discuss the terms, if any, of the UVWA joining the IWPC, and the most recent status and foreseeable events regarding PG&E's surrender of the Potter Valley Project.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- 6.a. Report on Status of Application for SAFER Planning Grant.
6.b. General Management Report.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- 8.a. Discussion, Consideration, and Scheduling of Next Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, at 5:00 p.m.
Recommended Action: Discuss and get consensus to hold the next regular meeting on the scheduled date of June 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., with the meeting to be held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482; or select another date of the members choosing.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- 9.a. **Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation**
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Two Cases
- 9.b. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 1850 Talmage Road, Ukiah, CA 95482
Negotiator: Jared Walker
Negotiating Parties: Rogine Water Company
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Agreement

10. ADJOURNMENT

Please be advised that the Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA)/ Water Executive Committee needs to be notified 24 hours in advance of a meeting if any specific accommodations or interpreter services are needed in order for you to attend. UVWA complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the UVWA Committee Members after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the front counter at the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Any handouts or presentation materials from the public must be submitted to the clerk 48 hours in advance of the meeting; for handouts, please include 10 copies.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Ukiah City Hall, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California; and at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, located at 200 South School Street, Ukiah, California; not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda.

Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC
Dated: 5/4/26



WATER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
UKIAH VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER
200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83268733029>

Ukiah, CA 95482
March 5, 2026
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Water Executive Committee (WEC) met at a Regular Meeting on March 5, 2026, having been legally noticed on March 2, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83268733029>. Chair Schoeneman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Members Present:** Juan Orozco, Douglas Crane (*arriving at 5:06*), Gary Nevill, Devin Gordon, Adam Gaska, Tami Baarsch-Bogart, Steve Bogart, Bryan Ross, Tim Prince, and Tom Schoeneman. **Staff Present:** Jared Walker, Ukiah Water Resources Director and Kristine Lawler, UVWA Clerk. **Also Present:** Phil Williams, Legal Counsel.

CHAIR SCHOENEMAN PRESIDING.

New member, Bryan Ross, representing Millview County Water District, introduced himself and clerk, Kristine Lawler, administered the Oath of Office.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes for the February 9, 2026, Special Meeting.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Gordon to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026, Special Meeting, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Ross.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was received.

4. NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were placed on the agenda.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Adoption of Resolutions Adopting Written Determinations Pursuant to Government Code Section 66016 (AB 2257), and Separate Rate Adjustments for the City of Ukiah, Willow County Water District, Millview County Water District, and Redwood Valley County Water District.

Presenter: Jared Walker, Water Resources Director.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Gordon to adopt resolution (*UVWA Reso 2026-01*) adopting the written determinations responding to the objections pursuant to Government Code section 66016 (AB 2257). Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Ross.

Motion/Second: Crane/Gaska to adopt resolution (*UVWA Reso 2026-02*) adopting the proposed

water rate adjustments for the City of Ukiah. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Ross.

Motion/Second: Gordon/Gaska to adopt resolution (*UVWA Reso 2026-03*) adopting the proposed water rate adjustments for the Willow County Water District. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Ross.

Motion/Second: Baarsch-Bogart/Gaska to adopt resolution (*UVWA Reso 2026-04*) adopting the proposed water rate adjustments for the Millview County Water District. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska, Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Ross, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Gordon to adopt resolution (*UVWA Reso 2026-05*) adopting the proposed water rate adjustments for the Redwood Valley County Water District. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Ross.

Member Consensus to direct to Staff that the written objections, written determinations, protest count determination, and adopted resolutions be included as part of the official administrative record.

(Documents are attached)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORT

a. Report on Status of Application for SAFER Planning Grant.

Presenter: Jared Walker, Ukiah Water Resources Director.

Report was received.

b. General Management Report.

Presenter: Jared Walker, Ukiah Water Resources Director.

Report was received.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Presenters: Members Gaska, Baarsch-Bogart, and Bogart.

Reports received.

Member Directives to Staff:

- Agendize a discussion regarding Inland Water Power Commission (IWPC).
- To work with RVCWD to draft a letter of support for the Redwood Valley County Water District to be annexed into the Russian River Flood Control District, for consideration by each water district for signature.

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Discussion, Consideration, and Scheduling of Next Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, at 5:00 p.m.

Presenter: Chair Schoeneman.

Member Consensus to hold the next regular meeting on the scheduled date of April 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., with the meeting to be held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

DIRECTORS ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:33 P.M.

9. CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.0 One Case

No action reported; direction provided to Staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6: p.m.

Kristine Lawler, UVWA Clerk

Written Objections Received

Joyce and Pierre Archain
3551 Eastside Calpella Road
Ukiah, CA 95482
Service Address: 801 Cromwell Street
Acct. Number 300050 O1
Meter Number: 1088044
(415) 515-7067
Jarchain@comcast.net
December 15, 2025



Kristine Lawler
City Clerk
300 Seminary Ave.
Ukiah, CA 95482

Subject: Protest Objection to Proposed Water Rate Increase

Dear Clerk of the Court;

Please accept this letter as a formal and protest objection to the proposed water rate increases detailed in the notice I received on December 15, 2025, for the property located at 3551 Eastside Calpella Road.

I am protesting these proposed rates as they will severely put us under a financial strain where we might have to reconsider whether we can continue living in Ukiah. We are facing high insurance rates due to fire insurance and the high cost of living that is now upon us. We were advised that the water consolidation would not cause rate changes. We feel like we were duped by the City and you have not been honest about the rate hikes. The consolidation was never brought to the citizens for any input. I was happy as a Millview customer and ever since the City took over it has been a nightmare.

I request that the District reconsider these rates in light of community concerns and requirements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Archain & Pierre Archain". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joyce Archain
Pierre Archain

Date: 12/16/2025

To:

Kristine Lawler, City Clerk
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Ave
Ukiah, CA 95482



Re: WRITTEN OBJECTION (AB 2257) AND WRITTEN PROTEST (PROPOSITION 218)

Proposed Water Rate Increases for Redwood Valley County Water District
Public Hearing: February 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Dear City Clerk Lawler:

This letter constitutes (1) a timely Written Objection under AB 2257 and (2) a Written Protest under Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218) to the proposed water rates and charges described in the Ukiah Valley Water Authority's notice for the Redwood Valley County Water District (the "Proposed Rates").

