RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC NOTICE AND PROTEST HEARING PROCESS AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MAY 24, 2016, STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER A WATER RATE INCREASE

The findings of the Draft 2016 Water Rate Study performed by HDR, Inc., conclude that an increase to current water rates is necessary to meet debt service coverage ratios; and

On February 3, 2016 and February 11, 2016, the proposed water rate increases were presented to the Water Advisory Group and Council Water Committee, respectively with both recommending that the City Council approve a Proposition 218 Public Notice and Protest Hearing Process and schedule a Public Hearing for the City Council Meeting of May 24, 2016, to consider adoption of the proposed water rate increases; and

The City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department will conduct at a minimum two public meetings to provide information to the general public regarding the proposed rate increases; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager is authorized to send a 45-day Proposition 218 public notice to all City of Stockton record owners of each identified parcel upon which the fee is proposed for imposition a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference. The notice will inform property owners of the proposed water rate increases which are 26% in 2016, 5.5% in 2017, 3.0% in 2018, 3.0% in 2019, and 3.0% in 2020, and future adjustments made pursuant to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all items, U.S. City average. The Proposition 218 public notice shall include the proposed rate increase amounts, the reasons for the proposed increase, the date of the public hearing to consider the proposed increases and how the customers may protest the proposed increases.
2. A Public Hearing for the May 24, 2016, Council Meeting is to be scheduled to consider adoption of the proposed water rate increase as identified in the attached Proposition 218 public notice and the 2016 Proposed Water Rate Increase Newsletter, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by this reference.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED _____ March 29, 2016 ________.

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ANTHONY SILVA, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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BONNIE PAIGE
City Clerk of the City of Stockton