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Dear Linden County Water District Customers,

I am writing to inform you about personnel changes and new projects within the District.

First, please welcome John Villierme as our new General Manager, and Joe Chaves as our new Operations Supervisor! John was previously our Operations Supervisor, and Joe was our Utility Maintenance Operator 2. This is a promotion for both of them. Soon, we plan to hire a new part-time entry-level person to assume some of Joe's previous duties, and to assist with the District's regular operations. A big thank you to Tom McCoy, who served the District as our General Manager for the last ten plus years! Not only was he key to getting our new projects off the ground, but he was helpful in the selection of his replacement.

Second, your District's Board has approved the following projects listed below. You should know that a portion of the increases in your water & sewer bills over the last several years have been allocated to fund these projects, along with other additional completed deferred maintenance projects. Over the summer, and into the fall, you should see construction at the locations identified for each project.

Solar Project:

This project will provide electrical power at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. The contract was awarded to NC Solar Construction Inc., and is in the permitting process with San Joaquin County and PG&E.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Modifications:

Some controls and other electrical modifications will be required that are outside the scope of work of the solar contractor. We have received bids for this additional work which are being reviewed by legal counsel.

Water Distribution and Sewer Collection System Improvements:

Hwy 26, east of Ione to Market St –

Replacing approx. 1,000 ft. of existing PVC water main with 8" C-900 piping and fittings. Also included are 7 water services and 2 hydrants

Hwy 26, nearing the corner of Hwy 26 and Duncan Rd –

Replacing approx. 400 ft. of existing sewer main and 3 services with new 6" SDR 35 pipe

Duncan Rd, nearing Hwy 26 –

Replacing approx. 300 ft. of existing sewer main and 4 services with new 8” SDR 35 pipe

Cady Ln –

Replacing approx. 300 ft. of existing sewer main and 8 services with new 6” SDR 35 pipe

Market St, between Front St and Hwy 26 –

Replacing approx. 300 ft. of existing sewer main and 3 services with new 8” SDR 35 pipe

In order to meet specific water demand compliance requirements, the Board has made a decision to build a new water storage tank. The plans and engineer’s estimate have been developed, however we are currently insufficiently funded to finance the project. The District is looking into funding options and the best way to proceed with this project.

Finally, I want to let you know that next year we will be going through the Proposition 218 process for the implementation of additional water rate increases beginning July 2020. This is similar to the recent increase notice that was mailed out by San Joaquin County, though that is a separate and different process. But, this is the same rate increase process that we went through in 2015. At our recent June meeting, the Board authorized our engineer to begin the development of a Cost of Services Study (“Study”) to determine deficiencies within the District that need to be addressed. The Study will also identify and prioritize future projects, and include projected costs to give the Board an estimate for our budget moving forward. The study will take several months to complete and if adopted by the Board could serve as the basis for proposed rate increases. We will keep you updated along the way. Feel free to attend the District’s board meetings, held every third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m., if you are interested in learning more.

Sincerely,



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