



Johnsville Public Utility District

2019 Winter Newsletter

The Board of Directors and General Manager of the Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) present this annual year end wrap up of the districts activities of 2019.

Our Mission continues...

The JPUD continues to “evolve” as we continue to keep up and address increasing, ever changing and often unfunded requirements imposed on local governments such as ours. As reflected in Bob Dylan’s 1964 iconic song; “The Times they are a changing” as so must we.

These forces have come in the form of compliance, obsolescence, and increased costs to deliver services. Our water system is the subject and it needs a lot of work. We started digging our way out and adjusting to changing times.

It is said “The only job where you start at the top is digging a hole”. Digging our way out of the issues confronting our water district is a big job, and we have made a lot of progress.

The replacement of our 50 year old wooden water storage tanks is front and center. We are working with a certified engineer (Bastian Engineering, INC.) to identify the scope of the project and projected costs.

We have solicited many individuals, organizations, and agencies for assistance on this undertaking. The responses have been overwhelming. We are grateful, and sincerely thankful to all who have reached out providing expertise, background and direction.

Aiding in our mission was the completion of our first Municipal Service Review (MSR) provided by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). The MSR report was positive, thorough and identified areas of opportunity as well as direction for future structure and accountability. The report also reiterated the 2016 State Water Control Board’s inspection report, noting that our redwood storage tanks have reached the end of their service life and funding for their replacement should be secured. As a result the JPUD is in the process of creating a formal Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a Financial Reserve Policy, a 5 year Budget Plan and Audit, formal Bylaws, Policies and Procedures. The entire LAFCO MSR can be accessed at https://www.plumaslafco.org/uploads/1/1/4/5/11454087/plumas_2017_msr_final.pdf

In addition, to the Municipal Service Review the State of California as enacted a new law stipulating that Special Districts such as the JPUD must create and maintain a website by January 1, 2020. The purpose of the website is to increase the awareness, accessibility, and transparency of Special Districts in regards mission, operations and communications.

<https://johnsvillepud.specialdistrict.org/>

The JPUD's website embraces our mission to provide high quality, reliable and safe water services for consumption and fire protection to all customers at all- times. The public and our customers will be able to find board agendas, minutes, and relevant documents including our Capital Improvement Plan, Financial Reserve Policy, and Five-Year Budget on the site.

We continue to strive to improve, soliciting support and input from of everyone within the Johnsville Public Utility District and the community at large. As always we look forward to continuing open communication as we embark on new endeavors under the stewardship of our water district.

Sincerely,

David Piepho, Chairman

John LaTourette, Director

Norm Hattich, Director

Melissa Sheets, General Manager