



RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT

September 2015 Newsletter

Water Rates

On August 14, 2015 the Board approved a reduction of the Tier 2 and Tier 3 rates to be the same amount as the Tier 1 rate; \$1.65 / ccf (748 gallons). These new rates are effective with the current billing for July usage. This revised flat tier rate is tied to the cost of providing water service in accordance with a recent court ruling in the San Juan Capistrano case. This current rate for all tiers will be reviewed by the Board at the December 8, 2015 monthly Board meeting and may be increased to \$2.00 /ccf per the table of water rates approved by the Board in June. Conservation of water and reduction of water usage remains a requirement for the District and all users. The State Legislature in the future may impose or allow tier rate structures, surcharges, fees and penalties to maximize water conservation.

Election for Board Members

An Election was held and with a 33% voter turnout, 226 ballots cast, congratulation to those elected as board members; Don Pippo, Bob Whitehouse. Michael Bianco and Douglas Thomson are currently tied for the third position based on the unofficial final results. Their 4 year term of office starts December 4, 2015.

Water Conservation

According to Governor Brown's April 1, 2015 Executive Order, water suppliers (RNVWD) are to develop rate structures, including surcharges, fees and penalties, to maximize water conservation. The State Water Resources Control Board has set water usage reduction requirements. As of June 2015 the District goal is a required 25% reduction of residential water use, for the period June 2015 –February 2016, compared to the period June 2013 – February 2014. The full text of the regulations is in SWRCB Resolution # 2015-0032. All Californians are now prohibited from: Washing down sidewalks and driveways; Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff; Washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle; Operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system; and Irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation. RNVWD Resolution 2014-23 limits outside watering to not more than two days a week.

Water Rights Buy/Sell

Our website has an information page so that existing customers looking to sell a water right and buyers looking to purchase a water right can contact each other. Upon request the District General Manager will also facilitate contact and communication between buyers and sellers of water rights.

Backflow Testing

Trites Backflow Testing Services is currently performing the annual backflow testing. The backflow is located at every customer service under the green bag. This testing is essential and required to protect the water quality in the mains from potential harmful contamination from customer water flowing back into the system. This annual requirement is charged \$40 to each customer, at District cost, and will show up on your October 1st billing.

Contact Information

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