

# Elkhorn Estates Water Maintenance District Community Meeting

San Joaquin County  
Department of Public Works  
September 11, 2024



# Agenda

- Special District Overview
- Elkhorn Estates Water Maintenance District
  - Background
  - Rate Structure
  - Expenses
  - Financial Status
  - Proposed Rates
- Next Steps

# What is a Special District?

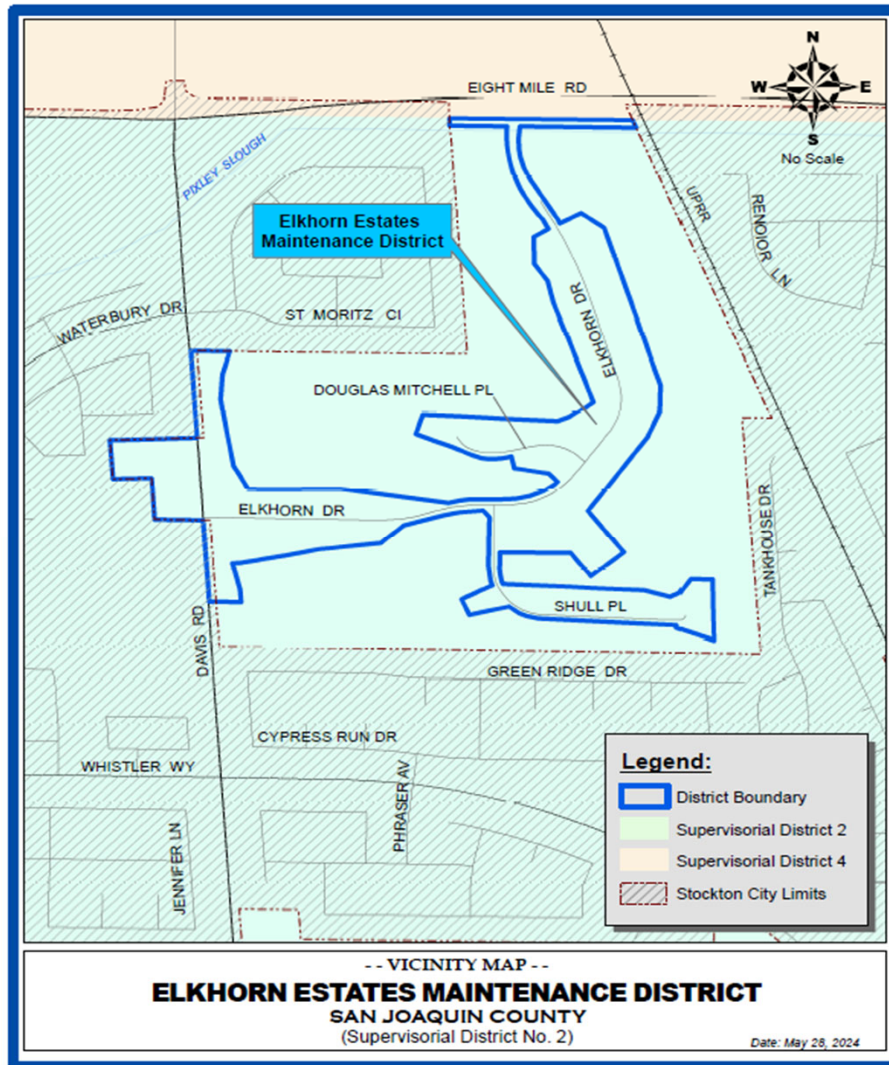
- Form of local government created to provide a specific service within defined boundary
- Separate fund from rest of the County (legal requirement)
- Revenue from rates stays in the district, not spent for other purposes
- **Generally self-supporting from customer charges – General fund unable to subsidize costs**

# San Joaquin County Public Works Department

- Administers over 100 special districts
- Services provided include water, sewer, storm drainage and street lighting
- Delivers water to over 5,600 properties

# Elkhorn Estates Background

- Established in 1965
- 76 properties
- Water system includes 2 wells, over 1.2 miles of water main & 9 fire hydrants

