

ORDINANCE NO. 17
Revised August 14, 2024

HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, California Water Code Sections 20200 - 20207 authorize the Board of Directors of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District to establish amounts of compensation to be paid to members of the governing board of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to expand its definition of service within the authority described in Water Code §§20200 – 20207; and,

WHEREAS, Water Code §20202 authorizes increases in directors' compensation above \$100 per day by an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the current daily compensation for each year following the operative date of the last adjustment in compensation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors on July 12, 2001 increased the amount of compensation to be paid to directors to \$160 which was within the limits provided by Water Code §20202; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to increase the amount of compensation to \$260 per day for service to the Board which is within the limits and authority provided by Water Code §§20202; and

WHEREAS, as the Secretary/Treasurer position carries with it certain additional obligations and duties which occur on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors desires to continue to compensate the Board Secretary/Treasurer position, or (in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer) any Director acting in the Secretary/Treasurer capacity, \$53.00 per day for service, which is within the limits and authority provided by Water Code §20202; and

WHEREAS, service rendered as a member of the board by request of the board may include travel to and from meetings outside Humboldt County; and,

WHEREAS, because of our remote location in Northern California, such travel may include one full or half day travel to and from Humboldt County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to include travel associated with meetings outside our County to be included in the Board's definition of service within the limits provided by Water Code §20201; and,

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing has been provided in accordance with Water Code §20203 and Government Code §6066, and a public hearing was held by the Board of Directors on August 14, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Each director shall receive the amount of \$260.00 per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board of Directors. For each one-half day's service (4 hours or less) rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board of Directors, the compensation shall be one-half of the amount paid for a full day's service;
2. The Secretary/Treasurer position shall receive the additional amount of \$53.00 per day of service for the additional duties and obligations that are required of that position. Any Director fulfilling the obligations of the Secretary/Treasurer position (in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer), shall be entitled to this additional compensation;
3. The compensation described in paragraph 1 hereof shall be paid for no more than ten (10) days in each calendar month;
4. The Board of Directors recognizes that due to the geographic isolation of the District and problems inherent with transportation from the District to other areas, when the Board requests a member to provide service to the District outside of the local area (for example, to attend a meeting in Sacramento as a representative of the District), a substantial commitment of travel time may be required. Therefore, when the Board requests a member to render services to the District outside of Humboldt County, the compensation shall include reasonable time for travel at the rates set forth above;
5. In addition to the foregoing, each director shall be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the performance of duties required or authorized by the Board of Directors;
6. This ordinance shall become effective October 11, 2024 sixty (60) days following the date of its adoption.
7. All prior revisions and amendments to Ordinance 17 are hereby rescinded.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of August 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Michelle Fuller, President

J. Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer