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First Text  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CI

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE TEHACHAPI NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI COUNTY OF KERN,

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION.**  
Notice is hereby given of the intention of the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the Bear Valley Community Services District for the purpose of REPEAL OF ONEROUS WATER RATES which took effect on April 1, 2026 and increasing annually to nearly DOUBLE the former rates by 2030, thereby reestablishing the lawful water rates in effect immediately prior.  
A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows: The Bear Valley Community Services District Board of Directors voted to nearly DOUBLE WATER RATES within four years, which began April 2026 and includes annual increases through 2030. These outrageously high and destructive increases threaten home values and the ability of families, seniors and fixed income residents to continue to live in Bear Valley. The Board of Directors is instructed herein to respect the finances of residents and accord great deference to affordability when enacting rate, fee and tax increases.  
**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS.**  
**Repeal of Water Rate Increases Enacted by Resolution No. 26-29 of the Bear Valley Community Services District Board of Directors on March 26, 2026.**  
The people of the Bear Valley Community Services District do ordain as follows:  
**SECTION 1.** Resolution No. 26-29 of the Bear Valley Community Services District Board of Directors entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR WATER SERVICE BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2031, and adopted March 26, 2026 is hereby REPEALED in accordance with Section 3 of Article XIII C of the Constitution of the State of California.  
**SECTION 2.** This measure may not be amended, except upon voter approval.  
/s/ Kevin Rice 26800 Sutter Ct Tehachapi 93561  
/s/ David Licher 23040 Lakeview Dr Tehachapi 93561 Published: 4/8/2026 AD# 581033

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

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*4/8/26*