

## 2017 JPUD NEWSLETTER

Year end message from your Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD);

2017 has brought forth some changes to how the district will be collecting annual fees for water. No longer will you be billed via a mailed bill but rather our annual fees for water service will be levied through annual property tax bills. Our General Manager has worked hard with the County to make the transition seamless. Your fees for water service should be identified as a separate line item on your annual Plumas County Property Tax Bill.

It is important to note that while the JPUD fee for water service appears with your property taxes, the service fees are not tax deductible.

-During the year the JPUD district was part of a countywide Municipal Service Review (MSR) which is required by the State and is filed with Local Agency Formation Commission in Plumas County (LAFCO). The review summarized that the district is operating as it should and further defined our service area boundaries. Copies of this report are available @ Plumas County LAFCO.

-Another area where the district has made strides is securing a regular public meeting location. Earlier this year the JPUD board approached the Johnsville Historical Society to join with a business membership and allow our annual meetings to take place at the Historical Johnsville Church. This provides the district and public a regular place to meet, support of the historical community and a level of insurance. We believe it is a win-win for the district, residents and Johnsville Historical Society.

-We are currently auditing our current and previous year finances and do not anticipate any irregularities. An update and summary will be available to the public and kept on file when the audits are complete.

-With a good amount of rainfall early in the year and a very healthy snowpack, water supplies were on the rebound and the district appears to be in good shape. Over the last year we had no interruptions in service.

-Early in the year we received a routine report from the State Regional Water Quality Control Board (SRWQCB). This agency is responsible for water quality throughout the State of California and the inspections are routine. The report indicates that our 2 redwood water tanks are reaching the end of their service life and recommended that the district begin a replacement process. Replacing these tanks is a very expensive, complex and time consuming process. Being a very small district, we are exhausting all efforts to obtain Federal & State, grants and loans. Currently we have put together 2 JPUD sub committees; a Tank Replacement and a Funding Committee. By approaching this endeavor in a proactive, rather than reactive manner we hope to keep our costs down to a minimum. Early indications put this project into at least a two year timeframe and as we progress we will strive to keep

the community informed with projections of the overall project and related costs. Please bear in mind that the water tanks are an integral part of our water system.

On the horizon, we are becoming subject to more and more regulation even though our district is small in size. The district has been keeping up and is well poised to meet any future challenges. We are committed to delivering high quality water at the lowest reasonable cost.

We look forward to 2018 and recognize that we have a lot of work ahead of us. We will continue to keep you informed and engaged along the way. As always the district welcomes any feedback, input and suggestions and the public is further encouraged to attend all board meetings as scheduled.

Sincerely,

Your Johnsville Public Utility Board of Directors