

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1083

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE WATER SHUTOFF PROTECTION ACT AS AMENDED BY SB3 (2023)

WHEREAS, Joshua Basin Water District (“District”) is a community water system providing potable water service to residential customers within its service area; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2019, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 19-1017 approving the District’s Collections Policy (SB 998 – Discontinuation of Residential Service for Nonpayment), effective February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 998 (2018) established the Water Shutoff Protection Act, codified at Health and Safety Code sections 116900–116926, governing the discontinuation and restoration of residential water service for nonpayment; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3 (Dodd, 2023) amended the Water Shutoff Protection Act to expand its applicability and clarify customer protections, including requirements related to alternative payment arrangements, notice procedures, restoration of service, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to amend the District’s Collections Policy to ensure full compliance with the Water Shutoff Protection Act as amended, while maintaining clear, transparent, and equitable procedures for customers and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Joshua Basin Water District hereby finds, determines, and orders as follows:

1. Amendment of Policy

The District’s Collections Policy (SB 998 – Discontinuation of Residential Service for Nonpayment) is hereby amended to incorporate the requirements of the Water Shutoff Protection Act as amended by SB 3 (2023), including but not limited to:

- Mandatory offering of alternative payment arrangements;
- Updated notice timing and procedural requirements;
- Clarification of conditions for restoration of service following discontinuation;
- Removal of provisions inconsistent with state law; and
- Clarification that state law governs in the event of any conflict with District rules or regulations.

2. Authority

The amended policy is adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 116900–116926, California Government Code sections 60370–60375.5, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

3. No Other Changes

Except as expressly amended to ensure compliance with SB 3 (2023), all other provisions of the District’s Collections Policy shall remain in full force and effect.

4. Implementation

The General Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to implement the amended policy, make it publicly available as required by law, and take any administrative actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

5. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Joshua Basin Water District on this 1st day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

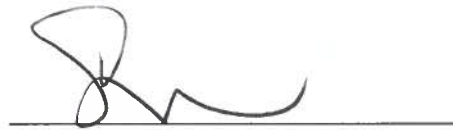
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Stacy Doolittle, President



Sarah Johnson, Board Secretary