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No Election in August– Elizabeth Miles was the only person to file for a Board Position with the Solano County Registrar of Voters which means there will be no election required. She will take a four-year seat starting December of 2017. At the June Board meeting Elizabeth Miles was appointed to fill the position recently vacated which ends December 2017. She took the Oath of Office at the June Board meeting and is currently active Board Member. Her email is <u>Elizabeth.Miles@rnvwd.com</u> and her phone number is (707) 330-2895. Welcome Elizabeth!

Arsenic @ Inactive Well #2- The Board has voted to increase the monthly Capital Replacement Charge (CRC) by \$5 per month from \$10 to \$15 per month effective 7/1/17 per the 2015-30 Resolution Approving an Increase in the District's Rates for Water Service (Table 1). The monthly charge for Basic service, Supplemental connections and the water Usage rates have not changed. The increase in the CRC will allow the district to hire a specialty engineering firm to design a treatment facility to lower Arsenic levels at the well so that it can be used in the future on a regular daily basis.

Service Alerts – Solano Irrigation District (SID) will post **Service Alerts** on the Home Page of the RNVWD website. This will be a posting of any outages or work being performed in the district which may affect your water delivery. You can also sign up on the RNVWD.com home page under the heading **Notification List** for email information from the district. The district will then send you an email notification of monthly Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Newsletters and any Service Alerts posted on the website.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information up to date by emailing our Billing Manager Brenda Kane <u>bkrnvwd@aol.com</u> or calling her at 707-689-7971 with your current mailing address, email, and cell phone numbers. If you want to receive Notifications of importance you still must sign up on the website under the heading **Notification List** as our billing program does not provide this function.

GPS/GIS Mapping - California CAD Solutions is finished satellite mapping all valve, fire hydrant, meters, backflows, and main water lines of the district. You can see the maps on the website at http://rnvwd.com/documents/ under the Tab "Before You Connect to the RNVWD System" and choose "Maps". It gives you the ability to see the exact location of your service meter and district distribution main lines.

Water Rights for Sale – The district posts water rights for sale on the RNVWD website under the tab Documents, General Information. The district currently has 36 water rights for sale. If you would like to sell your supplemental water right by posting a listing on the website please contact the General Manager at (707) 447-8420 or gm@rnvwd.com.

News Release: The Rural North Vacaville Water District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. "This award is a testament to Rural North Vacaville Water District's commitment to open government," said Gordon Stankowski, General Manager "The entire district staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight." To receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The Rural North Vacaville Water District also fulfilled over fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit.

Finally, the district had to demonstrate outreach best practices to its constituents that engages and informs the public in its governance and operations.

The Rural North Vacaville Water District is a special district public water distribution system serving unincorporated rural Solano County properties north of Vacaville, with potable water for residential use. In addition, the Rural North Vacaville Water District provides water for fire protection by supplying water to a series of fire hydrants serving properties in the area. SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs.

Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as water, wastewater treatment, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries and more. Special Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved by voters to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.