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RNVWD NEWSLETTER

Joe Gates

We were all very saddened to hear about the recent passing of our Director, Joe Gates. Joe was a business owner and a valuable member of the community. Joe also used his time and talent as an Auctioneer to help raise funds for many charitable organizations. He was a very giving person and one who embodied community service by serving on the water board. We enjoyed his thoughtfulness in discussing issues with the board. He will be deeply missed. A memorial plaque is planned to be installed at the District bulletin board at the Fire Station on Cantelow Road.

New Standby Generators

We have two new standby generators installed. The first generator is at Well #1 off Buena Vista road which produces all of our water from a 1400' deep well. The second new generator is located at the 300,000-gallon storage tank off Cantelow Road. This tank site pumps water to pressurize the service to customers in English Hills area and it pumps all the water that is used to fill the 300,000-gallon tank off Bucktown Road. These generators have an Automatic Transfer Switch which turns on the generator automatically in event of PGE outages. What a blessing to have this upgrade to our facilities.

Top of Ciarlo Lane

We have a lift station at the top of Ciarlo Lane which provides water to a few customers at the highest elevations in the District. The station was completely lost due to the LNU fire. We are completing an all-new pumping station this month of March. Most of the other damages due to the LNU fire have been repaired except for the evaluation of the air release valves in the system.

Property Tax Assessments

We have now paid off our \$18 million dollar loan completely. The loan was used to form the District and for construction of the District facilities and pipelines. You will notice that the Solano County Property Tax statements issue in the Fall of this year will no longer have the assessment for the loan payment.

Capital Improvement Plans

The Board is considering the improvements needed to get full use of Well #2. Currently Well #2 can only be used as an emergency standby well up to five days at a time and not more than 15 days a year. The plan for Well #2 involves a treatment plant to remove the Arsenic in Well #2 to a level to meet state and federal guidelines. We would also plan to install a standby generator at this well site. Since our existing infrastructure is 20 years old, we have developed a 10-year plan outlining other needs of the District required to keep our facilities reliable with preventative maintenance. The board will discuss the choices of how best to finance these improvements.

Annexations

During the last 9 months we have had 4 new annexation requests approved by Solano County LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission). The District has approximately 14 remaining water rights for sale. The District is operating far below our design capacity of 533 connection. We currently have approximately 404 customers with connections. We welcome new customers to the District.

New Board Member

The Board decided to fill the vacancy on the board by way of "appointment". There were 3 applicants for the open position. Steve Strickland was unanimously voted by the board as a Director. Welcome Steve and we appreciate your commitment to serving on the board.

LNU Fire - Homes Lost

We count 51 homes destroyed in the water district due to the fire. At the February board meeting, the board approved forgiveness of the Base Rate and Capital Recovery Charge for homes that were lost to the fire and for which there is no water being used since the fire. This credit expires in July 2021. If you lost your home and want to be considered for this offer, please contact the General Manager.

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.

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, 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, at ADMIN@RNVWD.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. The board meetings are scheduled for February, April, June, August, October, and December of each year. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard. Reference the Board Meeting Agenda for more information.

For billing questions, paperless email billings and automatic payments contact Brenda Kane, 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.