I submit this objection/protest in my capacity as the responsible customer and account holder directly liable for payment of the water service charges for the parcel identified below. The property is owned by my parents; my name appears on the water account and I am responsible for payment. This objection/protest is intended to be the one protest for this affected parcel.

Property / Account Identification

- **Service Address:** 1860 Mohawk Trail, Redwood Valley, CA 95470
- **APN:** 160-150-21
- **Water Account Number:** 351133-001
- **Account/Customer Name:** Stephanie Yeh

Requested Action / Desired Outcome

I request that the UVWA and member agencies (a) not adopt the Proposed Rates as noticed, and (b) at minimum, continue the February 9, 2026 hearing and defer any adoption until the documentation identified below is disclosed in full and ratepayers are afforded a reasonable opportunity to review it.

Grounds for Written Objection (AB 2257) and Protest (Prop 218)

My objection/protest is based on the following facts and grounds, each of which independently and collectively supports non-adoption or substantial revision:

1. **Failure to Demonstrate Cost of Service and Proportionality (Prop 218)**
Proposition 218 requires that water rates and charges not exceed the funds required to provide the service and that charges be proportional to the cost of service attributable to the parcel. The notice does not provide parcel- or district-specific cost-of-service support sufficient for ratepayers to evaluate whether the Proposed Rates comply with these requirements.
2. **Inadequate Transparency Regarding What Costs and Projects Drive the Increases**
The notice describes a financial plan and refers to a water rate study and financial plan, but the notice itself does not provide the underlying cost allocations, assumptions, project list, timing, or district-level revenue/expense details necessary to validate the size and structure of the increases for Redwood Valley ratepayers.
3. **Potential Misallocation / Cross-Subsidization Risk Within the Authority Structure**
Because the UVWA is a joint authority serving multiple member agencies, and because the notice does not present a Redwood Valley-specific accounting that ties revenues collected from Redwood Valley ratepayers to costs incurred to serve Redwood Valley parcels, it is not possible for ratepayers to verify that Redwood Valley revenues will not be used to fund costs that are properly attributable to other service areas. If that occurs, it would violate Prop 218 proportionality requirements.

4. Disproportionate Increases and Front-Loaded Structure

The notice describes an increase schedule that includes large near-term increases and additional increases over multiple years. Without a transparent cost-of-service showing and project-level basis, the magnitude and timing of the Proposed Rates appear excessive and not demonstrated to be proportional to costs of service for my parcel.

5. Increases to Fixed Monthly Service Charges (Meter Charges) Are Not Guaranteed to Reflect Fixed Service Costs

The Proposed Rates include increases to fixed monthly service charges in addition to usage rates. Fixed charges can disproportionately burden low-use households unless narrowly tied to actual fixed costs of service. The notice does not provide sufficient documentation to show that the increased fixed charges reflect only fixed costs properly attributable to the parcel and meter class.

Demand for Documentation

To permit meaningful review prior to any lawful adoption, I request disclosure of the following, specific to Redwood Valley County Water District and/or showing Redwood Valley allocations clearly:

- The complete cost-of-service study supporting the Proposed Rates (all appendices, assumptions, and allocation methodology)
- The UVWA 2025 Water Financial Plan Study and any rate model/spreadsheets used to generate the schedules
- A Redwood Valley-specific breakdown of historical and projected revenues, operating expenses, reserves, capital expenses, debt service, and transfers (if any)
- A list of capital projects funded by the Proposed Rates, with budgets, timelines, and identification of which projects serve Redwood Valley parcels
- The stated basis and calculation for increases to fixed monthly service charges by meter size/class

Procedural Objection and Request for Continuance

Because the above materials are necessary to evaluate whether the Proposed Rates comply with Proposition 218’s cost-of-service and proportionality requirements, I request that the agency continue the public hearing and defer adoption until these documents are produced and ratepayers have a reasonable opportunity to review them.

Reservation of Rights

This written objection/protest is intended to satisfy the written objection process described in the notice and to be included in the official record. I reserve all rights and remedies available under applicable law, including Article XIII D.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Yeh

Date: 12/16/2025

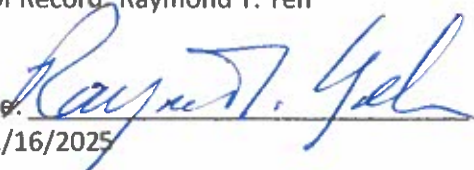
Acknowledgment and Joinder by Owners of Record

We, the undersigned owners of record of the above-referenced parcel, acknowledge this Written Objection and Written Protest and hereby join in and authorize this submission as the **single protest for this parcel** for purposes of Proposition 218.

Owner of Record: Raymond T. Yeh

Owner of Record: Priscilla C. Yeh

Signature:



Date: 12/16/2025

Signature:



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To:
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PARCEL # 1601503700 PARCELS ~~1601503700~~ 1601503700
Property / Account Identification
• Service Address: *1851 MORNAN TRAIL REDWOOD VALLEY*
• APN: *2V 317361*
• Water Account Number: *350510-001*
• Account/Customer Name: *SEX MADLE*

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Reservation of Rights

This written objection/protest is intended to satisfy the written objection process described in the notice and to be included in the official record. I reserve all rights and remedies available under applicable law, including Article XIII D.

Sincerely,

Name:

SEX MARLETTE

Date:

12/30/2025

Jan 02, 2025

Jim Donnelly
294 Fairview Ct
Ukiah, CA. 95482
agsurf@sbcglobal.net



Esteemed Public Officials,

I am writing this letter as an objection to the proposed rate increase by the City of Ukiah since Willow County Water District (Willow) has joined to the newly formed Ukiah Valley Water District.

Some of my concerns include the following:

We were quite content with Willow Water District. Under Willows administration there was no notice of increase water rates. Suddenly without public approval the City of Ukiah took over the management of the well-run District. Immediately after taking over the water Ukiah is requiring a increase in water rates. These rates are proposed to continue for each of the upcoming four years. That will be a 67% raise in fees by 2029.

The 2021 Water Rate Study is not available on the UVWA website. I am pretty sure the 2021 water rate study didn't take into consideration the inclusion of the 3 additional water districts.

