

**RESOLUTION NO. 2288**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT  
UPDATING ITS POLICY FOR DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR  
NONPAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Montecito Water District (MWD) is a County Water District formed under and pursuant to the County Water District Law [Water Code Sections 30000 – 33901], located in and serving the unincorporated areas of Montecito and Summerland since 1921 and 1996 respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Water District Law grants MWD broad power over water in its jurisdiction, including: the authority to establish rules and regulations for the sale, distribution and use of water; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 1999, MWD adopted Ordinance 82, setting forth rules and regulations for the supply of water, including policies and procedures for discontinuation of water service for delinquency; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2018, the State of California enacted the “Water Shutoff Protection Act” (WSPA), also known as Senate Bill 998, which provides procedural protections before residential water service can be discontinued for nonpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, the WSPA requires urban and community water systems, defined as public water systems that supply water to more than 200 service connections, to have a written policy on the discontinuation of residential water service for nonpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, as an urban or community water system providing water to more than 200 service accounts, the MWD is governed by the WSPA; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2020, prior to the effective date of the WSPA, the District adopted Resolution 2191 establishing a policy for the discontinuation of water service for nonpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy was last updated in September 2023 via Resolution 2265;

**WHEREAS**, the District has determined that updates are required to ensure efficient and feasible implementation of the policy and continued high-quality customer service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District as follows:

1. The *Discontinuation of Water Service for Nonpayment Policy* adopted by Resolution No. 2265 is hereby rescinded in its entirety and replaced with the *Discontinuation of Water Service for Nonpayment Policy* contained in this Resolution.
2. The Board of Directors approves and adopts the Montecito Water District *Discontinuation of Water Service for Nonpayment Policy*, attached as Exhibit “A” in accordance with the

requirements of the State of California “Water Shutoff Protection Act” (Senate Bill 998) enacted in September 2018.

3. The Board of Directors agrees that it has received sufficient notice and/or has waived any notice requirements under Section 1.4 of Ordinance 82 related to amendments, additions, or revocation of that Ordinance in whole or in part.
4. Resolution 2288 is effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, Wicks

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:



Kenneth Coates, Board President

ATTEST:



Nicholas Turner, Secretary