

San Juan Islands Conservation District

Resolution # 2025 – 004

July 2, 2025

Renewing the San Juan Islands Conservation District System of Rates and Charges

WHEREAS, the Conservation District Board of Supervisors has determined that significant natural resource work is needed within the District for which there is insufficient funding from other available sources;

WHEREAS, RCW 89.08.405 provides for a system of rates and charges to fund such work of the Conservation District;

WHEREAS, RCW 89.08.400(2) limits conservation district special assessments for a period not to exceed ten years and grants the county legislative authority the discretion to impose special assessments to finance the activities of the conservation district;

WHEREAS, the consideration, development, adoption and implementation of the rates proposed herein follows the public hearing held on July 26, 2025, held by the District pursuant to RCW 89.08.400(2), public notice of which was properly provided by postings throughout the District and through publication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Juan Islands Conservation District, as follows:

I. The San Juan Islands Conservation District hereby requests that the San Juan County Council implement a rate system of rates and charges, for all classified parcels within the District's boundaries, as follows:

Land Use Category	Calculated Rates
Residential	\$ 25.0000 \$ 0.1000
Commercial	\$ 25.0000 \$ 0.1000
Agriculture	\$ 25.0000 \$ 0.1000
Institutional/ Public	\$ 25.0000 \$ 0.1000
Vacant/ Undeveloped	\$ 25.0000 \$ 0.1000
Open Space	\$ 25.0000 \$ 0.1000
Designated Forest Land	\$ 3.0000 \$ 0.0100

2. All those landowners qualifying as Low-Income Senior Citizens shall be exempt from this resolution.

3. All those lands with assessed values of less than \$500 shall be exempt from this resolution.

4. The aforementioned rates are to be charged beginning in January 2026 and that the approved rates continue for a period of 10 years, unless modified by request of the San Juan Islands District Board of Supervisors and by action of the San Juan County Council during the effective period.

5. The District's current assessments (San Juan County Code Section 3.36.030 and

Ordinance 13-2019) are hereby repealed, such that the aforementioned rates replace them as a source of revenue for the District during the effective period.

6. The County Treasurer pursuant to RCW 89.08.405(6) shall deduct 1 % from the collected rates and charges to cover the costs incurred by the county assessor and county treasurer in spreading and collecting the rates and charges, and such deduction shall not exceed the total cost of such work.

Adopted at a special board meeting of the District Board of Supervisors on July 2, 2025.

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