The annual 2023-24 financial report for the city of Ukiah raised concerns that the cities budget is suffering from lack of collected funds. The government activities reported an unrestricted net position of -40.62 million dollars. Which appears to get worse each year.

The cities effort to annex the area south of the city appears to have ended. The local residents strongly opposed the annexation. Those residents feared that the city would raise taxes with the annexation as an attempt to booster the cities failing budget.

Here we go again. The city is looking to bolster its budget by taking over utilities and raising fees.

As for legalities Prop 218 protects the user and residents. Utilities other than electricity require a public 2/3 vote to raise utility user taxes. Yes, it is a tax not a user fee. Furthermore, user taxes must be used for the programs they are collected for. That money cannot be deposited in the general fund and distributed between other budget funds.

Proper budget management in government should be performed similar to how private enterprise runs its budgets. Don't spent beyond your fund's receivable.

Make sure you complete the work available through contracts so you can collect your money. Look and apply for outside money so the burden is not on your residents. Delegate work so that all employees are utilizing the work week effectively. Employees are public servants. Their work ethic should be to serve the public and not to simply earn a paycheck with benefits. For the above reasons I am asking the city of Ukiah to reconsider the raising of rates. Instead resolve your budget crisis in a more effective professional manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jim Donnelly

January 22, 2026

Kristine Lawler
City Clerk
300 Seminary Ave
Ukiah, CA 95482



Re: Written Objection to Proposed Willow County Water District Rate Increases

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to formally submit this letter as a written objection to the proposed water rate increases recently proposed by the Willow County Water District. The magnitude and duration of these increases—particularly as they are projected to continue over the next several years—are astronomical and place an unreasonable financial burden on residents and ratepayers.

Access to affordable water is a basic necessity, not a luxury. The proposed rate structure raises serious concerns about affordability, transparency, and long-term sustainability for households especially seniors on fixed incomes. Many residents are already facing rising costs for housing, utilities, and essential goods, and these compounded increases would further cause a significant strain.

Please accept this letter as my official objection to the proposed rate increases and ensure it is entered into the public record. I urge the Board to act in the best interest of the community by revisiting this proposal and exploring a more reasonable solution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Dale", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Melissa Dale
204 Wabash Ave
Ukiah, CA 95482
Blackandred4@yahoo.com

Protest Count Determination

Protest Count as of February 9, 2026 (read aloud during public hearing):

Service Area	Total Parcels Subject to Rate	Written Protests Received	Protest Threshold
City of Ukiah	5,018	42	2,510
Willow County Water District	1,146	35	574
Millview County Water District	1,777	72	889
Redwood Valley County Water District	1,885	58	943

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTING WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS RESPONDING TO OBJECTIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66016 (AB 2257)

WHEREAS, the Ukiah Valley Water Authority ("UVWA") provides wholesale and coordinated water service through its member agencies, including the City of Ukiah, Willow County Water District, Millview County Water District, and Redwood Valley County Water District; and

WHEREAS, the UVWA Executive Committee conducted a public hearing pursuant to Proposition 218 on February 9, 2026 regarding proposed water rate adjustments applicable to the City of Ukiah, Willow County Water District, Millview County Water District, and Redwood Valley County Water District; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Proposition 218 public hearing, written objections were submitted prior to the hearing process; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 66016 (commonly referred to as AB 2257) requires the legislative body of a local agency to consider written objections to proposed fees or charges and to issue written determinations responding to those objections; and

WHEREAS, the UVWA Executive Committee has reviewed and considered all written objections received, together with the administrative record, including the UVWA water financial plans, rate schedules, public hearing materials, and the staff report prepared for this item; and

WHEREAS, Staff prepared an Objections and Protest Matrix summarizing each objection, the category of objection, and the recommended written determination, which matrix is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee as follows:

1. **Consideration of Objections.** The Executive Committee hereby finds that all written objections submitted in connection with the proposed water rate adjustments have been received, reviewed, and considered in compliance with Government Code section 66016.
2. **Adoption of Written Determinations.** The Executive Committee hereby adopts the written determinations responding to the objections, as set forth in the Staff Report and summarized in the Objections and Protest Matrix attached as **Exhibit A** to this Resolution.
3. **Findings.** The Executive Committee finds that:
 - o The proposed water rates are supported by the UVWA water financial plans and recover the reasonable cost of providing water service;
 - o The rate design and methodologies establish a reasonable relationship between the rates charged and the cost of service attributable to customer classes and systems;

- o The objections do not identify material defects in the proposed rates under Proposition 218 or Government Code section 66016; and
 - o Procedural, affordability, policy, or legally incorrect assertions raised in certain objections do not require modification or withdrawal of the proposed rates.
4. **Administrative Record.** This Resolution, together with the Staff Report, written objections, and Exhibit A, shall be included as part of the official administrative record for the proposed water rate adjustments.
5. **No Rate Adoption.** Adoption of this Resolution constitutes adoption of written determinations only and does not itself adopt water rates, which shall be considered through separate rate adoption resolutions for each affected agency.

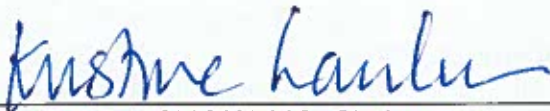
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Members Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska, Baarsch Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Ross
ABSENT: None



Tom Schoeneman, Chair
UVWA Executive Committee

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC, Clerk
UVWA Executive Committee

