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## RNVWD Newsletter October 2018

**Green Bag:** Every customer's service connection has a Reduced Pressure Backflow Preventer (RPBP) located under the green freeze protection bag that you see above ground on your property. The District is required to annually test and inspect the performance of the RPBP. This testing was recently completed by Trites Backflow Services, Inc. In the past our customers were charged an additional annual fee of \$40 for this service. The Board of Directors at the September Board Meeting voted to not add this annual charge to the billing this month as we have done in the past. This expense will now be funded from current water fees.

**Buy or Sell Water Rights:** The RNVWD website has a section with regard to the purchase or sale of water rights. This section lists "Buyers looking for Sellers" and "Sellers looking for Buyers". If you would like your contact info listed please contact the GM. Sellers are property owners with extra Supplemental water rights and Buyers are either new customers looking to join the District, replace or supplement their wells or owners or developers of new parcels.

**Well #1:** This well provides all our daily water production and meets all state requirements. The Consumer Confidence Report, (CCR) posted on our website has the water quality data information. Water production in the peak summer months is about 4 times the amount in the winter months. To enhance the reliability and dependability of the pump assembly for this Well #1 we have ordered a new pump and related parts. This new equipment should arrive by the end of November. This "stand-by" spare new equipment will allow the District to reduce the time, in days, needed to change out the pump and other parts in the event of a pump failure. It has been over 10 years since this Well #1 had any repair and maintenance. We want to be ready in the event of a failure or planned outage for Well #1.

**Well #2 "Stand-by Well":** As a result of damage due to corrosion, in June we made repairs to the pump and installed a new discharge column. During this repair, startup and testing we found a high level of bacteria in the water. This did not affect the Emergency Standby status of the well with the Department of Drinking Water, (DDW). In August and September SID performed remediation for the reduction of the bacteria by use of Hydrogen Peroxide injection into the well and also used additional chlorine treatment. Excessive amounts of bacteria in a well can be the result of lack of use as the well does not get the needed oxygen. We have not used this well for approximately 15 years other than monthly exercising and minor pumping. SID will continue to monitor the bacteria levels each month to determine the effectiveness of our remediation plan. SID is preparing a plan for approval by the DDW that would allow the District to blend 20% of Well #2 water with Well #1 water so that we can utilize Well #2 on a daily basis as a proposed solution to minimize future bacteria formation. High bacteria count can cause taste and odor issues. At this time the Arsenic removal and the design of a treatment plant and engineering process has been put on hold.

**Maintenance:** Perhaps you've noticed that the District Fire Hydrants, more appropriately called Fire Fills, are in the process of being painted red along with yellow guard posts. We are also constantly fixing minor service leaks, repairing air release valves, and making adjustments for maintenance issues with meters.

**Assessments on Property Taxes:** We are getting closer to paying off the loans for the original construction of the water system. The loans will be paid off in 2022. We recently made approximately \$190,000 in advance principal payments on the loans to reduce the interest expenses and shorten the term of the assessments. Loan balances are provided on the website.

**Public Meetings:** The Board meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Fire Station 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 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 the District Administrator for assistance regarding use of the website. It is important that we have each customer's current email address and mobile phone numbers so that we can contact customers when needed. Send updated contact information to our Billing Manager. You can also sign up for "Mail Chimp" on the website and this service allows for customers to receive notifications for outages and the monthly Board Agenda.

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