

Water Rate Study

Pinedale County Water District

September 9, 2026

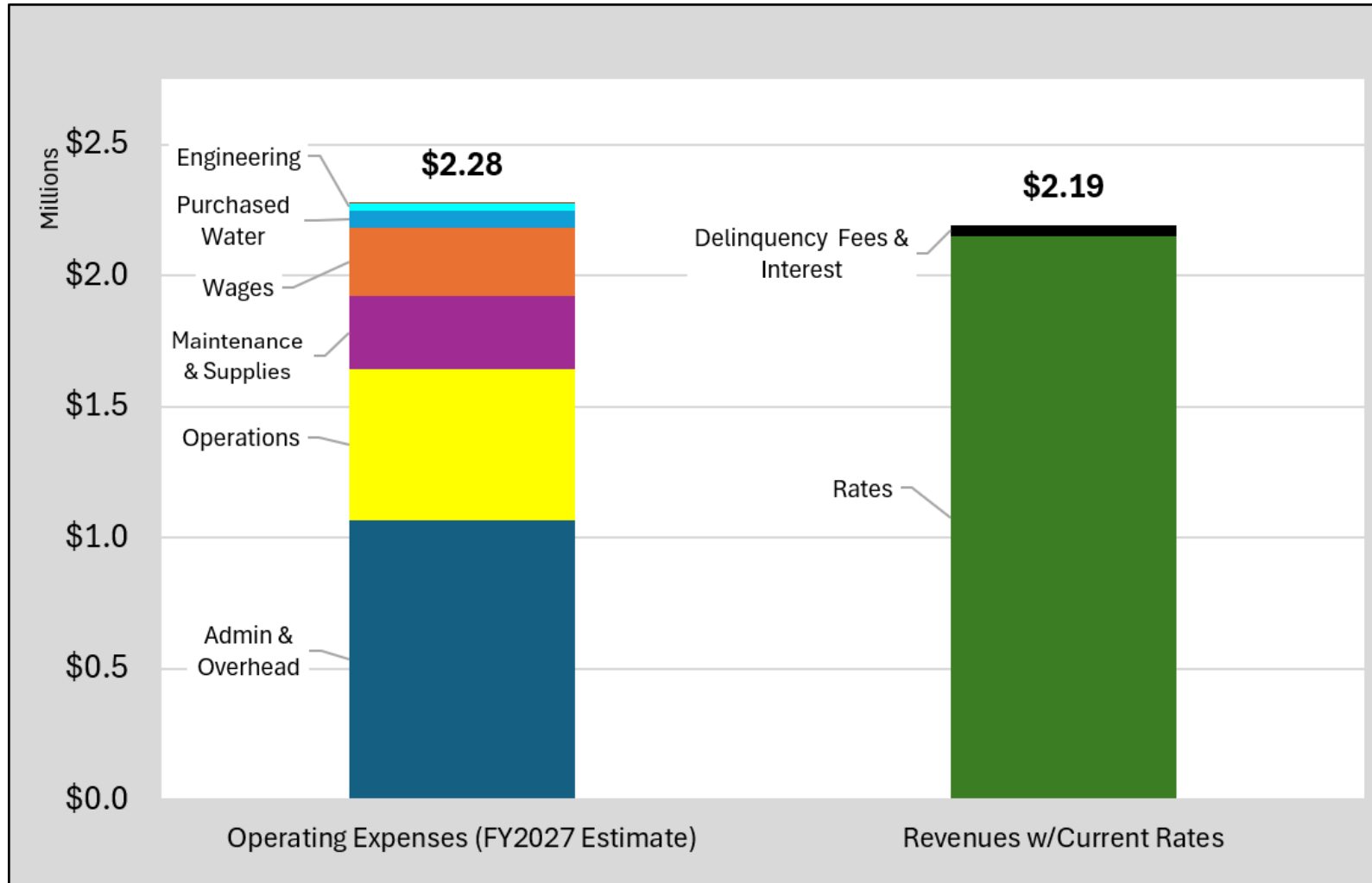


Background

Water rates were last increased July 1, 2025

- The prior rate study increased rates by 8.5%/year.
- Most customers are unmetered, residential customers on a 1/5 acre lot who pay \$35.99 per month
- Current rate revenues are about equal to operating expenses which leaves no additional revenues for repairs, replacements, vehicles, and other needs
- Major capital projects are proposed to be funded through grants or through the District's restricted funds of about \$3.9 million

