



CORNING WATER DISTRICT

Maintaining Your Access to Water TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE

Corning Water District is proposing an assessment increase through a Proposition 218 election to **maintain access to surface water, support operations and maintenance of water conveyance infrastructure, and long-term groundwater supplies.**

Corning Water District provides landowners with reliable, efficient, and affordable surface water for irrigation. Maintaining a strong financial position is key to continuing this service reliably. The current assessment rate was established in 1967, and has not changed since then despite fixed costs increasing over the last 60 years. **The Prop 218 would provide funding for the District's current and future annual fixed expenses, helping the District operate, maintain, and repair its aging infrastructure and better serve landowners into the future.**

Today, about 80% of revenue comes from volumetric water charges, which can drop significantly in dry years when supplies are limited. Even in dry years, the District must pay to maintain its system, staff, and operations so it's ready to receive and deliver water when it becomes available, ensuring landowners don't lose access to surface water. A successful Prop 218 would provide a more stable source of funding, so the District can operate, maintain its system, and keep its surface water contract in place to continue receiving and delivering water.

Maintaining our ability to deliver surface water for agricultural irrigation benefits everyone in the District, even those who rely only on groundwater. When surface water is available, it provides an alternative to groundwater pumping, helping reduce groundwater use, support long-term groundwater levels, and preserve this resource for those who depend on it.

YEAR	PROPOSED MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT
2026-2027	\$38.13 per acre
2027-2028	\$39.09 per acre
2028-2029	\$40.06 per acre
2029-2030	\$41.06 per acre
2030-2031	\$42.09 per acre

The table shows the maximum assessment rate schedule for the first five years following the election.

Benefits of a Successful Prop 218 Election



PROTECT ACCESS TO SURFACE WATER

Helps the District maintain its US Bureau of Reclamation surface water contract and infrastructure system so it can receive and deliver surface water when it's available.



PROVIDE RELIABLE WATER DELIVERIES

Investing in repairs to aging canals and pipelines helps the District deliver water more reliably to landowners while reducing water loss along the way.

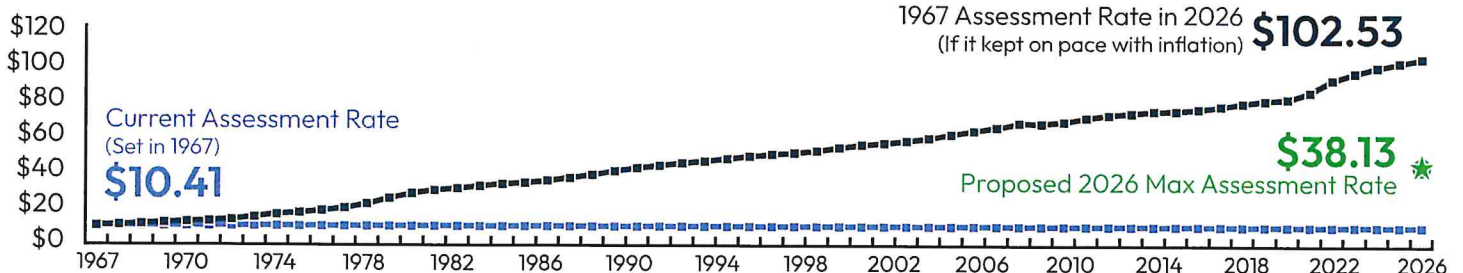


SUPPORT GROUNDWATER LEVELS

Surface water deliveries vary year to year depending on water availability, but on average the District delivers 8,500 acre-feet annually. When surface water is available, it directly reduces the need to pump groundwater, helping preserve it for long-term use, especially for those who primarily rely on groundwater.

Proposed Rate Remains Well Under Original Rate Adjusted for Inflation

The current assessment rate was set in 1967. If that rate had kept up with inflation, it would be over \$100 today. The proposed maximum assessment rate is well under the inflation-adjusted rate, and would provide a critical source of funding for District operations and infrastructure maintenance.



How to vote in the Prop 218

Landowners will have received a notice and ballot in the mail in the month of May. To vote, complete your Prop 218 ballot and submit in one of three ways:

1. Mail your ballot in the postage paid envelope provided in the ballot packet to **P.O. Box 258, Corning, CA 96021**.
2. Drop off your ballot at the secured ballot box between **8:00 AM and 5:00 PM** at **22240 Gallagher Ave, Corning CA 96021**.
3. Bring your ballot to the Public Hearing on **July 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM**.