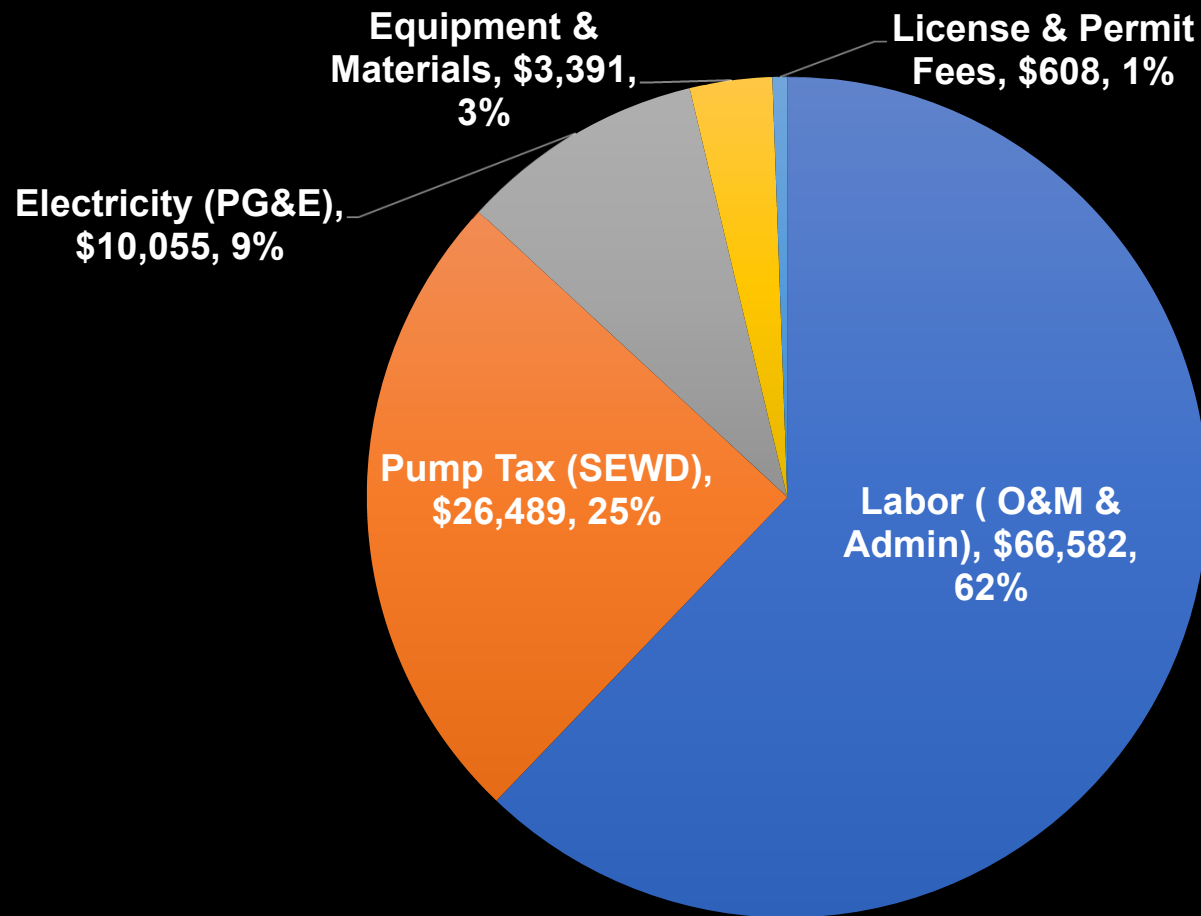


# Current Rates – Elkhorn Estates

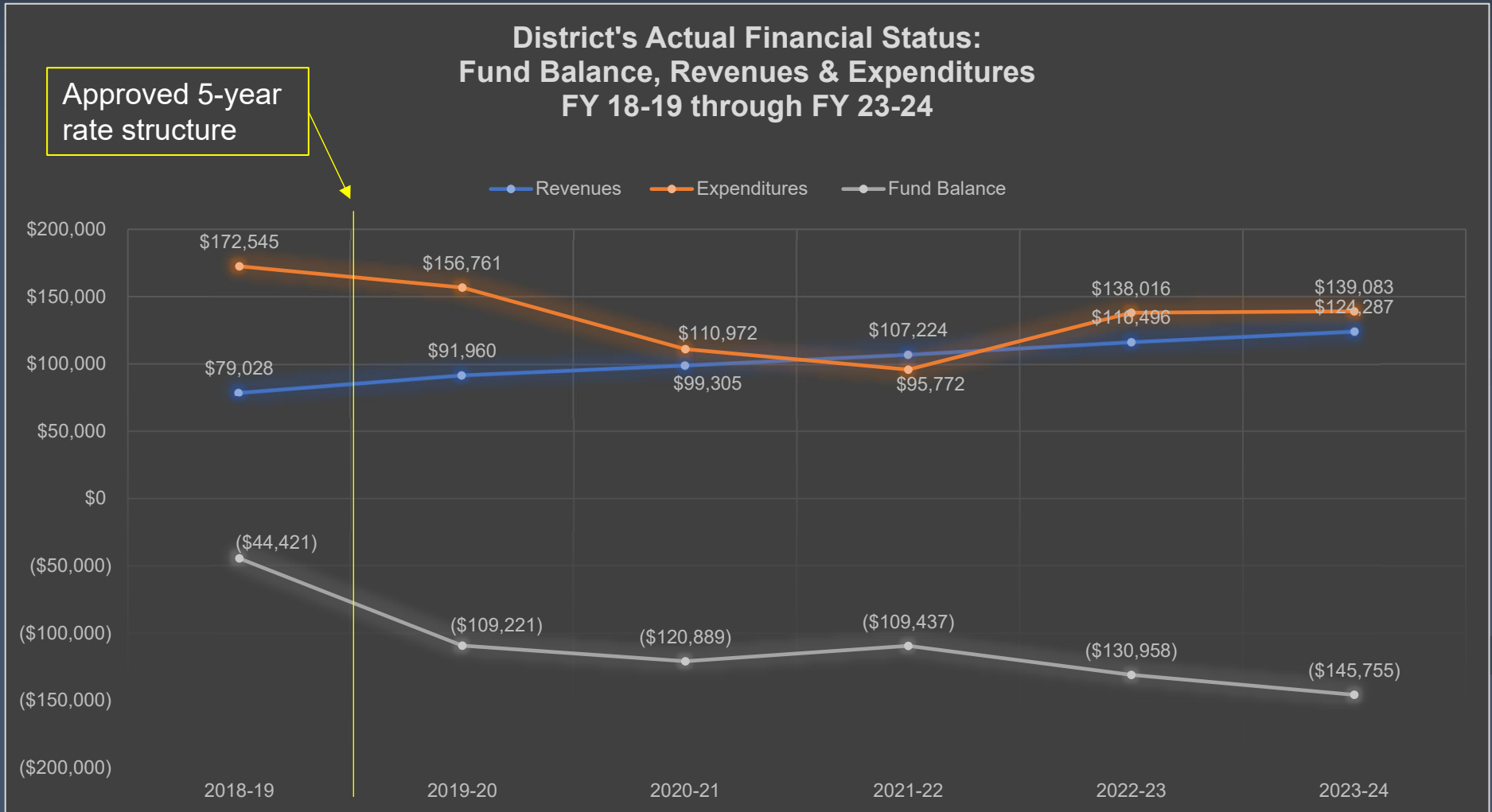
- Annual charge per Single Family Equivalent (SFE)
- Single family residential parcel = 1 SFE
- Current annual rate: \$1,642 per SFE (\$136.83/month)
- Current metered rate: \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons
- Parcel specific charges are on the notices mailed to the property owners

# District Expenses

## 5-Year Avg Annual O&M = \$107,124 (2018-2023)



# District's Financial Status: Fund Balance, Revenues & Expenditures





# Proposed Rates

- Rate increase covers operational expenses and contributions towards fund balance
- Ensures continued system maintenance, outdoor watering
- Positive fund balance after 5-year rate schedule

Elkhorn Estates	Current	Fiscal Year				
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Water SFEs	70.3	70.3	70.3	70.3	70.3	70.3
Water Service Charge / SFE	\$1,642	\$2,096	\$2,208	\$2,327	\$2,454	\$2,589
Metered Rate	\$3.75*	\$5.10	\$5.58	\$6.07	\$6.56	\$7.06
Percent Increase		27.6%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.5%