Current Water System Financials (\$M)



Rate Proposal

Increase rates to cover:

- 1) Current operating costs
- 2) Future inflationary increases
- 3) Buildup revenues to eventually fund an average of \$200,000/year of capital expenses
- 4) Accumulate an operating reserve = 6 months of expenses

**Customer Impact Goal:
keep PCWD's rates
comparable to the
City of Fresno**

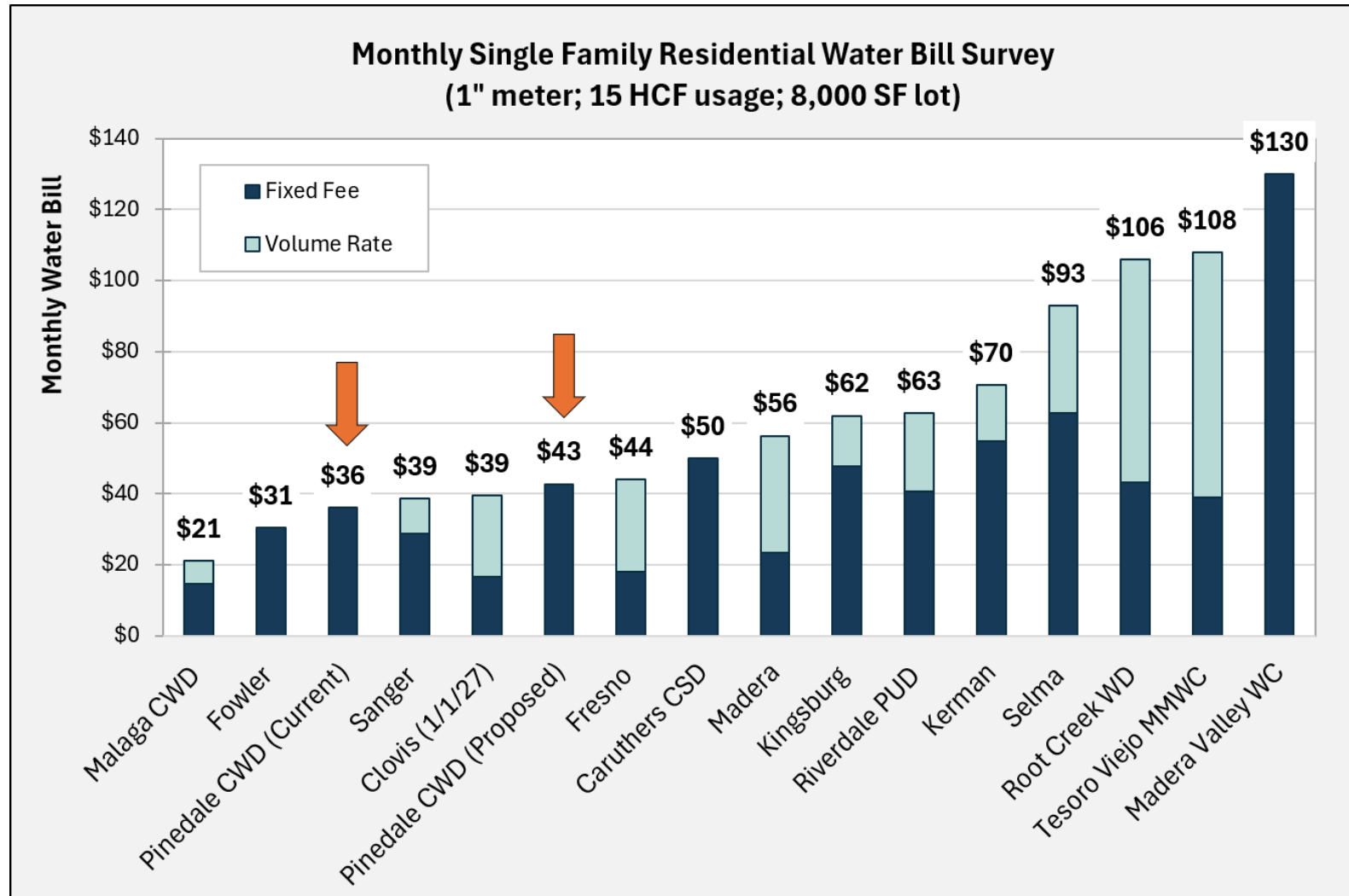
Proposed 5-Year Plan of Monthly Unmetered Residential Water Rates

