



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 9.E.
For Meeting of: April 21, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule setting Irrigation Rates for 2026-2031

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Public Works Director
* Daniel Tiliano, Water/Irrigation Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

City staff had FCS Group prepare proposed rate adjustments for the City's Irrigation Water utility for 2026-2031. This is to ensure both operations and capital projects are properly funded such as the Nelson Diversion project. In developing and setting rates, it is important to base them on actual costs to ensure the rate structure for both Operational and Capital funds properly supports the cost of providing this essential service, but is also fair and equitable to the users. The principal objective of the rate design stage is to implement irrigation structures that collect the appropriate level of revenue. The Irrigation Rate is composed of two components Operation & Maintenance (O&M), and Capital Improvement Project (CIP).

On November 18, 2025, FCS Group presented to City Council the following proposed rates for 2026-2031:

- The O&M charge to be increased 8.25% in 2026, 6.5% in 2027 and 2028 and then an annual 3% inflationary increase is added for 2029 – 2031.
- The CIP charge is not altered in 2026, but an annual 3% inflationary increase is added for 2027 – 2031.

A resolution adopting the rates is required by an amendment to the Master Fee Schedule.

ITEM BUDGETED: No

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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

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