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## **RNVWD July 2012 Newsletter**

### **NO WATER RATE INCREASE FOR 2012-2013**

Good news first! With the savings we have been able to achieve through separating our administrative functions from Solano County, along with taking over our own billing functions and general manager activities, a rate increase will not be needed for next year. With the adoption of the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget, your Board of Directors has determined that a water rate increase will not be necessary.

### **BACKFLOW TESTING CHARGE**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, your next RNVWD statement will include an additional charge for testing your Back Flow Preventer valve (the device under the green bag by your meter). This device is required to prevent contamination of the water system through sucking water from your pipes during a negative pressure situation. The device is required by state law and the law also requires that it be tested by a licensed tester each year.

Because California State law requires that a Back Flow Preventer be installed with every rural domestic water system, it was installed during initial construction. Cal Water Service tested the Back Flow Preventer valve under their original contract. However, under the new contract with Cal Water, they no longer will cover the expense of this required annual testing. The charge in your current statement covers the testing for fiscal year 2011-2012. In the future we will make this annual charge in the month of March.

The basic test charge is \$40.00. Additional costs may be incurred if the valve does not pass the test and must be repaired, rebuilt or replaced.

### **NEW BILLING AGENT**

Our new billing service is fully operational, and saving us money! Brenda Kane manages our new billing service. Any billing questions you may have can be answered at (707) 689-7971. Her e mail address is [BKRNVWD@aol.com](mailto:BKRNVWD@aol.com)

### **NEW WEBSITE**

We now have our own web site that is separate from the Solano County web page. [www.RNVWD.com](http://www.RNVWD.com) is up and running. You can find contact information, agendas for our regular and special meetings, minutes, governance documents, water rates, past newsletters and other information you may find interesting. If you have a question, check out [www.RNVWD.com](http://www.RNVWD.com) before you call.