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Mike Bianco Elizabeth Miles
Director Director

Joe Gates
Director



STAFF
Gordon Stankowski Brenda Kane
General Manager Billing Manager

Rick Trites Nancy Veerkamp
Meter Reading/Backflow Board Clerk/Admin

Solano Irrigation District
Operator & Maintenance

MAY 2020 RNVWD NEWSLETTER

COVID-19: ESSENTIAL WORK & BOARD MEETINGS

Solano Irrigation District, (SID), continues to provide essential work and services for the repairs and maintenance of our system during the pandemic. With proper safety procedures they respond to and repair leaks, provide new connections and perform the daily operations of our facilities. During this time of Social Distancing, the Board Meetings are being held via Teleconferencing. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard. Reference the Board Meeting Agenda for more information.

ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be openings for 3 Director seats on the board this year. Those interested in serving the District are required to notify the Solano County Registrar of Voters of their intent, interest and qualifications beginning July 13, 2020 through August 7, 2020.

ONE LOAN PAID OFF, ONE REMAINING

At the formation of the District twenty years ago, in 2001, the District obtained two loans for construction of the District infrastructure, one loan for \$8 million dollars and one loan for \$5 million dollars. We have paid in full the \$5 million dollar loan so that portion of the annual assessment on our property taxes each year will not be required for the coming 2020/2021 tax year. This is a yearly savings of approximately \$700 per property. The remaining \$8 million dollar loan will be paid off next year 2021.

WATER LEAKS

Due to earth movement, material failure and the aging of our infrastructure, we continue to experience an increasing expense for leak repairs. Over 10% of our annual budget is allocated for leak repairs. We appreciate when our customers notify us of wet ground conditions or water bubbling out of the ground. **Please call SID at 707-448-6847 to report a leak.** Every drop of water that we save helps on conservation and minimizes our non-revenue water production expenses.

FIRE SEASON; Public Service Power Shutoff (PSPS)

The District board has approved the purchase of permanent standby generators for the District. One generator will be installed at our primary source of water Well #1 located off Timm Road. A second generator will be installed at the 300,000-gallon storage tank located off Cantelow Road. A third generator will provide power to the lift station at the top of Ciarlo Lane. These generators will be able to automatically start in the event of any PGE outages. Having our own back up power will improve the District's ability to provide uninterrupted service and fire protection. We will use temporary generators when needed until such time as these improvements are completed.

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SPOTLIGHT: OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

BK Bookkeeping LLC, Brenda Kane, is our Billing Manager. Brenda is a resident of the District and in addition to her accounting business she also breeds miniature horses. Perhaps you have seen the horses on her ranch off Cantelow Road. Brenda has provided these services to the District for the past 9 years. She can be reached at 707-689-7971 to discuss monthly billing questions and to update customer information.

Trites Backflow Services, Inc, Rick Trites provides monthly Meter Reading and annual Backflow Testing. Rick's business is based in Chico and he provides services for many cities and agencies throughout Northern California. He has been working for the District the past 12 years. Every month Rick drives the roads of our District passing each property to obtain the radio signal that transmits the monthly read to the computer in his vehicle. In August each year, Rick is also seen working at the "green bags" as he performs the annual test of each backflow assembly. The backflows at each property protect the District from potential cross connection contamination when users connect our water service on their property for livestock, irrigation or other water uses.

Brenda and Rick team up at the end of each month to produce the monthly billing.

BALANCED BUDGET

We are pleased to report that our current rate structure is adequate to cover our yearly operating expenses for the new fiscal year which starts July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021.

WEBSITE

Our website **RNVWD.COM** contains detailed information about the District and it is updated monthly. We continue to post current information such as annual water quality reports, board meeting agendas and meeting minutes, service area maps, annual audit and budget, rules and regulations, policies, by-laws, water main maps, and much more. If you are not finding the information you are looking for please contact Nancy, our Administrator, at ADMIN@RNVWD.COM

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. We can also provide paperless email billings to you each month and automatic payments. The board meetings occur on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm. The Agenda is posted on our website 72 hours before the meeting and it is posted on the bulletin board located at 4135 Cantelow Road, Fire Station #67.

For billing questions contact Brenda, our Billing Manager, at BKRNVWD@AOL.COM.

To report leaks and other operational issues call SID at 707-448-6847.

If you have any questions or if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Stankowski, the General Manager, at GM@RNVWD.COM or 707-447-8420.