

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! *

What's New:

The Board approved a rate increase of 4 cents per unit for Domestic water and 3 cents per unit for Ag/Irrigation water. The new water rate that will be on your June bill will be: Domestic - \$.56/Unit or Agricultural - \$.54/Unit.

See last month's newsletter for components and increased costs of utilities and chemicals. There is also a list of some of the neighboring district and city water costs.

The Ag committee continues to pursue a local Happy Valley Farmers Market! This was the primary item at their recent meeting. If you are interested – look for information and attend the next Ag committee meeting. Watch the website for meeting dates.

The Board reviewed the quarterly financial statements in compliance with the updated commitment when adopting this year's budget to review budget to actuals each quarter. The Fall of last year had more leaks/blow outs and repairs costs than budgeted, as well as insurance costs, but there are balancing savings to keep the operational budget in the black. The Board is committed to the District moving forward to a more sustainable operations by managing it's revenues and expenses.

General Manager Note:

Update on District Grants: The So. Booster/SCADA improvements – is finalized. This project included communications with all three wells, consolidating the switch panel and providing remote monitoring and operations. The Backwash Ponds grant funded project construction is planned to start this summer. The project is grant funded by the State and Federal government but will need District financing since it's a two year construction.

Update/Education Section: The District will start the 2024-2025 Budget. Check the website for the new formatted budget booklet with background and explanations of accounts – revenue and expenses. A budget workshop is planned June 5th and a public hearing for adoption June 19th:

~ 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 & District staff have been successful getting this assistance. Call or email the office to find out more information.

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

Community Awareness:

Firewise:

Get involved and attend the meetings.

Firewise May meeting will be held at the Community Center during the Happy Valley Community Festival on May 11th from 11am – 2pm. There will be vendor booths for local participants, speakers and displays. Contact Dennis Possehn at 530-524-1217 for any questions or for a booth space.

Happy Valley Citizen Patrol:

The HV Citizen Patrol is the "eyes and ears" for the Shasta County Sheriff, reporting on suspicious incidents, doing welfare and vacation checks of residents and property and being available to help when needed. The members of the Happy Valley Citizens Patrol are community volunteers who give their time to help made Happy Valley a safe place. See enclosed flyer.

-Happy Valley Citizen Patrol

Happy Valley Community Pride:

Happy Valley Roadside Clean Up: For more information: Dave Bartle 530-351-4618.

Resource Numbers:

- Illegal Dumping: Shasta County District Attorney 530-245-6387 or 1-866-618-7274
- Recycling Information: Shasta County Resource Management 530-225-5787
- Free Collection Events: recycle.co.shasta.ca.us or call 530-225-5789.
- Abandoned Vehicles: Shasta County Sheriff 530-245-6025

Meter Reading Dates

Here are some future meter reading dates:

- ** 2024 **
- May 20-24
- June 17-21
- July 15-19

Scan this Code to access the District website -



Sign up for Alerts.

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

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

Office business hours: M – F: 8am to 5pm: Closed for lunch noon – 1pm. Closed weekends and Holidays. For afterhours emergency – call 530-357-2121. For nonemergency calls, call during office hours.