



## ***Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD)***

June 10, 2018

Dear Property Owner,

The Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) provides your home, lot and/or business with drinking water. The District's water supply and distribution system includes two tanks, a treatment facility and several miles of distribution and main service lines. The JPUD is conducting a Public Hearing to discuss and possibly approve new water rates for all parcel(s) for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. This public hearing date is scheduled for **Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Johnsville Church, 5578 Arastra Street, Johnsville, CA 96103

### **Rate Study**

The JPUD has completed a three (3) year rate study. The study was presented to the JPUD Board at its May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting; and was subsequently filed with the District's Secretary. The study forecasts the district's income and expenditures for the next three (3) fiscal years, and it supports a 25% increase over currently approved rates for FY 2018-19, 25% increase for FY 2019-20, and 25% increase for FY 2020-21. (See enclosed summary)

Please contact the District General Manager, Melissa Sheets, P.O. Box 294, Graeagle, CA 96103 for copies of the complete rate study.

### **Basis of Proposed Rates.**

Inspections of the Johnsville Public Utility District's (JPUD) water system have revealed the following requirements that are funded by customer rates:

- Capital improvement program (CIP)
- Technology obsolescence
- Increasing cost of fuels and electricity
- Ongoing maintenance costs associated with our current aging infrastructure.

### **When will the changes take place?**

If approved, the rate changes would start in FY 2018-19 through 2020-21.

### **Compliance with Proposition 218**

In 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218, which amended the State Constitution as it relates to the passage of property related fees. The District must: 1) inform property owners that a proposed rate increase is being considered; 2) clearly demonstrate the basis on which these fees are being calculated (rate study); and 3) conduct a public hearing at least 45 days after notice where the District hears all protests to the rate increase. Water rates are each subject to “majority protest,” meaning it cannot be passed if a majority of property owners impacted by the rate change submit written protests opposing that rate increase.

### **Concerns, Please Contact Us**

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed rate increases or wish to protest, you may:

**Address the Board:** Attend the Public Hearing **on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** at the Johnsville Church, 5578 Arastra Street, Johnsville, CA 96103; or

**Write:** Written protests against the proposed water rate changes must identify the address or the parcel number of the impacted property and include the signature(s) of the property owner(s). If the District receives written protests against the proposed water rates by a majority of the affected property owners prior to the end of the hearing, the Board will not approve the proposed rate change with the majority of protest. Each property owner can submit one written protest. Written protests may be mailed to JPUD c/o General Manager, Melissa Sheets P.O. Box Johnsville, CA 96103 and **must be received by Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>.**