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ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02:

Variable Water Rate and Water Rate Increase of \$0.02 per Gallon

AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING A VARIABLE RATE AND BASE RATE FOR WATER SERVICE OF THE TIMBER COVE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT EFFECTIVE AS OF August 1, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Timber Cove County Water District (“District”), Sonoma County, California, as follows:

WHEREAS the District is mandated by statute to take whatever measures are necessary to remain financially solvent; and

WHEREAS the District has determined that a water rate increase is necessary in order to remain solvent.

1. The District hereby adopts the following water rates:
 - A. A base rate of \$65.00 per month. The base rate is calculated based on the sum total of one water meter per parcel within the District boundaries and fifty meters for the Timber Cove Resort, regardless of whether each parcel actually contains said quantity of water meters.
 - B. The base rate shall be collected from each and every residential and commercial unit, undeveloped parcel of land, and unoccupied parcel of land within the District boundaries. In the event any two or more parcels are merged after the effective date of this Ordinance, the base rate shall be collected based on the number of parcels that existed prior to the merger.
 - C. A variable rate of up to \$0.09 per gallon of water used. The variable rate will be calculated rate based on the previous years’ average operating cost to produce, treat and deliver water to its customers as measured by water meters, with a cap of \$0.09 per gallon. Each and every residential and commercial unit within the District boundaries will be charged for its commercial usage regardless of whether said unit has a dedicated meter or shares a meter with one or more other units.
 - D. The variable rate shall be collected from each and every residential and commercial unit within the District that has water usage as measured by the customer’s water meter.
 - E. The \$65.00 base rate shall be deposited into the Sinking Fund in order to pay for necessary capital improvements and replacement of plant and equipment, and the variable rate shall be used to pay for the operating costs of the District.

2. A customer’s failure to pay for water service as billed by the District shall cause the customer’s water service to be discontinued and water shall not be supplied to such customer until the customer pays all past due amounts owed for water service. If the customer owns more than one property within the District, the District may discontinue service to all properties owned by the customer. The District may also cause a lien to be recorded against the Customer’s property in the amount of any past due charges for water service.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 29th day of July, 2017.

TIMBER COVE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed **Variable Water Rate Increase: + \$0.02 per gallon**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, there will be a public hearing on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting location of the Board, 30600 Seaview Road, Cazadero, California 95421 to allow the public to register protests on the following:

ADOPTION OF FIRE ABATEMENT FEE: Proposed variable water rate increase from \$0.07 to \$0.09 per gallon, effective on August 1, 2017. This rate increase is needed to fund the increasing costs of providing water to the customers of Timber Cove County Water District ("District") and to keep the District solvent.

Written protests may be delivered at the Public Hearing or mailed in advance of the Public Hearing to:

Board of Directors
22089 Lyons Ct.
Jenner, Ca 95450

Please direct any questions to the Office Manager at (707) 847-3880.

To Be Published in: Press Democrat on June 28, 2017 and July 5, 2017

NOTE: Copies of this Public Hearing Notice were mailed to ALL Timber Cove County Water District Customers on June 7, 2017.