



RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings RNVWD members and welcome to the Rural North Vacaville Water District's July 2010 newsletter! The District would like to take this opportunity to introduce its new slate of Board members and respond to a number of questions the District has recently received regarding billing. The District hopes to address and satisfy those questions with the newsletter, but is always happy to hear from members if you still have concerns.

FY2010/2011 RNVWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS –

On December 8, 2009, the present RNVWD Board of Directors took office. The five members of the Board of Directors are:

Dieter Teschke	President
Martin Joye	Vice-president
Trish Landis	Secretary
Robert Whitehouse	Director
Chris Calvert	Director

Upon completion of his term, James Mortensen left the board and Chris Calvert was appointed by the Board at the November 2009 Regular Board of Director's meeting to serve a four year term.

TEMPORARY BILLING ESTIMATES

For the month of May, all RNVWD members had to be billed through a computer estimate, as a result of the failure of our meter reading instrument. Living in the country presents a number of challenges, including reading meters that are located in some of the most obscure locations. For that purpose we use a remote reading instrument which, unfortunately, stopped operating last month. We are in the process of buying a replacement instrument and hope to have it on line for the July meter readings. In the interim we were faced with having to ask the computer for estimates, based on historic data. With the heat of summer upon us, the estimates did not produce the most accurate results. For those customers who believe that the computer estimated the incorrect amount, one alternative is for you, the customer, to read your own meter and submit that reading to Cal Water by phone or email. Call Cal Water at (707) 678-5928 with the reading, account number and date, or email that information to jcaldwell@calwater.com.

CAUTION: Please use care when opening the meter box...It is rattlesnake season.

WATER RATES AND BILLING

BACKGROUND - Your RNVWD Board of Directors defined and adopted the current water rates in our July 2008 budget review. The 2008 increase was the first increase since 2003, the year that the RNVWD was formed and began delivery of water. As we learned, our income did not match the cost of running the system. We were thus forced to set the higher rates. With a high level of participation

by water connection owners we set the new rate structure, so that we could continue to run and maintain the water system and provide water to all our members. Therefore, in 2008, the RNVWD approved incremental rate increases for each of the subsequent years (FY2009/10 & FY2010/11). Although rate increases were also planned for FY2009/2010, we were able to keep the existing rates for that, the second year.

WATER RATE INCREASE – The FY 2010/2011 proposed budget has been completed. We intend to adopt it at our next Board of Directors meeting on Jul 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Vacaville Fire Protection District Fire Station #67, located at 4135 Cantelow Road, Vacaville, CA. The budget is also available for public review on-line at www.solanocounty.com.

The monthly billing includes a fixed Base Service Charge and a Water Consumption Charge. The rate structure is shown below:

Base Monthly Service Charge	FY 08/09	FY 09/10	FY 10/11
Developed parcels (Active & Inactive)	\$47.35	\$47.35	\$56.69
Undeveloped parcels	\$44.44	\$44.44	\$49.31
Supplemental Connections	\$12.23	\$12.23	\$12.76

DEFINITION OF BASE MONTHLY CHARGE – The terms that define each owner’s stake in the RNVWD is as follows:

Active connection – A water connection with a meter and backflow preventer installed, that is prepared to provide water to a property on demand.

Inactive connection – A water connection with a meter and backflow preventer installed, that is prepared to provide water to a property. However, the water supply valve is shut and locked.

Supplemental connection – A water connection, in addition to an existing connection, active or inactive, purchased to serve a parcel anticipated to be created by future subdivision of said connected parcel.

Reserve connection – An option to purchase an additional Active or Inactive connection within 10 years of the final order date (Feb. 27, 2001) to serve parcels anticipated to be created by future subdivision of an existing District parcel.

Consumption Charge (per CCF)*	FY 08/09	FY 09/10	FY 10/11**
Tier 1 – up to 25 CCF/mo	\$1.503	\$1.503	\$1.503
Tier 2 – 26 to 49 CCF/mo	\$2.053	\$2.053	\$2.806
Tier 3 – 50 or more CCF/mo	\$4.056	\$4.056	\$6.056

Notes: * 1 CCF is equivalent to 750 gallons
 ** FY10/11 Rates were established in 2008.

We hope you find this information helpful. For additional details about the Rural North Vacaville Water District, we invite you to attend our Board of Directors meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Vacaville Fire Protection District Fire Station # 67, located at 4135 Cantelow Road, Vacaville, CA, or please go to our Solano County website at: www.solanocounty.com. Click on Rural North Vacaville Water District under “SERVICES”.

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