



RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT

To our valued District Members,

The Informational Public Outreach Meeting held on August 1st was very insightful for the board and general manager when making current and future decisions. The decision to ask for a rate increase was tough, and we understand how it affects members in the district. In order for RNVWD to maintain their excellence in providing safe drinking water, fire protection and maintenance service, upgrades were needed to the system. The upgrades will bring long-term benefits to the district. However, it is important to note that we have experienced numerous costly mechanical failures throughout the system.

The priority for the district was to repair well No. 2 and install an arsenic removal system to make well No. 2 operational as originally intended when the system was first designed 20 years ago. From past experience when well No. 1 shut down, the district no longer had reliable water. By making well No. 2 fully operational the district now has safe drinking water and extra water available for fire suppression. To fortify the system further, Generators were installed at both wells and at Storage Tanks after the LNU fires. These improvements did come at a high cost, and it was expected. The Board originally approved \$1,513,081 for the arsenic removal system budget, the budget was revised, after receiving bids, to a board approved increase of \$456,037, making total approved budget \$1,969,118. Having both wells in operation with backup generators will provide the water we need to protect our homes from the next wildfire.

In addition to these proactive steps fortify the system, the district experienced numerous major failures throughout the system due in part the LNU fires, historic winter rains and an aging system. These failures were unexpected and have cost the district over \$234,000. Not all of the repairs have been made and are prioritized based on urgency. In recent years, the cost of repairs has surpassed the district's budget, and it will continue to rise due to our aging system, inflationary pressures in the past, current, and future.

The Board, General Manager, and Contractors work hard every day to ensure that everybody receives quality water and service. Rest assured that we have diligently made every effort to minimize the rate increase.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and understanding. If you have any questions, please call General Manager, Dale Motiska at 707-564-0750.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick J. Sweeney".

Patrick Sweeney
President, Board of Directors
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