Capital Outlay Contribution	\$0	\$27,909	\$32,151	\$36,781	\$41,837	\$47,358
Projected Fund Balance	<b>(\$129,758)</b>	<b>(\$101,850)</b>	<b>(\$69,704)</b>	<b>(\$32,930)</b>	<b>\$8,954</b>	<b>\$56,376</b>

\*Note: Elkhorn Estates Golf Clubhouse rate

# Proposed Rates (continued)

<b>Elkhorn Estates Water Rate Comparison</b>	
	<b>FY 2024-25</b>
<b>CAL WATER</b>	\$ 3,460
<b>WALNUT ACRES</b>	\$ 2,534
<b>ELKHORN ESTATES</b>	\$ 1,921
<b>CITY OF LODI</b>	\$ 1,914
<b>CITY OF STOCKTON</b>	\$ 1,899
<b>GAYLA MANOR</b>	\$ 1,854

# If Rates Are Not Approved

Without sufficient revenue, may need to impose extreme water conservation measures and/or implement other cost saving measures

- Reduce after-hours and weekend service calls
- Reduce regular system maintenance
- Postpone equipment replacement
- Require stage 3 conservation measures which means no outdoor watering (plants, trees, lawn, etc.)

## Next Steps

- Public hearing scheduled October 8, 2024
- Notices mailed to all customers
- Questions? Call or email:  
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