To submit a written objection:

Written objections must be mailed or delivered to the District at **22240 Gallagher Ave, Corning, CA 96021** during business hours and received by 4:30 PM on July 8, 2026. Objections must be clearly labeled as an objection on the outside of the envelope and include the landowner's full name and parcel number(s).



ATTEND THE PROP 218 TOWN HALL MEETING

JUNE 16, 2026 AT 5:00 PM
ROLLING HILLS CASINO, CARLINOS ROOM

2655 Everett Freeman Way, Corning, CA, 96021

Join us to learn more about the Prop 218 and have your questions answered.



PUBLIC HEARING

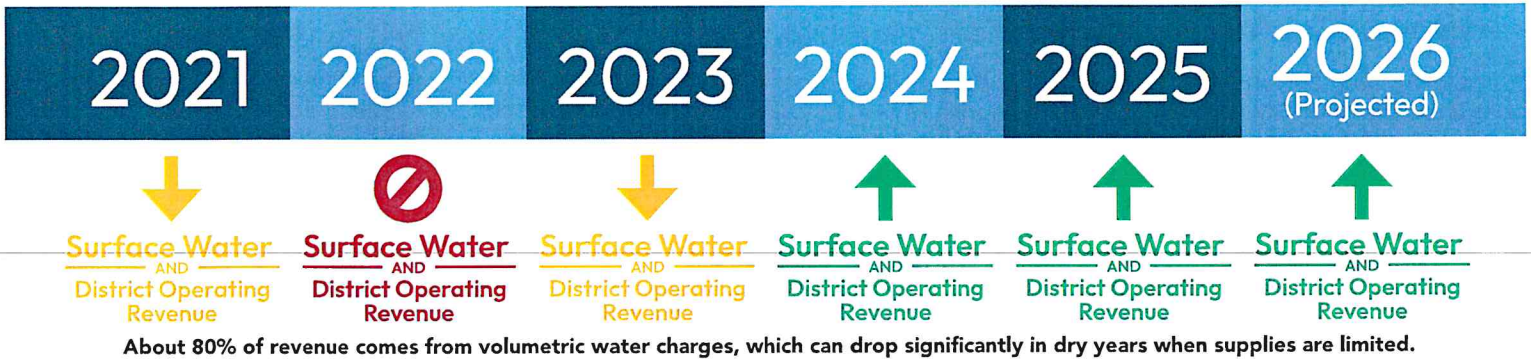
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Landowners are invited to provide comments and submit ballots in person before the hearing is closed.

IN DRY YEARS WHEN NO SURFACE WATER IS AVAILABLE

THE DISTRICT'S REVENUE CAN DROP SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT THE NEED TO OPERATE DOES NOT.



THE PROP 218

would provide the funding needed for the District to maintain its system and stay ready to receive and deliver water.

FAQs

Why is the District holding a Prop 218 election?

Corning Water District's current revenue is no longer enough to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the system. The current assessment rate has not changed since 1967, while costs have increased and revenue from volumetric water charges can drop significantly in dry years. The proposed assessment would provide a more stable source of funding to operate infrastructure, keep the District's surface water contract in place, and ensure the system is ready to deliver water when it becomes available.

How will the Assessment Funds be Used?

Assessment funds will be used to:

- Provide financial stability in dry years, when revenue from volumetric water charges is limited
- Support groundwater levels by allowing surface water to be used, reducing the need for groundwater pumping.
- Operate and maintain District's conveyance system, including repairing canals and pipelines, staffing and day-to-day operations, routine maintenance

What happens if the election doesn't pass?

Without the increased assessment, the District would continue to face funding shortfalls to operate and maintain its system. The current assessment covers only a portion of ongoing costs, and the District would continue to rely heavily on volumetric water charges, which can drop significantly in dry years.

As a result, the District would:

- Have reduced ability to maintain canals, pipelines, and overall system operations
- Be less prepared to deliver water when it's available, putting access at risk
- Increase reliance on groundwater, placing additional pressure on groundwater supplies across the District