Category	Category Definition	Specific Objection	District	Material Under AB 2257?	Recommended Determination
A	Cost of service, nexus, and proportionality	Rates exceed cost of service / lack proportionality	RVCWD	Yes	RVCWD has met its burden of proving that the proposed water rates proportionately recover costs from ratepayers based on the cost to provide service as demonstrated by the 2025 Water Rate Study, which can be found here: https://cityofukiah.com/utility-services/
A	Cost of service, nexus, and proportionality	Rates exceed cost of service / lack proportionality	RVCWD	Yes	RVCWD has met its burden of proving that the proposed water rates proportionately recover costs from ratepayers based on the cost to provide service as demonstrated by the 2025 Water Rate Study, which can be found here: https://cityofukiah.com/utility-services/
A	Cost of service, nexus, and proportionality	Parcel-level proof required	RVCWD	No	RVCWD has met its burden of proving that the proposed water rates proportionately recover costs from ratepayers based on the cost to provide service as demonstrated by the 2025 Water Rate Study, which can be found here: https://cityofukiah.com/utility-services/
A	Cost of service, nexus, and proportionality	Cross-subsidization between systems	RVCWD	Yes	The City of Ukiah as Administrative Agent to UVWA, on behalf of RVCWD, maintains its accounts in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the revenue received and expenses incurred in providing water service to its customers, which includes ensuring water rate revenue in one system is not used to pay for costs of other systems for which it receives no commensurate benefit.
A	Cost of service, nexus, and proportionality	Cross-subsidization between systems	RVCWD	Yes	The City of Ukiah as Administrative Agent to UVWA, on behalf of RVCWD, maintains its accounts in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the revenue received and expenses incurred in providing water service to its customers, which includes ensuring water rate revenue in one system is not used to pay for costs of other systems for which it receives no commensurate benefit.
A	Cost of service, nexus, and proportionality	Fixed monthly charges not tied to fixed costs	RVCWD	Yes	RVCWD has met its burden of proving that the proposed water rates proportionately recover costs from ratepayers based on the cost to provide service as demonstrated by the 2025 Water Rate Study, which can be found here: https://cityofukiah.com/utility-services/
B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Financial assumptions unsupported or speculative	RVCWD	Yes	The proposed rates are based on a financial plan that uses reasonable assumptions to estimate the cost of providing water service.
B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Financial assumptions unsupported or speculative	RVCWD	Yes	The proposed rates are based on a financial plan that uses reasonable assumptions to estimate the cost of providing water service.
B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Capital projects insufficiently disclosed	RVCWD	Limited	The proposed rates are based on a financial plan that uses reasonable assumptions to estimate the cost of providing water service.
B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Capital projects insufficiently disclosed	RVCWD	Limited	The proposed rates are based on a financial plan that uses reasonable assumptions to estimate the cost of providing water service.
B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Front-loaded rate increases unreasonable	RVCWD	Limited	The proposed rates are based on a financial plan that uses reasonable assumptions to estimate the cost of providing water service.

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B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Multi-year increases excessive	WCWD	No	<p>The proposed rates are based on a financial plan that uses reasonable assumptions to estimate the cost of providing water service.</p> <p>Affordability concern; no cost-of-service defect.</p> <p>Documents posted at https://cityofukiah.com/utility-services/ prior to hearing.</p> <p>Documents posted at https://cityofukiah.com/utility-services/ prior to hearing.</p> <p>Current financial plans govern this rate action.</p> <p>Notices summarized rates and directed public to website.</p> <p>Continuance discretionary; record sufficient.</p> <p>Continuance discretionary; record sufficient.</p> <p>Affordability concerns acknowledged; policy issue.</p> <p>Policy concern only.</p> <p>Policy disagreement.</p> <p>Governance issue outside AB 2257 scope.</p> <p>Governance issue outside AB 2257 scope.</p> <p>Incorrect legal premise; Prop 218 applies.</p> <p>No voter approval required for water rates.</p> <p>Utility revenues restricted to water purposes.</p> <p>Financial plans show system-specific use.</p>
B	Methodology, assumptions, and rate structure	Magnitude and duration excessive	WCWD	No	
C	Procedural, notice, and transparency issues	Insufficient access to rate study / financial plans	RVCWD	Limited	
C	Procedural, notice, and transparency issues	Insufficient access to rate study / financial plans	RVCWD	Limited	
C	Procedural, notice, and transparency issues	Rate study outdated or unavailable	WCWD	Limited	
C	Procedural, notice, and transparency issues	Notice insufficient for evaluation	RVCWD	Limited	
C	Procedural, notice, and transparency issues	Request for continuance or deferral	RVCWD	No	
C	Procedural, notice, and transparency issues	Request for continuance or deferral	RVCWD	No	
D	Affordability, equity, and policy concerns	Rates unaffordable / hardship	MCWD	No	
D	Affordability, equity, and policy concerns	Rates unaffordable / seniors / fixed income	WCWD	No	
D	Affordability, equity, and policy concerns	Rates unaffordable / magnitude excessive	WCWD	No	
D	Affordability, equity, and policy concerns	Consolidation unfair or improper	MCWD	No	
D	Affordability, equity, and policy concerns	Consolidation unfair or improper	WCWD	No	
E	Legal misstatements or incorrect assertions	Rates are taxes	WCWD	No	
E	Legal misstatements or incorrect assertions	Two-thirds vote required	WCWD	No	
E	Legal misstatements or incorrect assertions	Rates used to backfill City budget	WCWD	No	
E	Legal misstatements or incorrect assertions	Improper sharing of water revenues	WCWD	No	

SUMMARY NOTES

Unique written objection letters	5
Unique objection sets requiring response	5
Objection categories requiring substantive AB 2257 response	Categories A and B only

Letters by District:

	Objector(s)
MCWD (Millview)	Joyce & Pierre Archain
RVCWD (Redwood Valley)	Raymond, Priscilla & Stephanie Yeh; Six Madley
WCWD (Willow)	Jim Donnelly; Melissa Dale

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTING WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF UKIAH FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66016 (AB 2257)

WHEREAS, the City of Ukiah owns and operates a municipal water utility and is a member agency of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority ("UVWA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6(A)(2) of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for The Ukiah Valley Water Authority provides that the Water Executive Committee has the power to set rates to fund the services the Water Authority provides for its Members, including property-related fees for the City of Ukiah; and

WHEREAS, the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee conducted a Proposition 218 public hearing on February 9, 2026, regarding proposed water rate adjustments applicable to the City of Ukiah; and

WHEREAS, written objections submitted in connection with the proposed rate adjustments were reviewed and written determinations were adopted by the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee pursuant to Government Code section 66016 (AB 2257); and

WHEREAS, the proposed water rate schedule for the City of Ukiah is set forth in **Exhibit A** to this Resolution and is based on the UVWA water financial plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEREBY:

