

# WaterSpots

February 2018



Rich & Debbie

## Community Meeting Set for February 22

Please join us at this important community meeting about your water rates. Bartle Wells, a financial advisor to water and wastewater agencies, will lead the meeting with a cost-of-service analysis presentation. The firm will also present potential rate structures and a reserve policy we need to pay for our operations over the next three to five years. We encourage you to attend the meeting to learn more and share your input.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

February 22

6:30 p.m.

AT&T Auditorium

2700 Watt Avenue

## Transparent Approach to Rate Setting

As shared in prior communications, we engaged Bartle Wells as an independent consultant following our failed rate proposal last year and at the request of several customers. The firm will apply their 50-plus years of expertise to guide our rate setting process that will lead to another Proposition 218 notification this spring.

With our expenses exceeding revenue, we need to increase customer water rates to cover our costs to provide your drinking water and ensure community fire protection. We urge you to learn more about our challenges, potential solutions and, ultimately make informed decisions based on facts. Here's how:



Attend and participate in our **community meetings**



Join our monthly **board meetings**



Read our **newsletters** sent to you



Check our **website** for information and updates



Share your **email address** with us for electronic communications

We are committed to keeping you informed in a transparent, proactive manner. Please contact us with any questions or stop by our office for more information.



Ken

## Ken's Water Efficiency Tips

With the rainy season and cooler months upon us, Ken has a few tips to help you use water efficiently and protect your landscape.

- Turn off your sprinkler system timers for the winter months
- If you haven't already, insulate your outdoor plumbing to keep your pipes from freezing and breaking
- Allow your grass to grow longer and apply mulch to landscaped areas to retain moisture

Also, if you hear any running water sounds inside, check your faucets for potential leaks and your toilets for wasteful draining or cycling.

**Need additional help?**  
**Contact us with your questions.**

## New Board Member Appointed

The Del Paso Water District Board of Directors recently appointed Jeb Elmore as a new director to fill the board's recent vacancy. Mr. Elmore was appointed at a special board meeting on January 8. He is a 14-plus year Del Paso Manor water customer and long-standing community member.

Mr. Elmore has a background in the hydrology, chemistry and geology of water aquifers, water quality and well construction. In addition, he works in the land development and construction arena where he oversees large and small-scale construction projects.

Visit our website to learn more about Mr. Elmore. Please join us in welcoming him as our newest director!

## Did You Know?

- Our history dates to the late 1940s when developers Lusk and King established the Del Paso Manor neighborhood
- Many of our community street names are named after many of Mr. Lusk's family
- Many of our wells and pipelines were installed right after World War II during Harry S. Truman's presidency
- Over 20 percent of our water mains in the residential area were made from surplus war steel pipe
- Our first customer rate increase was in 1978 when our former Board of Directors voted to rely on customer water rates vs. county taxes to fund operations
- Since 1978, we have only had 12 customer water rate increases



Pump House to Well 9

## Stay Informed And Engage With Us



[delpasomanorwd.org](http://delpasomanorwd.org)



916.487.0419



[dpmwd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpmwd@sbcglobal.net)

Del Paso Manor Water District  
1817 Maryal Drive, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95864

Lori

