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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Nice weather has returned and the lake is full as we head into spring and summer. We're looking at another busy season. Among the many things coming up, we will be working with Kelseyville Fire Protection District to test some wharf head hydrants so they can document some flows. This will be done on an ongoing basis and will take some time to work through the system. Not every hydrant will be high flow tested but all will be checked for proper operation.

As many of you have noticed, we have finally paid off the legal fees from the law suit and bankruptcy back in the 1980s. Those that have been paying the legal assessment will no longer see it on your bill.

The storage tank replacement project for two of our redwood tanks was completed. We were fortunate to fund the project with a \$2.5 million grant from the State Water Resources Control Board. There are still 5 more tanks that need to be addressed along with some other ageing infrastructure. We have applied for USDA grant funds for a preliminary engineering study on these projects which is needed to apply for further funding.

To comply with updated state regulations, we have revised our cross connection control policy to prevent back flow into the water system. This will require a new hazard assessment for each water connection. We will be sending out a cross connection survey form in the next few months, please return the form to avoid the cost of further actions required by the state.

As we all have noticed the cost for everything has kept increasing. The price of fuel, inflation, tariffs, as well as the administrative costs associated with compliance with ever changing state and local regulations have affected the water company across the board. In response we have been forced to increase the water rates to keep up with costs. We kept the increase to \$5 per month and still includes 2,000 cubic feet of water for your use.

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