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Chris Calvert Bob Whitehouse
President Director

Patrick Sweeney Elizabeth Miles
Vice President Director

Steven Strickland
Director



STAFF
Gordon Stankowski Brenda Kane
General Manager Billing Manager

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Meter Reading/Backflow Board Clerk/Admin

Solano Irrigation District
Operator & Maintenance

December 2022 Newsletter

Mission Statement

“The Mission of the Rural North Vacaville Water District is to deliver, efficiently and reliably for many years, quality water for domestic use and fire protection.”

Board Officers

At the December 13th regular board meeting, the board will elect a new board President to serve the remaining term because of the retirement of Chris Calvert. Current board members Elizabeth Miles, Steve Strickland and a new board member Ken Swenson have been appointed by the Registrar of Voters for board positions for a 4 year term. The District had 3 director openings and only 3 candidates filed for these vacancies so there was not an election. Bob Whitehouse and Patrick Sweeney are the other two current board members of the 5 person RNVWD board of directors. We are very thankful for all the board directors for their commitment to voluntary service to the District.

Outages

As you all know, we had two outages in recent months. One outage started with the failure of the Well #2 pump; the shaft and pump were found to be frozen when we performed the weekly exercising of the pump. Well #2 is the well and pump that has not been used for 20 years due to the high arsenic content of the water. It has been our emergency back up pump during this time. We removed the pump and found excessive amounts of rust flakes in the pump. The pump has been reconditioned and is ready to go back into service. However, when we performed a video of the well, it was found that the well casing needs some scrubbing due to deterioration and rusting of the steel casing perforations and potential holes in the casing that may need to be plugged to minimize the sand infiltration into the well. This work is ongoing.

Life expectancy of water wells with steel casing is approximately 35 years depending on the well conditions and use. Both our wells are 22 years old. We will have a condition assessment of this well upon completion of the flushing and cleaning and another video. The District will develop a long term plan and budget for maintenance and replacement costs for both wells to supply water for another 35 years.

While the well #2 pump was removed from service and under repair, the well #1 pump had a vibration problem due to a valve failure of the water pre lube line to the pump shaft. This required the lube line and pump, shaft and bearing to be removed and

replaced with existing spare parts which took 3 days. During this time period the District relied upon our storage tanks. The District's customers are to be commended for restricting water usage during this period when both wells were down, great job!

The other outage occurred with the failure of a chlorine metering pump and monitoring equipment which caused the amount of chlorine to be above the limit. This required a two-day process of draining the Cantelow storage tank 3 and refilling it along with flushing of some of the main lines and services. New safeguard has been installed to ensure that this does not happen again. Thank you for your calls notifying us of the chlorine taste and smell issues and your patience during this time to reset the water balance.

Search for new General Manager, GM, & Treasurer

The Executive committee has interviewed 4 applicants for the June 2023 GM position opening. A short list will be presented to the board at the December 13th regular board meeting and a final selection by the board is planned for the February 14, 2023, board meeting. Upon selection and board hiring of a new GM, the Board Clerk/Administrator position will be filled during the transition period with input from the new GM.

WEBSITE RNVWD.COM contains detailed information about the District. We continue to post current information such as: annual water quality reports, board meeting agendas, meeting minutes, service area maps, annual audit and budget, rules and regulations, policies, by-laws, alerts, notices and much more. If you are not finding the information you are looking for, please contact Nancy, our Administrator and Board Clerk, at ADMIN@RNVD.COM

During this time of Social Distancing, the **Board Meetings** are being held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm **via Teleconferencing or may be In Person at 4135 Cantelow Road at the fire station.** See the Board Agenda for location of board meetings as this may vary. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard. Reference the Board Meeting Agenda for more information. The next 3 Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for December13, 2022, February14, 2023 and April 11, 2023.

COMMUNICATION

Email is the best way to contact the District with your questions. Providing your current email and cell phone number is the best way for the District to contact and notify you of outages and alerts. **For Billing questions**, paperless email billings and automatic payments contact Brenda Kane, our Billing Manager, at 707-689-7971 or BKRNVD@AOL.COM. **To Report Leaks** and other operational issues or emergency situations call SID at 707-448-6847. If you have **any questions** or request additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Stankowski, the General Manager, at GM@RNVD.COM or phone 707-447-8420.