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Hello Water District Members;

I, Dale Motiska, became the new General Manager of our water district on July 1. I would like to bring you current as to the health of our operations.

Recently, you received a protest form along with your water bill addressing a water rate increase and the reasons behind the increase. In May and June of this year, the district held meetings for any and all members to attend to discuss the issues surrounding the increase.

Due in part to the spread of misinformation, I want to explain why a rate increase is necessary. The rate increase being requested is important to keep RNVWD in operation, provide safe drinking water and fire suppression.

To keep our district operating it constantly needs upgrades and regular maintenance. The entire system is aged and slowly needs to be replaced. All the components of the system have a lifespan and some are coming to their end. Repairs and parts are very expensive due to inflation, so the district needs to be current with these adjustments.

Extensive work to get our Well #2 up and running with an arsenic filtration system came with many cost overruns, all of which were agreed to and approved by the board. Additional other maintenance expenses burdened the district and continue to deplete our reserves. Operating costs have increased significantly and unexpected repairs continue to be the main contributor. The arsenic filtration system was necessary for quality drinking water which should be of the utmost importance to all. Having Well #2 in operation provides a reliable source of water for hydrant protection or any other unexpected event.

Now is the time to replenish the reserves for the future security to insure we have reliable and safe drinking water. This is not a concern that I take lightly. For the last four months I have been working along side the prior general manager and board. The insignificant amount of money in reserves leaves us extremely vulnerable to potential natural disasters, system repairs, etc.

We have been analyzing and cutting costs and expenses. Without reserves in place, our district runs the risk of not having the ability to overcome obstacles which is not a matter of "if it happens, but when".

I urge you all to contact me by phone, email or attend our next outreach meeting. I am more than happy to explain and answer any questions you might have that will help you decide before the next public hearing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of the board members.

Sincerely,

Dale Motiska
RNVWD General Manager