RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ESTABLISHING FEES FOR WATER METER INSTALLATION, WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION INSPECTIONS, RE-INSPECTIONS, AND FIRE FLOW AVAILABILITY LETTERS

WHEREAS, the Rancho Murieta Community Services District ("District") provides water and sewer service within its boundaries and, in connection with new and modified service connections, installs water meters, issues permits, and inspects water service and sewer lateral connections; and

WHEREAS, the District also prepares, on request, written statements of the water flow and pressure available at a location for fire protection purposes ("fire flow availability letters"), which require a field test of flow and pressure and review and modeling by the District Engineer, and for which the District has not previously charged; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 66013 authorizes the District to impose fees for the physical facilities necessary to make a water or sewer connection, in an amount that does not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of the labor and materials for installation of those facilities; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 61115 authorizes the District to prescribe and collect fees and charges for services furnished by the District; and

WHEREAS, article XIII C, section 1(e)(1), (2) and (3) of the California Constitution excepts from the definition of "tax" a charge imposed for a specific benefit conferred or service or product provided directly to the payor, and a charge imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs of issuing permits and performing inspections, in each case in an amount that does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government, and provides that the local government bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the amount charged is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the activity and that the manner of allocating those costs bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the activity; and

WHEREAS, the District caused a cost of service analysis to be prepared, entitled RMCSD - Connection Services Fees: Estimated Cost of Service, dated October 8, 2026 (the "Cost Study"), which identifies the District's direct labor, supervision, vehicle, equipment, materials, engineering and administrative costs of providing each service for which a fee is established by this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code section 66016, at least fourteen days before the public hearing the District mailed notice of the time and place of the hearing, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered and a statement that the data required by that section was available, to each interested party who had filed a written

request for such notice; and at least ten days before the hearing the District made available to the public data indicating the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the services for which the fees are levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide those services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code sections 66018 and 6062a, notice of the time and place of the hearing, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered, was published in the Elk Grove Citizen on October 9, 2026, and October 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2026, as part of a regularly scheduled meeting, the Board held a duly noticed public hearing at which oral and written presentations were made and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Findings. Based on the Cost Study, the staff report, and the evidence presented at the public hearing, the Board finds and determines as follows:
(a) Each fee established by this Resolution is imposed for a service or product provided directly to the payor, or for the reasonable regulatory cost of issuing permits and performing inspections, and is paid only by the applicant who requests the service.
(b) The amount of each fee does not exceed the District's estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which it is imposed.
(c) The manner in which the costs are allocated to each payor bears a fair and reasonable relationship to that payor's burdens on, and benefits received from, the services provided, in that each fee is charged per unit of service actually provided to that payor.
(d) No portion of any fee established by this Resolution recovers the cost of capital facilities, system capacity, system expansion or debt service, which costs are recovered through the District's separately adopted capital improvement fees and water supply augmentation fee.
(e) No portion of any fee established by this Resolution recovers general District legal, maintenance or administrative costs not attributable to the service provided.
(f) The fees established by this Resolution are not property-related fees subject to article XIII D, section 6 of the California Constitution, because they are imposed only upon application for a service and are not incident to property ownership.

Section 3. Fees Established. The fees set forth in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated by reference, are established and shall be charged by the District.

Section 4. Inspections; Additional Inspections. The water connection inspection fee is charged once for each lot or parcel and covers up to two water connection inspections. The

sewer lateral inspection fee is charged once for each lot or parcel and covers up to two sewer lateral inspections. Each inspection beyond the two covered by the applicable fee shall be charged at one-half of that fee, which is the District's cost of providing a single inspection. An additional inspection includes any return visit required because the work is incomplete, the site is not ready or accessible, no responsible person is present, the inspection does not pass, or the applicant or the applicant's contractor cancels or reschedules after District staff has been dispatched. The charge for an additional inspection recovers the District's cost of providing that inspection and is not imposed as a penalty. Where the District determines that only one inspection is required for a lot or parcel, the General Manager may charge one-half of the applicable inspection fee.

Section 5. Meters Other Than One Inch. The water meter installation fee set forth in Exhibit A applies to the installation of a one-inch meter. The installation of a larger meter shall be charged at that fee plus the difference between the District's actual invoiced cost of the meter and appurtenances for the larger meter and the materials cost included in the one-inch fee, together with any additional labor, supervision, vehicle and equipment cost required for that installation, charged at the rates shown in the Cost Study. The District shall provide the applicant with an itemized statement of that cost.

Section 6. Fire Flow Availability Letter. The fire flow availability letter fee is charged for each letter requested and includes the District's field test of flow and pressure, District staff time, and the District Engineer's review, modeling and preparation of the letter.

Section 7. Prior Fees Superseded. The fees established by this Resolution supersede the corresponding fees previously established by the District for the same services. All other District fees, rates and charges remain in effect.

Section 8. Annual Review. Staff shall review the fees established by this Resolution at least annually against the District's actual cost of providing the services. If the revenue from any fee exceeds the cost of providing the service for which it is charged, staff shall report that fact to the Board and recommend a reduction of that fee, consistent with Government Code section 66016(a).

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution takes effect immediately, and the fees established by it apply to services performed on and after December 20, 2026, which is at least sixty days after the date of this Resolution (Gov. Code, § 66017(a)). Applications complete and fees paid before that date shall be charged the fees in effect at the time of payment.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2026, by the following vote:

EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF FEES
Effective December 20, 2026

Service	Fee
Water meter installation — 1" meter	$926.30
Water meter installation — 2" meter	Fee for 1" meter plus actual added cost
Water meter installation — 4" meter and larger	Fee for 1" meter plus actual added cost
Water connection inspections — per lot (covers two inspections)	$546.59
Sewer lateral inspections — per lot (covers two inspections)	$546.59
Each inspection beyond the two covered by the fee	One-half of the applicable inspection fee
Fire flow availability letter — each letter	$613.23

Note: The water connection inspection fee and the sewer lateral inspection fee are each charged once per lot or parcel and cover up to two inspections, which is what the District currently requires for a new residential lot. Each inspection beyond those two is charged at one-half of the applicable fee. Installation of a meter larger than one inch is charged at the one-inch fee plus the District's actual added cost, itemized for the applicant.

AYES: John Merchant, Randy Jenco, Linda Butler, Tim Mayberry, Bill Boro
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

John Merchant, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Dyanne Fleet, Interim District Secretary/Clerk to the Board