

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESTERO MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE WATER/WASTEWATER RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (W/WRAP) THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, AND UNLESS FURTHER EXTENDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL AUTOMATICALLY SUNSET AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PERIOD; AND FINDING THE APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION IS EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) 15061(b)(3)

ESTERO MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the District anticipates increases in both Water and Wastewater Rates over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, in response to projected rate increases, the EMID Board established a Pilot Water/Wastewater Rate Assistance Program (W/WRAP) in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for customers demonstrating financial need; and

WHEREAS, W/WRAP provides a \$15 monthly discount for both water and wastewater accounts; and

WHEREAS, the program was extended until June 30, 2025, at which time it will automatically sunset unless extended by the EMID Board; and

WHEREAS, a non-rate revenue source must be used to offset program costs to ensure compliance with California Proposition 218;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Estero Municipal Improvement District hereby:

1. Extends W/WRAP, providing a \$15 monthly discount for both water and wastewater accounts for eligible customers, through June 30, 2026, at which time the program will automatically sunset unless extended by the EMID Board;
2. Approves the use of delinquent payment fees as the revenue source to fund the program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026;
3. Authorizes the District Manager or designee to maintain and update program guidelines and materials as necessary for effective administration; and
4. Finds that the adoption of this resolution is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption, as CEQA applies only to projects with the potential for significant environmental impacts. Since this activity has no such impact, it is not subject to CEQA per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Estero Municipal Improvement District at its regular meeting on the 2nd day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STACY JIMENEZ, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

PRISCILLA SCHAUS, DISTRICT SECRETARY