

Monthly Newsletter

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**Board Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

Current Usage Rates:

Domestic-\$0.52/HCF

Ag- \$0.51/HCF

* No restrictions on water usage! *

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! What's New:

The Board changed the December meeting to December $13^{th} - 6pm$.

There are three standing committees (Agricultural, Financial, Planning and Steering) of the District and the Board wants one or more community members serving on each of the committees to help provide more input to benefit the District. Apply by mid-December – on the District website go to the Committees tab for a description of each committee and an application.

The District started flushing the system early in November and will continue in the coming weeks. After years of drought, we are re-instituting this as an annual system maintenance activity that benefits the system by getting proper operation of hydrants, removing sediment and mineral buildup in the water mains to help deliver clean safe water to all.

General Manager Note: Update on District Grants: The Backwash Ponds project has had its bid opening and will go to award by the board at their December meeting. The emergency electrical/SCADA improvement at the So. Booster/Wells project is proceeding through the month.

District modernization efforts continue – the So. Booster/Wells project is for increased electronic communication and controls, and the new customer billing system has been installed and testing has commenced prior to going live.

Update/Education Section: The District receives questions about the fees on the bills and we have explained the fees in this section. This month it's the "State Loan Repayment Fee" of \$1.00 per month. In 2021, during the Citizens Advisory Committees review and update of the 5 years of rates and fees for the prop 218 process approved in August of 2021, the District was processing two grants to improve the District's system for the Backwash ponds and Distribution rehab projects. At that time, it was a preliminary estimate for a District match/support of those grants that required this \$1/month per customer fee. As reported above, the Backwash pond (WTP) improvement grant has progressed from design to construction bids. The Distribution system improvement grant is still being processed by the State's grant agency.

~ Paul Kelley

<u>Full Water Allocation – Rates Report:</u>

Reminder: The Base rate is \$57.11 plus water usage and fees. Make sure to pay on time - A Late Fee of 1.5% will be applied to accounts who have not paid their bill by the 20th of each month. The District sent hundreds of delinquents and shut off notices (60 days plus late in payments) — with hundreds making payments or getting payment assistance. If you need payment assistance - Programs are available. Call or email the office to find out more.

Reminder: Our website has a lot of information - Scan the QR Code and go to our website to sign up for alerts (red rectangle) – <u>sign up and/or see other District</u> news.

Community Awareness:

Firewise:

Get involved and attend the meetings - The **Happy Valley Firewise** will be working on related items in 2024, stay tuned for meetings and more.

Next HV Firewise Meeting date:

No December Meeting!

Happy Valley Citizen Patrol:

The HV Citizen Patrol would like to thank all who attended and contributed their Chili Feed and Fundraiser at the Happy Valley Community Center at the beginning of November!

-Happy Valley Citizen Patrol

Happy Valley Community Pride:

2023 Roadside Clean Up Schedule: (all on Saturdays-8am)

Happy Valley Community Center

• For more information: Dave Bartle 530-351-4618

The District Office will Be Closed Christmas and New Years Day

Meter Reading Dates

Here are some future meter reading dates:

- ** 2023 **
- December 18-21
- January 16-19
- February 20-23

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Check the website for news, updates, and ways to support the local community – like the groups mentioned in this newsletter.