

Notice of Public Hearing
Golden Valley Municipal Water District Water Rate Adjustments
July 21, 2026

Hearing Date and Time: September 3, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Hearing Location: 49744-3 Gorman Post Road, Gorman, CA 93243

This letter is to advise you that the Golden Valley Municipal Water District is proposing a five-year water rate program adjustment for all residential and commercial customers. The proposal will be considered by the Golden Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors at a Public Hearing on September 3, 2026, at 6:00pm. You are receiving this notice in compliance with California Proposition 218 requirements that all impacted property owners are mailed notice of proposed rate changes at least 45 days prior to a public hearing. If you have any questions in regard to this notice, please call 661.248.8501.

BASIS OF PROPOSED RATES

The District is required by State law to collect revenues sufficient to fund current and future costs of operating, maintaining and administering the existing water facilities as well as to fund the capital improvements and infrastructure replacement program. These revenues allow the District to protect public health and safely and reliably deliver clean, safe drinking water to all connections. By State law, the District may not collect more revenue than is necessary to recover the costs of providing services. The proposed rates were developed through a comprehensive Water Rate Study designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue. The Water Rate Study was prepared by Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC).

WHY THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RATES MUST BE ADJUSTED

Customer water rates are a primary source of revenue to operate the Golden Valley Municipal Water District water system. These rates generate the revenue to operate the system. To continue the water system's ability to provide reliable water services to our customers, rate increases are necessary to cover increasing operational costs and to invest in necessary upgrades and emergency preparedness. While the Golden Valley Municipal Water District Water Board of Directors works diligently, to contain costs, it has been 7 years since the last rate increase. This rate increase will more equitably allocate the rates based on installed water meters.

Reserve accounts must be funded for replacement of short-lived assets and long-term replacements and improvements to the system. The proposed rate adjustment was recommended by RCAC after extensive analysis and alternate adjustment considerations. It is the lowest adjustment that will meet the operating costs and reserve costs of the system. We wish our water users to understand we must maintain an adequate reserve fund to maintain the system. Other expenditures include (but are not limited to) yearly audits, grant related expenses, and other expenses adjusted to current/expected costs using inflation factors.

WHAT STEPS DID THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TAKE TO REDUCE COST BEFORE CONSIDERING INCREASING CUSTOMER RATES?

Golden Valley Municipal Water District conducted a comprehensive line by line review of the budgetary expenditures to maximize available resources and reduce operational costs to a minimum. The Golden Valley Municipal Water District water system is run mainly on a volunteer basis. We have also reduced the recommended annual operations and maintenance reserves to a minimum and performed a comprehensive evaluation of general overhead expenses.

PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE

All property owners and other interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present written and/or oral comments. As an owner or customer of record of a parcel subject to the imposition of the proposed rate adjustments, you may submit a WRITTEN protest against the proposed rate changes. Only ONE written protest will be counted per identified parcel. If written protests are presented by a majority of the owners of property that are subject to the rate change prior to the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors cannot approve the change.

Written protests must include:

- Your original signature and date
- Your name typed or printed under the signature
- The address of the property
- An affirmation that you are the owner or customer of record of the property; and
- Your reasons for protest

Written protests will NOT be accepted by e-mail or fax. Verbal protests will NOT be counted. Protests must be received (not postmarked) prior to the close of the public hearing. Written protests may be submitted to:

49744-3 Gorman Post Road, Gorman, CA 93243 / Mailing address: P.O. Box 82, Gorman, CA 93243.

The Board of Directors will count the protest votes and vote on the ordinance accordingly. The rates will not exceed the increases set forth herein.

PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE SCHEDULE

The proposed rate schedule is set forth below. The water rates will be adjusted beginning on October 1, 2026 and will adjust on July 1st of the subsequent years through 2031. The final adjustment under this resolution will be on July 1, 2031. Any subsequent adjustments will be subject to a Proposition 218 hearing.

In accordance with Senate Bill 323, any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, validate, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a fee or charge for water service, or modifying or amending an existing fee or charge for water service, shall be commenced within 120 days of the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution, or motion, whichever is later.

PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE SCHEDULES TO BE ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 09-2026

Rate Structure					
Meter Size	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	FYE 2029	FYE 2030	FYE 2031
¾"	\$55.00	\$57.75	\$60.64	\$62.46	\$64.33
1"	\$95.00	\$99.75	\$104.74	\$107.88	\$111.12
1.5"	\$156.00	\$163.80	\$171.99	\$177.15	\$182.46
2"	\$258.00	\$270.90	\$284.45	\$292.98	\$301.77
3"	\$428.00	\$449.40	\$471.87	\$486.03	\$500.61
Rate Per Gallon	\$ 0.0093	\$ 0.0098	\$ 0.0103	\$ 0.0106	\$ 0.0109