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District Newsletter

Update

Hello Bayview WSD Residents,

In an effort to keep our community informed about District business and the ongoing Water Improvement Project (WIP), we'd like to share an update in this latest newsletter. It's been another exciting and productive month in the District.

Water Improvement Project:

The project continues to go very well, and the construction company remains on schedule. We are still alternating between using the Farragut water tank and switching to our well-based backup method approximately once every five days. When Farragut's tank levels drop (to around 12 feet), we temporarily disconnect to allow their system time to recover. This process has been working smoothly for both the District and Farragut, and we are grateful for our neighbors and their continued support.

We are pleased to share that we've completed the new interior coating of the water tank. As of today, May 16th, the contractor is performing the disinfection process, which involves spraying the interior surface of the reservoir with a chlorine solution. After a minimum 30-minute contact time, the tank will be filled with potable water. Following this, chlorine residual and bacteriological testing will be conducted. Once favorable results are received, we can begin the process of recommissioning the tank and bringing it back into service!

Water Bond Charge on Customer Billing:

As a reminder, the water revenue bond approved by the public allows for a capped loan amount of \$3.4 million. Per the terms of the revenue bond, the District is required to collect a monthly charge from each customer to make the annual repayment to the State Revolving Fund (SRF).

Many long-time customers may recall the early discussions around the estimated final cost of the bond. The initial \$8 monthly charge, which began in November 2021, was always intended as a starting point. During the preliminary planning in February 2021, we projected that the final monthly charge would be approximately \$24.21 once the project was complete.

We're very pleased to report that this amount has been significantly reduced, thanks to several proactive steps the District has taken to benefit our ratepayers. The most impactful change was the implementation of multi-family dwelling assessments in September 2022. This allowed the



District to increase the base rate and water bond charge for user accounts where one meter serves multiple homes—ensuring a fairer cost distribution.

As a result, the new final charge will be \$13.63 per month—not \$24.21 as originally projected. Since you are already paying \$8 of that amount, the increase will only be \$5.63 per month. This charge will be reviewed annually and may decrease based on the number of new connections added to the District. It will not increase.

This charge will begin once the project is officially closed out. We will continue to keep you informed as that date approaches.

As a Reminder:

If you would like to be contacted immediately in case of a potential water shut off or any other system issue, please provide us with a current email address so that we can provide real-time updates. Just call our office or email us at BWSD637@gmail.com.

If you would like to be contacted by text message, you will need to set up an online portal and opt in for text message notification through your portal. Please visit our website to view the instructions on how to do this. You can also call the office and request an invitation link to be emailed to you to expedite the process for setting up the online portal.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

The Bayview Water & Sewer District Team