1. Finds that the Proposition 218 public hearing conducted on February 9, 2026, has been completed in compliance with applicable law.
2. Finds that the written determinations adopted pursuant to Government Code section 66016 support adoption of the proposed water rates.
3. Adopts the water rate schedule for the City of Ukiah as set forth in **Exhibit A**, effective as specified therein.
4. Directs staff to implement the adopted rates and include this Resolution in the administrative record.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Members Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska, Baarsch Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: Ross
 ABSENT: None



Tom Schoeneman, Chair
 UVWA Executive Committee

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC, Clerk
 UVWA Executive Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTING WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66016 (AB 2257)

WHEREAS, the Willow County Water District ("WCWD") owns and operates a water utility and is a member agency of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority ("UVWA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6(A)(2) of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Ukiah Valley Water Authority provides that the Water Executive Committee has the power to set rates to fund the services the Water Authority provides for its Members, including property-related fees for the Willow; and

WHEREAS, the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee conducted a Proposition 218 public hearing on February 9, 2026, regarding proposed water rate adjustments applicable to the WCWD; and

WHEREAS, written objections submitted in connection with the proposed rate adjustments were reviewed and written determinations were adopted by the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee pursuant to Government Code section 66016 (AB 2257); and

WHEREAS, the proposed water rate schedule for the WCWD is set forth in **Exhibit A** to this Resolution and is based on the UVWA water financial plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEREBY:

1. Finds that the Proposition 218 public hearing conducted on February 9, 2026, has been completed in compliance with applicable law.
2. Finds that the written determinations adopted pursuant to Government Code section 66016 support adoption of the proposed water rates.
3. Adopts the water rate schedule for the WCWD as set forth in **Exhibit A**, effective as specified therein.
4. Directs staff to implement the adopted rates and include this Resolution in the administrative record.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Members Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska, Baarsch Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ross

ABSENT: None



Tom Schoeneman, Chair
UVWA Executive Committee

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC, Clerk
UVWA Executive Committee

Exhibit A

Water Rate Schedule: Willow County Water District

	Existing	March 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029
Water Usage Rates (per TGAL)					
Residential Zone 1	\$2.36	\$2.81	\$3.15	\$3.53	\$3.95
Commercial	\$2.36	\$2.81	\$3.15	\$3.53	\$3.95
Residential Zone 2	\$3.38	\$4.02	\$4.50	\$5.04	\$5.64
Residential Zone 3	\$4.08	\$4.86	\$5.44	\$6.09	\$6.82
Residential Zone 4	\$4.58	\$5.45	\$6.10	\$6.83	\$7.65
Irrigation	\$2.36	\$2.81	\$3.15	\$3.53	\$3.95
Fixed Monthly Base Charges					
3/4"	\$24.78	\$29.49	\$33.03	\$36.99	\$41.43
1"	\$39.94	\$47.53	\$53.23	\$59.62	\$66.77
1.5"	\$77.85	\$92.64	\$103.76	\$116.21	\$130.16
2"	\$123.33	\$146.76	\$164.37	\$184.09	\$206.18
3"	\$229.47	\$273.07	\$305.84	\$342.54	\$383.64
4"	\$381.08	\$453.49	\$507.91	\$568.86	\$637.12

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTING WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66016 (AB 2257)

WHEREAS, the Millview County Water District ("MCWD") owns and operates a water utility and is a member agency of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority ("UVWA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6(A)(2) of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for The Ukiah Valley Water Authority provides that the Water Executive Committee has the power to set rates to fund the services the Water Authority provides for its Members, including property-related fees for the Millview County Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee conducted a Proposition 218 public hearing on February 9, 2026, regarding proposed water rate adjustments applicable to the MCWD; and

WHEREAS, written objections submitted in connection with the proposed rate adjustments were reviewed and written determinations were adopted by the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee pursuant to Government Code section 66016 (AB 2257); and

WHEREAS, the proposed water rate schedule for the MCWD is set forth in **Exhibit A** to this Resolution and is based on the UVWA water financial plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEREBY:

1. Finds that the Proposition 218 public hearing conducted on February 9, 2026, has been completed in compliance with applicable law.
2. Finds that the written determinations adopted pursuant to Government Code section 66016 support adoption of the proposed water rates.
3. Adopts the water rate schedule for the MCWD as set forth in **Exhibit A**, effective as specified therein.
4. Directs staff to implement the adopted rates and include this Resolution in the administrative record.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Members Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska, Baarsch Bogart, Bogart, Ross, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Tom Schoeneman, Chair
UVWA Executive Committee

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC, Clerk
UVWA Executive Committee

Exhibit A

Water Rate Schedule: Millview County Water District

	Current	March 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029
Water Usage Rate (\$/TGAL)					
All customers	\$3.42	\$3.94	\$4.49	\$5.12	\$5.84
Monthly Service Charge					
5/8" Meter	\$15.72	\$18.08	\$20.61	\$23.50	\$26.79
3/4" Meter	\$21.64	\$24.89	\$28.37	\$32.34	\$36.87
1" Meter	\$33.46	\$38.48	\$43.87	\$50.01	\$57.01
1.5" Meter	\$63.01	\$72.46	\$82.60	\$94.16	\$107.34
2" Meter	\$98.48	\$113.25	\$129.11	\$147.19	\$167.80
3" Meter	\$181.23	\$208.41	\$237.59	\$270.85	\$308.77
4" Meter	\$299.46	\$344.38	\$392.59	\$447.55	\$510.21
6" Meter	\$595.01	\$684.26	\$780.06	\$889.27	\$1,013.77
8" Meter	\$949.67	\$1,092.12	\$1,245.02	\$1,419.32	\$1,618.02
10" Meter	\$1,363.45	\$1,567.97	\$1,787.49	\$2,037.74	\$2,323.02
Private Fire Service	\$25.00	\$28.75	\$32.78	\$37.37	\$42.60
Temp. Construction Service	\$44.63	\$51.32	\$58.50	\$66.69	\$76.03

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTING WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66016 (AB 2257)

WHEREAS, the Redwood Valley County Water District ("RVWD") owns and operates a water utility and is a member agency of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority ("UVWA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6(A)(2) of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for The Ukiah Valley Water Authority provides that the Water Executive Committee has the power to set rates to fund the services the Water Authority provides for its Members, including property-related fees for the Redwood Valley County Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee conducted a Proposition 218 public hearing on February 9, 2026, regarding proposed water rate adjustments applicable to the RVWD; and

