

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

March 17, 2026, at the Water Department office

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners, Chairman David Mason, Commissioners Rick Bernard and Steve Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Sean Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Ron Tivey and Fire Chief Christopher Beal.

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.

ANNUAL 20% RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION

- Superintendent Anderson came across some materials from Previous Superintendent Tom Rooney that outline conditions that he was not aware of about the 20% water rate increase over the 5 years.
 1. Chairman Jones of the Prudential Committee in the September of 2021 BOWC minutes stated that he would like the Board to approve the water rate changes as proposed with the contingency that the increases could be suspended if appropriate.
 2. Superintendent mentions that we normally notify our customers in the January billing of the increase of the 20% that will be reflected on the April Billing. We did not do this this year.
 3. If we do go ahead with the 20% increase, Superintendent Anderson suggests to delay it to the July billing so we can send a letter to our customers of the 5th and final year of the 20% increase.
 4. Superintendent Anderson also suggests we could put a temporary suspension on the 20% increase given that we did get grant money and forgiveness on the loan and we could revisit this another time.
- Chairman Bernard asked for a **motion** to Eliminate the 5th year of the 20% service fee increase that was scheduled to happen in 2026. Chairman Mason **motioned to accept** and **passed unanimously**.

Commissioner Bernard **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn H. Woodward