

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF GLENN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION #2018-19-08

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CAL WATER RATE INCREASES

WHEREAS, the District is supportive of the California Water Service's (Cal Water) continued efforts to provide clean, accessible water to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the District supports having safe, clean, and accessible water for its students and promotes its use to encourage healthy intake habits and student hygiene; and

WHEREAS, Cal Water has made application to the California Public Utilities Commission and is requesting total company-wide revenue increases of 7.6% for 2020; 4.4% increases for 2021; and 4.4% increases for 2022; and

WHEREAS, these proposed company-wide revenue increases are far below the proposed revenue increases for the Cal Water-Willows District which are reported to be 33.2% for 2020; 7.9% for 2021; and 7.7% for 2021; and

WHEREAS, these proposed revenue increases do not clearly translate into actual monthly rate increases for customers, as monthly payment rate increases could be well over the proposed revenue increase percentages for some customers; and

WHEREAS, families in the Willows Unified School District (District) live in a high poverty area, with over 60% of students qualifying for free and reduced price meals; consequently, Cal Water's proposed monthly water rate increases could significantly impact a family budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases have the potential to create an extraordinary future fiscal impact on an already strained District budget; and

WHEREAS, the District has already made concerted efforts to reduce consumption of water provided by Cal Water by various means such as installing low flow devices throughout the District, uncapping a well at Willows High School, and drilling a well at Murdock Elementary School for irrigation of some play areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Willows Unified School District is opposed to Cal Water rate increases as proposed to the California Public Utilities Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Willows Unified School District on March 7, 2019.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAINED: _____

ABSENT: _____

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Clerk/Secretary Board of Education

I, _____, Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education of the Willows Unified School District, County of Glenn, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a meeting held at its regular meeting place on March 7, 2019, which action is contained in the minutes of the meeting of said Board.