WHEREAS, written objections submitted in connection with the proposed rate adjustments were reviewed and written determinations were adopted by the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Executive Committee pursuant to Government Code section 66016 (AB 2257); and

WHEREAS, the proposed water rate schedule for the RVWD is set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution and is based on the UVWA water financial plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEREBY:

1. Finds that the Proposition 218 public hearing conducted on February 9, 2026, has been completed in compliance with applicable law.
2. Finds that the written determinations adopted pursuant to Government Code section 66016 support adoption of the proposed water rates.
3. Adopts the water rate schedule for the RVWD as set forth in **Exhibit A**, effective as specified therein.
4. Directs staff to implement the adopted rates and include this Resolution in the administrative record.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Members Orozco, Crane, Nevill, Gordon, Gaska, Baarsch Bogart, Bogart, Prince, and Chair Schoeneman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Ross
ABSENT: None



Tom Schoeneman, Chair
UVWA Executive Committee

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC, Clerk
UVWA Executive Committee

Exhibit A

Water Rate Schedule: Redwood Valley County Water District

	Current	March 1, 2026	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029
Water Usage Rate (\$/TGAL)						
Domestic	\$6.91	\$8.98	\$10.06	\$10.66	\$10.98	\$11.31
Irrigation	\$0.92	\$1.20	\$1.34	\$1.42	\$1.46	\$1.50
Monthly Service Charge						
<u>Non-Potable Meters</u>						
2" Meter	\$59.43	\$77.26	\$86.53	\$91.72	\$94.47	\$97.30
4" Meter	\$180.94	\$235.22	\$263.45	\$279.26	\$287.64	\$296.27
6" Meter	\$359.62	\$467.51	\$523.61	\$555.03	\$571.68	\$588.83
<u>Domestic Meters</u>						
Residential Dwelling Units	\$28.08	\$36.50	\$40.88	\$43.33	\$44.63	\$45.97
3/4" and 1" Meters	\$28.08	\$36.50	\$40.88	\$43.33	\$44.63	\$45.97
2" Meter	\$84.90	\$110.37	\$123.61	\$131.03	\$134.96	\$139.01
3" Meter	\$167.57	\$217.84	\$243.98	\$258.62	\$266.38	\$274.37
4" Meter	\$260.57	\$338.74	\$379.39	\$402.15	\$414.21	\$426.64

Exhibit A

Water Rate Schedule: City of Ukiah

	Current	March 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029
Water Usage Rate (\$/CCF)					
All Water Usage	\$4.18	\$4.43	\$4.61	\$4.79	\$4.98
Monthly Service Charge					
3/4" meter	\$51.30	\$54.38	\$56.56	\$58.82	\$61.17
1" meter	\$82.15	\$87.08	\$90.56	\$94.18	\$97.95
1 1/2" meter	\$158.61	\$168.13	\$174.86	\$181.85	\$189.12
2" meter	\$250.72	\$265.76	\$276.39	\$287.45	\$298.95
3" meter	\$465.81	\$493.76	\$513.51	\$534.05	\$555.41
4" meter	\$773.02	\$819.40	\$852.18	\$886.27	\$921.72
6" meter	\$1,540.35	\$1,632.77	\$1,698.08	\$1,766.00	\$1,836.64



April 2, 2026

Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
200 S School Street, Ste. 2
Ukiah, CA 95482

SUBJECT: Russian River Flood Control and Conservation Improvement District (RRFC) Application

Dear LAFCo Commissioners:

The Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA) wishes to voice its support of the application of Russian River Flood Control and Conservation Improvement District (RRFC) to Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to annex the entirety of Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD) into its boundaries. If the annexation application is approved, RVCWD would be able to directly use the 328.85 Acre Feet of water contracted through a Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement with RRFC. The proposed annexation would afford RVCWD a measured level of water security to supply its customers, domestic and agricultural.

UVWA was founded under the principle that collaborating to combine and coordinate the operations of our respective water systems into a Combined Water System is in the best interest of all water districts within the Greater Ukiah Valley. It is recognized that all member agencies of the UVWA benefit through the coordinated use of their respective water resources and water systems.

Redwood Valley County Water District has been jurisdictionally restricted to fully benefit from the 328.85 acre feet of water it has contracted through a Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement with RRFC due to large portions of its district boundaries lying outside of the district boundaries of RRFC. RVCWD and RRFC seek to remedy that restriction by seeking approval by LAFCo to allow RRFC to fully annex RVCWD, to make their district boundaries coterminous.

In the spirit of collaboration and cooperation, the UVWA supports the application to Mendocino LAFCo for RRFC to fully annex RVCWD and urges Mendocino LAFCo to approve the application for annexation.

Signed,

Tom Schoeneman, Chair
Ukiah Valley Water Authority
Water Executive Committee

COMMON INTEREST AGREEMENT

Regarding

UKIAH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY AND PURPOSES THEREOF

1. This Common Interest Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into and by Calpella County Water District (“Calpella”), Millview County Water District (“Millview”), Redwood Valley County Water District (“Redwood”), the City of Ukiah (“Ukiah”), and Willow County Water District (“Willow”) (collectively, the “Members”), and the Ukiah Valley Water Authority (the “Water Authority”) (collectively, the “Parties”). The Members are members of the Water Authority, a Joint Exercise of Powers Authority formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code sections 6500 *et seq.*). Each of the Parties have been and continue to be engaged in discussions regarding powers and authorities of the Water Authority, including, but not limited to, the consolidation of the Members’ various water systems, associated water rights, and applications for funding from the State of California. The Parties have a common interest in the successful prosecution, implementation, and defense of the various powers, authorities, and purposes discussed in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, as is and may be amended, (the “JPA”) and which formed the Water Authority (the “Common Interest”)
2. In pursuit of the Common Interest, each of the Parties recognizes that the ability to freely share data, reports, studies, communications, and memoranda, and to coordinate their efforts related to the Common Interest without waiving any privilege or confidentiality of said information, will be greatly enhanced by the abilities of the respective Parties’ employees, experts, and legal counsel to communicate about these matters. At the same time, the Parties recognize that certain proceedings may very likely take place in front of federal or state agencies, other administrative entities, and courts of law. This recognition makes it imperative that the associated communication between the Parties and their respective experts and legal counsel associated with these matters remain privileged and confidential. Thus, the Parties each have an interest in sharing materials as further defined below, including but not limited to: data, modelling, assumptions, legal analyses, draft and final studies and plans, contingencies, and negotiation strategy associated with the Common Interest, all of which are considered by the Parties to be information covered by this Agreement.
3. Each of the Parties have consulted their respective attorneys both for separate purposes and for purposes within the Common Interest. The Parties believe that disclosure of certain privileged information among the Parties will advance the Common Interest (including legal interests), will further the interest of the disclosing Party, and is reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the disclosing Party’s attorney was consulted. In this regard, the Parties wish to continue to pursue both their separate interests and the Common Interest, and to avoid any suggestions or claims of waiver of the protections of the attorney-

client privilege, the work-product doctrine, and all other privileges or confidences, as are applicable.

