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Hello Water District Members,

As we welcome in the new year our Board of Directors has elected our long time Director, Elizabeth Miles as the new President of the Board. Director Ken Swenson is our new Vice President. There will be an election on November 5 for the Board as two positions expire this year. I encourage all District Members who are eligible voters and property titleholders to be involved with the decision-making process of our District. Election requirements and notifications will be sent sometime this spring. Guidelines are posted on the District website under "Elections".

Well #2 is now in active operation status with our permit with the Division of Drinking Water. The arsenic filtration system is performing correctly to assure the purity of our water. Samples are taken daily. Our water quality purity is paramount for our District.

A hydrant pressure and flow test were done in November at seven hydrant locations. There is adequate pressure at all the locations to satisfy the requirements of the Fire Department.

The recent rate increase was necessary to balance the budget. However there has not been enough revenue to build the District Reserves. Many of you are aware of the shutoff the day before Thanksgiving due to the Cantelow Road landslide that broke our main water line in two places. Those repairs cost the District \$34,000. There is still an exposed line in the English creek that is waiting for an \$84,000 relocation. The pipe is not damaged now but it is vulnerable to potential flooding this winter. Unexpected events like this and our aging supply system are a constant threat to the financial stability of our District.

Solano County is building a bridge on Cantelow Road 2000 feet west of Steiger Hill Road. Because our utility is within the county's easement, the relocation of our mainline will cost our District about \$57,000. Construction will occur between March and June of this year. The road will be closed during construction.

Recently I sent a survey to all our members. Thank you for your participation. Your input is important to help guide the direction of our District. I have found that many of our members are interested in adding an Additional Dwelling Unit on their property. Consequently, our Board has changed the regulations to allowing two (2) meters per legal parcel. Please contact me to help you with the purchase of a water right/permit and any construction documents required.

I am working with the Board to find alternate ways to increase our revenues without any increases to our members. Comparatively to other Districts our rates are low, and I prefer to keep it that way. I encourage everyone to attend our Board Meetings held on the second Tuesday evening at 7 PM of every other month starting February 13. Please call or email me with your comments.

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