



Monthly Newsletter

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What's new!

All Drought Usage Restrictions Rescinded!

The Bureau provided an updated allocation to the District for our 2023/24 water year in the amount of 100% Historic Municipal & Industrial and 80% for irrigation (ag water). Last year the District received zero allocations and instituted emergency allocation and conservation measures. Based on improved water conditions and since the Bureau's allocation is now a "normal year" for Domestic and more than sufficient for irrigation, the District rescinded the all previous drought restrictions and encourages all customers are able to return to their normal and historic use or as much as they can afford.

The District has heard rumblings on Facebook about, "why is the water costing so much?" We wanted to address this so that you understand why. When the community committee started to look into the finances of the District, they found out that the prior management had been charging less than it was costing to provide the service and the water. Plus, there were over \$150,000 in unpaid bills. A committee was formed and with a lot of time and effort the current rate structure was agreed on to pay for the water, staff and some reserves. The current base rate pays for District operations, and usage rate pays for the purchase of water and cost of treatment.

Please attend the monthly Board meetings to see how we are going through the expenses and some of the problems we are addressing. We are busy implementing and looking for grants to help us rebuild our old pipes and infrastructure.

General Manager Note: We are pleased to have a new Director appointed April 19th - Pam Beaver. ~ Paul Kelley

Board of Directors

Beverly Fickes -
Chair of Board

Terry Lincoln - Vice
Chair

Irwin Fust - Director

Pam Beaver -
Director

Scott McVay -
Director

General Manager:
Paul Kelley

** Board Meetings
are the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month. 6:00 P.M.

**New Usage Rates
now in effect as of
4/15/2023:**

Domestic-
\$0.72/HCF

Ag- \$0.71/HCF

Drought Restrictions & Penalties are Removed.

The **Board** adopted ordinance 2023-06 rescinding all water use restrictions - this effectively ends the drought in Happy Valley. This also removes the "drought rate", and as per the Prop 218 approved (2021) rate structure returns all rates to a Domestic (M&I) \$0.72/HCF and Ag (irrigation) rate \$0.71/HCF, in addition to the Base Rate. A **Late Fee** of **1.5%** will be applied to accounts who have not paid their bill by **20th of each month**.

Reminder: Scan the Code and go to our website to sign up for alerts (red rectangle). The District has had alerts on different issues and we want to reach as many as possible.

Community Awareness:

Get involved - The **Happy Valley Firewise** Meetings are Monthly on the 4th Thursday at the Happy Valley Community Center - 5400 Happy Valley Road.

The next HV Firewise meeting is Thursday, May 25th at 6:00pm at the community center. Burn season is ending soon so get your burn piles taken care of. You can take part in the free Firewise Chipper Program online. Also, you can haul the brush to Wheelabrators located southeast of the Factory Outlets for free. For information about the Chipper Program online, contact Linda Helmer (lhelmer1@gmail.com).

Meter Reading Dates

Here are some future meter reading dates:

**** 2023 ****

- May 15-19
- June 19-21
- July 17-20

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Sign up for Alerts.

Please help us improve our communication Alerts and sign up with your cell phone and/or email on our website.

Attention Community: Happy Valley Community Pride

2023 - Roadside Cleanup Schedule: (all on Saturdays - 8am)
Happy Valley Community Center

- May 6th
- October 7th
- For More Information: Dave Bartle 530-351-4618