4. The Water Executive Committee of the Water Authority may appoint an attorney licensed to practice law in California who shall then serve at the pleasure of the Water Authority. Until such appointment, and in accordance with the JPA, the City shall provide legal counsel to the Water Authority. Any such attorney shall act as counsel for the Water Authority until such time as the Water Executive Committee appoint a replacement counsel. The Parties, and each of them, acknowledge that joint representation of the Water Authority and any of the Members can constitute a conflict of interest and may raise issues associated with the duty of loyalty, client communication, and duty of confidentiality. It is the expectation of the Parties that the Water Authority will be staffed by staff persons working for the Members, particularly the City of Ukiah. In addition, the Water Executive Committee, the legislative body of the Water Authority, is made up of by directors of the Members. In addition, the Parties are sophisticated in their provisioning of legal services. For these reasons, the Parties are in good positions to evaluate this conflict of interest and by the approval of this Agreement the governing boards of the Parties agree to waive such potential conflicts of interest. In the event of actual litigation between any of the Parties, each Member shall be permitted to continue to retain its own counsel, but the Authority will be required to retain independent counsel. Legal counsel for the Water Authority, whether independent or provided by a Member, shall work cooperatively with Water Authority staff but shall report to the Water Executive Committee.
5. In order to effectively pursue matters related to the Common Interest, the Parties agree that, from time to time, the Common Interest is best served by exchanging oral, electronic, and/or written communications or documents which, in the absence of such sharing, would be protected from disclosure to any third party by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the exceptions to disclosure provided to public agencies by the California Public Records Act, and/ or other applicable privilege or basis for maintaining material within the Common Interest as confidential. All such shared information is considered by the Parties, and will be treated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, as “Common Interest Material.”
6. The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure that the exchange or disclosure of Common Interest Material in furtherance of the Common Interest does not diminish in any way the confidentiality of the Common Interest Material or be deemed to constitute a waiver of any privilege or other protection accorded to the Common Interest Material, and the Parties hereby declare their intent that no sharing of information as set forth above shall waive the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, any exception applicable under the CPRA, and/ or other applicable privilege, confidence, or basis for maintaining the Common Interest Material as confidential.

7. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to require that any Party share any particular information or material, including Common Interest Material, with any other Party, or to create or establish any right of any Party to request or demand any information or material, including Common Interest Material, from another Party.
8. All written materials exchanged in accordance with this Agreement shall be clearly marked “PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO COMMON INTEREST AGREEMENT.” The Parties shall use their best efforts to so mark all such written materials, and shall instruct all attorneys, paralegals, clerical, consultants, experts, and other personnel as to this requirement; *provided*, however, that failure to mark such exchanged materials shall not be treated as waiving any applicable privilege as to any materials not so marked. This requirement for marking of materials is prospective in nature and does not apply to materials previously exchanged pursuant to oral common interest agreements which did not include a requirement for such marking.
9. The Parties agree that this Agreement also pertains to information shared prior to this Agreement and in pursuance of the Common Interest. To the extent the Parties have previously agreed to a common interest and to share information in pursuance of that common interest, all information shared under such prior agreement(s) shall continue to be protected by all applicable privileges. This Agreement memorializes any earlier oral agreement(s) and incorporates and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between any of the Parties pursuant to which Common Interest Material has been exchanged.
10. Except as expressly stated in writing to the contrary, any and all Common Interest Material obtained by any of the counsel from each other and/ or each other’s clients has been and is being provided solely for the internal use of the Parties and their respective counsel in pursuance of the Common Interest and shall remain confidential and be protected from disclosure to any third party by the common interest privilege, the common interest doctrine, the respective Party’s attorney client privilege, the attorneys’ work product privilege, and/ or any other applicable privileges, confidences, and immunities.
11. All Common Interest Material shall be used solely in pursuance of the Common Interest; *provided*, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall limit the rights of the originating Party with regard to the use of information developed by that Party or its counsel, without using or relying upon Common Interest Material, whether or not shared with the other Party, in any manner it wishes; *provided further*, no Party is required to treat information or material obtained from sources other than exchanges pursuant to this Agreement as Common Interest Material.
12. All communications, oral and written, between the Parties in matters related to the Common Interest, or among or between necessary persons acting on their behalf, including, but not limited to, counsel for the Parties and their paralegals, consultants, experts, agents, or others acting on behalf of a Party or the Parties in matters related to the Common Interest are

conclusively presumed to be made pursuant to this Agreement and to convey Common Interest Material; unless, however, a Party to such communication, at the outset of such communication, specifies that the particular communication is not being made pursuant to this Agreement.