Lot Size	Current	Jan 1, 2027	Jan 1, 2028	Jan 1, 2029	Jan 1, 2030	Jan 1, 2031
Single Family			+9.5%	+9.5%	+9.5%	+9.5%
0 through 5,000 Square Feet	\$31.59	\$36.16	\$39.62	\$43.35	\$47.50	\$51.98
5,001 through 7,000 Square Feet	\$33.73	\$39.84	\$43.66	\$47.75	\$52.34	\$57.26
7,001 through 11,000 Square Feet	\$35.99	\$42.60	\$46.69	\$51.05	\$55.97	\$61.22
11,001 through 17,000 Square Feet	\$38.84	\$47.20	\$51.74	\$56.55	\$62.02	\$67.82
Over 17,000 Square Feet	\$48.20	\$52.72	\$57.80	\$63.15	\$69.28	\$75.74
Multi Family						
Per Unit	\$24.05	\$28.80	\$31.54	\$34.55	\$37.82	\$41.42
Per Square 1K Foot of Lot Size	\$4.07	\$4.60	\$5.05	\$5.50	\$6.05	\$6.60

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\$ Change		\$6.11	\$3.82	\$4.09	\$4.59	\$4.92
% Change		18.1%	9.6%	9.4%	9.6%	9.4%
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\$ Change		\$6.61	\$4.09	\$4.36	\$4.92	\$5.25
% Change		18.4%	9.6%	9.3%	9.6%	9.4%

Water Bill Comparison



Proposed 5-Year Plan of Monthly Metered Water Rates

Lot Size	Current	Jan 1, 2027	Jan 1, 2028	Jan 1, 2029	Jan 1, 2030	Jan 1, 2031
Meter Size			+9.5%	+9.5%	+9.5%	+9.5%
3/4"	\$27.48	\$28.80	\$31.54	\$34.55	\$37.82	\$41.42
1" & Metered Residential	\$27.48	\$28.80	\$31.54	\$34.55	\$37.82	\$41.42
1 1/2"	\$54.96	\$56.39	\$61.75	\$67.64	\$74.05	\$81.09
2"	\$87.94	\$89.50	\$98.00	\$107.35	\$117.53	\$128.69
3"	\$164.88	\$177.79	\$194.67	\$213.24	\$233.46	\$255.64
4"	\$274.80	\$277.11	\$303.43	\$332.36	\$363.89	\$398.45
Volume Rate						
All Use (\$/HCF)	\$0.84	\$0.92	\$1.01	\$1.10	\$1.21	\$1.32

Private fire line customers are proposed to receive rate increases proportional to the rate increases shown here

Next Steps and Proposition 218

Compliance

- Receive Board input and finalize the proposed rates
- PCWD will mail a notice of the proposed rate increase to all customers and property owners
- Hold a public hearing a minimum of 45 days after the postmark date
- Residents can submit written protests to oppose the rates
- Absent a majority protest, the District can adopt rates up to the maximum shown on the notice