



**County of El Paso  
Agenda Item Details**

**Item Title:** Public Works - Order adopting a special water rate, tier 2 for water haulers serving the East Montana Water System

**Submitted By:** Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director

**Department:** Public Works

**Department Phone Number:** 915-273-3330

**Subject:** Approve and authorize the Judge to sign an Order Adopting a Special Water Rate for Water Haulers Serving the East Montana Water System, establishing a Tier 2 rate for water haulers who purchase water from the East Montana Water System for the express purpose of providing water to individual residences lacking a reliable water supply. (#5197-OP)

**Background:** The El Paso County Commissioners Court established the East Montana Water System to provide reliable and affordable potable water to residents without a dependable drinking water supply. Over the years, the County has worked to extend water services to unincorporated areas lacking safe and affordable water. The County has set water rates that balance affordability with conservation efforts to sustain the system. However, some areas still rely on hauled water for basic needs, and the current pricing structure is not cost-effective for water haulers. Recognizing the importance of hauled water for residents' health and well-being, the County has introduced special water rate for haulers purchasing from the East Montana Water System to supply water to these underserved homes.

**Fiscal Impact:** Fiscal Impact Historical

Fiscal Impact Projected  
None

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**Budget or Unbudgeted Match:**

**Recommendation:**

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**Prior Action:**

On 7/29/2024, Commissioners Court approved the water and sewer rates for the El Paso County Water System d/b/a East Montana Water System as presented on 7/18/2024 and authorized the fees to take effect October 1, 2024. Additionally, the court authorized establishing a special rate supporting the provision of affordable water by water haulers to supply noncommercial residents lacking public water services.

**Strategic Plan:**

Goal:

null

Objective:

**Strategic Plan Information:**

**Estimated Time Needed  
For This Item:**