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## ESTABLISHING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

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### IT IS THE POLICY OF EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT TO:

Establish water and wastewater rates that recover costs included in the District's operating and capital budgets, meet the District's policy goals and comply with applicable law, including Proposition 218 and the Municipal Utility District Act ("MUD" Act). Rates should also enhance the District's ability to provide safe, reliable, and sufficient water supply and wastewater treatment services to its customers over the long term. The District will provide a customer assistance program, that is in compliance with state law, to help low income customers obtain water and wastewater at a reasonable price.

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**Rate Methodology** The District's water and wastewater rates are developed and structured in conformance with all applicable laws including the MUD Act and Proposition 218 (California Constitution article XIII D, section 6) and consistent with best management practice.

To ensure compliance with these requirements, a cost-of-service study of the District's water and wastewater service fees and charges is to be completed at least every ten years.

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**Water Rate Design** To the extent authorized by law, the District's water rates will be designed to encourage conservation, water use efficiency and resource management, and enhance reliability and supply. The District's water rates will be designed to recover the operating and capital costs of the water facilities in order to ensure reliable delivery of water.

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**Wastewater Rate Design** To the extent authorized by law, the district's wastewater rates will be designed to encourage conservation and resource management. The District's wastewater rates will be designed to recover the operating and capital costs of the wastewater facilities to ensure reliable treatment services and to protect public health and the environment.

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**Public Involvement in Rate Setting** In accordance with MUD Act Section 14401, prior to the Board's consideration of new or revised water and wastewater rates, a staff report presenting rate recommendations will be filed with the Board of Directors and made available to the public. Within 40 days of the filing of the report, EBMUD will conduct a public hearing on the report and its rate recommendations.

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