13. Each Party will take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that any person who is granted access to any Common Interest Material, or who participates in work on joint projects in pursuance of the common interest, or who otherwise assists counsel in connection with the performance of this Agreement, is familiar with the terms of this Agreement and complies with such terms as they relate to the duties of such person. Any such person shall, prior to accessing Common Interest Material, sign the attached Individual Acknowledgment and Agreement, and the Party Representative shall attest to that person's participation in the Common Interest and distribute an executed copy of the Individual Acknowledgment and Agreement to the other Parties.
14. The Parties agree that, in the event any Party determines it no longer shares, or no longer will share, the Common Interest with the other Parties for any reason, that Party will promptly notify the other Parties of its intent to withdraw from this Agreement. The notice shall be given in accordance with this Agreement and the issuance of the notice of withdrawal shall terminate the Party's interest in this Agreement; provided, however, that the obligation of confidentiality and privilege with respect to Common Interest Material previously provided pursuant to this Agreement shall survive such withdrawal and termination.
15. If a Party or person identified in Sections 1 or 13 becomes subject to a bona fide requirement by law, regulation, deposition question, interrogatory, request for public information, records, or documents, including under the California Public Records Act, subpoena, civil investigative demand, or similar process (collectively, a "Requirement") to disclose any Common Interest Material, such Party: (i) will, upon receipt of the Requirement and prior to producing any Common Interest Material, immediately notify the other Parties of the existence, terms, and circumstances of such Requirement to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with that Party's legal counsel; and (ii) will cooperate fully with any other Party seeking a protective order. The Party that received the Requirement shall determine whether the requested or demanded Common Interest Material can be protected in accordance with the law. If, in the opinion of that Party, the requested or demanded Common Interest Material is not exempt from disclosure or production, that Party shall promptly notify the other Parties, each of whom shall have the right to seek a protective order that may be based upon a privilege the Party that received the Requirement might hold. If such an order is sought, the Party that received the Requirement will refrain from disclosing the requested or demanded Common Interest Material until such time as a final disclosure agreement or judicial determination is made concerning the Requirement; *provided*, however, that the Party that received the Requirement shall not be required to refrain from disclosing the requested or demanded Common Interest Material if doing so would violate the law. The costs and expenses for seeking any protective order pursuant to this paragraph shall only be

borne by the Party(ies) opposing the Requirement. If a Party subject to a Requirement, who has complied with the notification and cooperation obligations described in this paragraph, is compelled, in the opinion of its legal counsel, to make disclosure of Common Interest Material or else stand liable for contempt or other substantial penalty, such Party: (i) will furnish only that portion of the Common Interest Material which is legally required pursuant to the terms of such Requirement as modified by any protective order; and (ii) will not be liable to any other Party for the disclosure of Common Interest Material. The Parties intend to consider sharing costs and other resources involved in protecting Common Interest Material from improper disclosure. The Parties acknowledge that such costs cannot be shared exactly equally all the time; therefore, should a Party that received a Requirement believe the costs of preventing improper disclosure of Common Interest Material are, have become, or will become disproportionate, the Parties agree to jointly consult to discuss whether and to what extent such costs should be shared.

16. Each of the Parties understands and acknowledges that each respective Party is represented exclusively by the Party's own counsel with respect to the Common Interest and that nothing in this Agreement transforms counsel for any Party into counsel for any other Party or creates an attorney-client relationship with any counsel other than the Party's own counsel. Each party also understands and acknowledges that counsel representing another Party owes an uncompromising duty of loyalty to its client and to no other Party, and that while all counsel subject to this Agreement have a duty to preserve the confidences disclosed to them pursuant to this Agreement, they will not act for any Party other than their own client with respect to the Common Interest.
17. Participation in this Agreement or in any effort related to the Common Interest shall not be the basis for a claim of conflict of interest or for recusal in any proceeding in which the Parties are or may be adverse to each other or where counsel for the Parties may represent adverse interests. The obligations under this paragraph will survive the termination or dissolution of this Agreement and will continue to bind each Party should that Party withdraw from this Agreement.
18. The obligations of the Parties with respect to any aspect of the protection of Common Interest Material from improper disclosure survive the withdrawal of a Party for any reason and survive the complete resolution of any action or proceeding related to the Common Interest.
19. This Agreement shall not constitute or be interpreted, construed, or used as evidence of any admission of liability, law, or fact, a waiver of any right or defense, or an estoppel against any Party. However, nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed to limit, bar, or otherwise impede the resolution of any dispute between the Parties.
20. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is executed by the Parties.

21. All modifications of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party.
22. Additional parties may be added to this Agreement upon: a) approval by the Water Executive Committee; and b) valid execution by the additional party; provided, however, that any such additional party first executes the JPA and is thus a Member of the Water Authority.
23. This Agreement shall be interpreted under the substantive laws of the State of California without regard to choice-of-law principles. If any provision of this Agreement is found invalid or unenforceable, then the balance of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
24. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive any rights, claims, or privileges which any Party shall have against the other party or any other person or entity.
25. This Agreement does not form a joint venture or partnership by or among the Parties. Unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by the Parties, no Party shall be entitled to compensation or reimbursement from any other Party for the participation of its employees, officers, agents, servants, contractors, or attorneys in the defense of any threatened or asserted claims subject to this Agreement or for the costs of participation in this Agreement.
26. This Agreement may be signed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be binding on all Parties who are signatory to any counterpart.
27. The Parties hereby authorize this Agreement to be executed upon the facsimile or electronic signatures of the authorized representatives of the respective Parties and agree that such facsimile or electronic signature shall be valid and binding as though original signatures had been provided.
28. All notices pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given using one of the following methods: hand-delivery; registered or certified mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested; nationally recognized courier service; or e-mail. Any notice shall be deemed delivered five (5) business days after such mailing date, except that any notice hand-delivered or sent via overnight delivery service or e-mail shall be deemed delivered one (1) business day after the dispatch date. Notices shall be addressed to the Parties at the addresses or e-mails set forth below. A Party's address may be changed by written notice to the other Parties.
29. Each signatory, by signing this Agreement, warrants his or her authority to bind his or her respective Party and to act as the Party Representative for purposes of this Agreement.

30. Nothing in this Agreement modifies or alters any prior agreements between the Parties. In the event of a conflict with the terms of this Agreement and some other agreement between the Parties, the terms of whichever agreement was executed earlier shall prevail.

Calpella County Water District:

_____ Date:
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Millview County Water District:

_____ Date:
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Redwood Valley County Water District:

_____ Date:
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

The City of Ukiah:

Date:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Willow County Water District:

Date:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Ukiah Valley Water Authority:

Date:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**COMMON INTEREST AGREEMENT
INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT**

By signing below, I, (individual's name) _____, with and for
(Party) _____, acknowledge I have read and
understand the terms of the Common Interest Agreement and agree to abide by the terms of the
Common Interest Agreement.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

By signing below, I, (Party Representative) _____, attest the
above individual is an authorized agent of (Party) _____ for
purposes of the Common Interest Agreement.

Party: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____