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Rate Analysis: Second Community Meeting Outcome

Nearly 30 customers attended our second community meeting on March 20. Bartle Wells presented additional rate alternatives to cover our operations expenses. At the end of the meeting, customers and board members reached consensus that a rate increase is necessary to stabilize the operations and maintenance budget.

The alternatives include two rate increase options to cover operating expenses and both have options to establish a six, nine or 12-month reserve fund. The board will vote on the proposed rate alternatives at the April 2 board meeting and provide direction about a potential Proposition 218 notification.

WHY WE NEED A RATE INCREASE

The proposed rates are necessary to cover increases in operating costs, unfunded pension liabilities, mandated testing requirements and leak repairs. They will also pay for preventative well repairs and staff succession planning. Please visit our website if you would like to view the presentation and rate analysis materials.

Directors to Offer Coffee Klatch

Did you miss out on the rate analysis community meetings? Do you have additional questions? If so, this opportunity is for you. Directors Ryan Saunders and Roy Wilson will host a coffee klatch at our office **April 19 from 9 to 11 a.m.** for interested customers.

Please feel free to stop by the office to meet with the directors and our staff during this time. We're happy to chat with you about the district's challenges, financial status and the needed rate increase.

Conservation Corner: Spring Tips for You

Spring is a great time to get your irrigation system and landscape ready for the hot summer months ahead. Here are a few great tips from SaveOurWater.com — a statewide campaign that encourages water conservation as a way of life.

- ✔ Check sprinklers, make adjustments and fix leaks to save up to 6,000 gallons of water every month.
- ✔ Set your lawnmower blades to 3" to promote deeper root growth to save up to 50 gallons of water daily.
- ✔ Install drip irrigation and add a smart controller to save over 24 gallons of water per cycle.
- ✔ Integrate mulch into your landscape to conserve 20-30 gallons of water per 1,000 sq. ft. every time you water.
- ✔ Plant drought resistant plants and shade trees to reduce water usage by 30-60 gallons per 1,000 sq. ft. every time you water.

Ken & Rich



Did you know that the majority of our eight wells are older than the standard well's useful life expectancy of 30 to 50 years? This well – well #4 – is 67 years old.



Well #4

A Look at Our Well Maintenance Plan

Our two-person maintenance team –

Ken and Rich – conduct routine well inspections to perform repairs or replace components due to normal wear and tear. Common components include pumps, motors and disinfection equipment. The team follows a maintenance schedule based on the age of the well, its condition and last time it was serviced. Here's a look at the projected five-year well maintenance plan to ensure your daily drinking water supply.

Well repairs and part replacements fall under our operations and maintenance budget as they are considered normal wear and tear. The master plan addresses complete well replacements which fall under the planned system maintenance budget.

2018/19

Well #3: We deactivated this well after detecting 1,2,3-Trichloropropane levels that exceed state regulations. This year our team will work with the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water to address the issue. This will involve, at a minimum, further testing and analysis to determine the source of contamination. We anticipate this project taking several years to resolve.

Well #8: The pump at this well is nearing the end of its useful life of 10-15 years. Anticipated work includes pump repairs or replacement.

2019/20

Well #2: Pull pump to perform pump repairs or replacement.

Well #5: Pull pump to investigate casing. This may also require pump and motor repairs or replacements.

2020/21

Well #4: Pull and inspect pump as it has not been pulled in many years.

Well #9: Pull pump and perform inspection. Anticipated work is unknown at this time.

2021/22

Perform well site repairs such as paving, fencing and possible tank inspections.

2022/23

Additional site repairs if not performed in 2021/22.

Well #6: Pull pump and perform inspection.

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