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Board Directors and Officers: This past summer, the District posted a notice of election to fill 3 openings on the board. This effort was coordinated with the Solano County Registrar of Voters. Only one candidate, Elizabeth Miles, submitted her name for the election, therefore, it was not necessary to hold an election. At the December board meeting, the following appointments were made: Elizabeth was appointed to the Board by the action of the County Supervisors and the remaining two positions were appointed to the board by action of the District Board of Directors and they are Joe Gates and Chris Calvert. Incumbent board members Bob Whitehouse and Mike Bianco were elected by the voters in 2015 and continue to serve their 4 year term. In January this year, the Board elected Officers to serve a 2 year term and the following action was taken, Chris Calvert, President; Bob Whitehouse, Vice President; and Elizabeth Miles, Secretary. Board members serve the District without compensation. We are all very grateful for their voluntary time and community service. Thank You!

Public Meetings: The Board meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the fire house located at 4135 Cantelow Road. The monthly Agenda is posted on the bulletin board adjoining the door on the outside of the building. It is posted by 7 pm the Saturday before the meeting. It is also posted on the District website 72 hours prior to the meeting. The public is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings and to contact a board member or the General Manager (GM) outside the formal board meetings to discuss topics of interest. The contact information for each board member, GM and staff is available on the website and on page 2 of this newsletter.

Communication: The District has a good amount of information posted on our website, RNVWD.COM. We are constantly looking for better ways to organize the website to make it easier to find information that you are looking for. Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Veerkamp, the District Administrator and Clerk of the board, for assistance regarding use of the website.

Leak Repairs: Solano Irrigation District (SID) operates our facilities and repairs all system leaks. We have 43 miles of underground pipe, mains and service lines. Most often leaks are first noticed and brought to our attention by our customers and this helps to reduce our water losses. Repairs to our system normally require temporary shutdown of service and we apologize for any inconvenience to our customers. We post Service Alerts with shutdown information on the website and we e-mail notices to customers that have requested Notifications from the District when such events occur. If you want to be notified by email of Service Alerts and other important district information sign up on the home page at the bottom under Notification List. SID is doing a fantastic job operating our system 24/7 and promptly repairing leaks.

Well #2: The District has not been able to use water from Well #2 for over 10 years. Well #2 can only be used for Emergency Standby operation. The District has a significant original investment in the construction of the well and all improvements at the Well #2 site. At the time of construction and completion of Well #2, the well met all standards for drinking water. Subsequently, State and Federal requirements for maximum arsenic level was reduced from the original limit at time of design and construction of 50 parts per billion (ppb) to the current maximum limit of 10 ppb. The arsenic content in Well #2 is approximately 15 parts per billion (ppb). Well #1, the well we use every day, is approximately 7 ppb for arsenic content and has always been under the maximum limit. The District is currently working with a consultant engineering firm and SID to develop a treatment facility to remove the arsenic from Well #2 to below the current maximum limit. This will allow the full time use of Well #2 as designed and provide a reliable back up during times of unexpected well outages and well maintenance. If approved by the Board, the implementation of the planned improvements for Well #2 will take approximately one year to complete with an estimated budget of \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. Financing of this work is planned by utilizing a portion of the District Capital Reserve Fund which is set aside for such expenses and a 10 year loan secured by the current monthly Capital Recovery Charge, CRC, for loan repayment. The current CRC charge is \$15/month and with board approval may increase to \$20/month the maximum amount per the 5 year plan. Once completed, the system will be able to perform as originally intended and ready to serve quality water to 533 properties as established in the Engineers report when the system was designed.

Water Rates: The District is operating under a 5 year water rate plan, voter approved in 2015 under the Prop 218 process. Implementation and timing of water rate increases under the approved plan is by Board approval. Also, you may have noticed that we maintain tier accounting on your water billing to encourage prudent water use; however, the water rate is the same dollar amount for each tier. All the water that you use is charged at the same rate.

Maintenance: SID recently completed fire hydrant flushing of the system. They also tested all the underground valves to ensure good working order. The water system and the 75 fire hydrants provide valuable water for fighting fires. Our two 300,000 gallon storage tanks were also inspected and found to be in good condition.

Contact Info is available on our Website and below:

Board President, Chris Calvert, 530-304-1413

Board Vice President, Bob Whitehouse, 707-235-4703

Board Secretary, Elizabeth Miles, 707-330-2895

Board Director, Joe Gates, 707-448-3867

Board Director, Mike Bianco, 707-486-7997

General Manager, Gordon Stankowski, 707-447-8420

Billing Manager, Brenda Kane, 707-689-7971

Administration / Clerk, Nancy Veerkamp, 707-689-3322

SID - to report Leaks, 707-448-6847 or call GM

Monthly Meter Reading / Backflow Testing, Rick Trites, 530-828-5438