

NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 3200

**A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING AND IMPLEMENTING
SEWER SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2027
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 123**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Novato Sanitary District ("District") strives to balance the financial requirements of the District in providing reliable, high quality sewer services to residents and businesses within the District jurisdiction with the financial impact of District charges and fees on those residents and businesses while maintaining compliance with state law applicable to sewer service charges; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Board further determined it would not increase sewer service charges for FY 2021-22, as authorized by the schedules of charges adopted through Ordinance No. 120, and would instead maintain the charges from the prior fiscal year due to impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and the District's continued financial stability; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, after a duly-noticed public hearing on May 9, 2022, the District Board adopted Ordinance No. 123 adopting schedules of sewer service charges for FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26, and FY 2026-27, but later delayed implementation of any rate increase by adopting Resolution No. 3169 on August 5, 2022, due to the ongoing negative financial impacts to the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, after maintaining the same sewer service charges for three consecutive years, the Board adopted Resolution No. 3180 on March 13, 2023, adjusting the implementation timeline for the schedules of sewer service charges established by Ordinance No. 123 so that the rate increases in FY 2023-24 and 2024-25 aligned with the rate increases initially approved for FY 2022-23 and 2023-24, respectively, resulting in continued savings for ratepayers; and.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the District's current and future projected revenue needs, and to ensure the District's finances and operations continue to be stable and sustainable, the Board now desires to rescind Resolution No. 3180 as applied to FY 2025-26 and subsequent years and to reaffirm the schedules of maximum sewer service charges established by Ordinance No. 123 for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to set the amounts of sewer service charges for FY 2025-26 and subsequent years until further action, as further specified herein and as consistent with Proposition 218 and other applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Novato Sanitary District that Resolution No. 3180, which delayed implementation of the sewer service charge schedules established by Ordinance No. 123, is hereby rescinded for sewer service charges in FY 2025-26 and subsequent years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sewer service charges for FY 2025-26 and subsequent years shall be calculated based on an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) charge of \$729 for the average residential tier, which is a \$31 increase from the prior fiscal year and which results in a savings to ratepayers of \$11 per EDU as compared to the schedules of charges in Ordinance

No. 123, and with commensurate adjustments to all other rates, rate tiers, and charges.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager-Chief Engineer is authorized and directed to take such actions necessary to effect this Resolution.

Passed and adopted this 14th day of April, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Members: Bentley, Dillon-Knutson, Mariani, Peters

NOES, Members: None

ABSENT, Members: Fuette

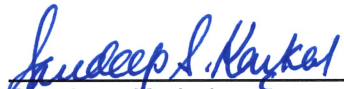


Jean Mariani, President,
Board of Directors
Novato Sanitary District

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ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Novato Sanitary District Board of Directors this 14th day of April, 2025.



Sandeep Karkal,
Secretary, Board of Directors
Novato Sanitary District