



## Rural North Vacaville Water District 4-27-24

### **Reasons for the Proposed Water Rate Adjustments**

- **Reserve Fund:** Establishing a reserve fund is crucial to maintain financial stability and resilience. It allows the district to implement Capital Improvements and respond to unforeseen events, such as natural disasters or regulatory changes, without compromising its ability to provide essential water services to the community. A reserve fund also provides a buffer against economic downturns or unexpected expenses, ensuring the district can continue to meet its financial obligations and provide reliable water services in the long term.
- **Capital Improvements:** The Coastland Conditions Assessment report highlights significant upcoming costs for major maintenance, improvements, and potential facility replacements due to the age and condition of the water system. To cover these expenses and ensure system stability, the Rural North Vacaville Water District (RNVWD) needs to increase rates to build a reserve fund. This fund will help the district address future needs and maintain the quality and reliability of its water services. The report underscores the importance of proactive investment in infrastructure to avoid costly emergency repairs and service disruptions, aligning with best practices in infrastructure management for long-term sustainability and operational efficiency.
- **Maintenance and Rising Operating Costs:** Regular upkeep of the aging water system, including pipes, treatment plants, generators, wells, and pumps, is crucial. This includes repairing leaks, replacing worn-out equipment, conducting inspections, and meeting regulatory requirements to ensure the system operates safely and efficiently, providing clean, safe, and reliable water. Additionally, the cost of labor, equipment, and regulatory compliance has been rapidly increasing, affecting not just us but other water districts as well.

We value community feedback.

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