



## RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 1 SHELTER COVE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

*Electric, Water, Sewer, Fire Protection, Search & Rescue,  
Airport, Golf Links, Recreation*

### MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

#### WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON JUNE 18TH, 2020

Late last year the District Board of Directors took action to proceed with monthly utility rate increases based on the results of a rate study performed by Consultants IG Service in 2019. Monthly water rates are proposed to increase by 3% annually for five years and monthly sewer rates will increase by 10% annually for five years. The draft five-year rate structure and modifications to the utility rate ordinances will be presented for Board consideration at the regular board meeting scheduled to be held on May 21st, 2020 at 9 A.M. in the Fire Hall Meeting Room and a second reading of the ordinances and a **Public Hearing** to hear public testimony and consider written comments regarding the proposed changes is scheduled to be held on **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 9 A.M. in the Fire Hall Meeting Room. The Board could take action at this meeting to adopt the new water and sewer rates effective with the July 2020 usage. A Public Notice with the proposed rate changes has been mailed separately explaining the need for the rate adjustments.

#### **Annual Recycled Irrigation Water Notice:**

Shortly, night-time irrigation of the golf links will resume using recycled water from our wastewater treatment plant. Irrigation sprinklers are not usually activated until after dark, but people should avoid areas that are actively being sprinkled. This water is safe for irrigation, but not for drinking.

#### **Fire Extinguisher Recharge:**

The community may bring their fire extinguishers to the Fire House or District office on the morning of Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, for recharging by Eureka-Humboldt Fire Extinguisher. If you have any questions, please call them - Their phone number is 822-2517. The cost of this service will depend on the unit size. One time use only extinguishers cannot be recharged.

#### FULL-TIME JOB VACANCY

##### Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director:

**Minimum qualifications:** High School Diploma (or GED). Minimum of five years full-time firefighting experience and medical experience of at least a First Responder level or equivalent. Must have the ability to train, motivate and recruit volunteers. Must pass a medical examination, "Life Scan" and drug test. Must possess a valid CA driver's license.

Fire Chief shall reside in the Shelter Cove community.

**Compensation:** Salary range \$75,000 to \$100,000

Full-time benefits package includes paid vacation, sick, medical, dental, vision and life insurance. Vacancy open until filled.

Job description and application are available at the District Office or on the District's website: [www.sheltercove-ca.gov](http://www.sheltercove-ca.gov). Address all responses to Justin Robbins, General Manager, 9126 Shelter Cove Road, Whitethorn, CA 95589, phone 707-986-7015, email [gm@sheltercove-ca.gov](mailto:gm@sheltercove-ca.gov)

##### **Closure of Burn Season Imminent:**

Please take advantage of current cool conditions to abate fire hazards on your property. Please go to [www.ncuaqmd.org](http://www.ncuaqmd.org) to obtain a burn permit and have it on-site while burning. Please follow permit instructions carefully. Keep your burn piles small with plenty of water at hand, never leave fires unattended and make sure the fire is dead out before you leave for the day. Although it may be an AQMD "burn-day", the wind may well make it unsafe to burn locally.

The Fire Department will resume their chipper program in June, after burn season has ended.

##### **Holiday Announcement:**

The District offices will close on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

**COMMENTS:** We encourage your comments, so please use your bill stub to provide feedback regarding matters within the District's control.



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GM Newsletter – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To all our customers and the residents of Shelter Cove,

Our District is continuing to operate under an emergency declaration and is continuing to operate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) currently located at the Fire Station/Main District office at 9126 Shelter Cove Road in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. In the coming days and weeks, it is expected that Humboldt County and the State of California will begin to allow for the “opening” of select businesses and services.

Please note the following emergency operation actions taken by the District will continue to remain in place:

- The District office is closed to all public (person to person) interaction for the length of the Shelter-In-Place Order. The service window is closed. Please make your utility payment by mail or by inserting your payment (check/cash) through the door slot. Envelopes (for payment) are available near the District office entrance. You may also pay your utility bill over the phone with your debit or credit card by calling 707-986-7447 (Monday through Friday, 8AM to 12Noon & 1PM to 4PM) – NOTE: A bank fee of 3% will be added to all debit/credit payments. For your protection, District staff will not be able to meet and speak with you in person at the office while paying your utility bill or for any other businesses. Please call 707-986-7447 to speak with District staff.
- The District will not be performing utility disconnects for non-payment through May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Please contact the District office if you are experiencing a hardship and need to discuss payment options for your utility bill.**
- The Shelter Cove Airport is open for essential and emergency use only.
- The Shelter Cove Community Clubhouse, Library, and Shelter Cove Playground are all closed to public use. Your District’s hiking trails, golf course, beaches and greenbelt remain open for your use and enjoyment. Proper social distance of 6 feet must be maintained.
- The Shelter Cove Golf Links course is open to all solo golf play at this time. The District asks that golf carts be limited to one person per cart. Proper social distance of 6 feet must be maintained.

The District would like to express its thanks to everyone in the community who has performed vegetation treatment/removal from their property, around hydrants & utility poles and along county road rights-of-way this past winter and spring. The burning season is coming to a rapid close and the District and Shelter Cove Fire are ready to re-start our “Chipper Days” program. Starting in June, Shelter Cove Fire will chip your vegetation and wood piles, provided that you have placed material to-be-chipped on the side of the road with butts/ends facing out toward the road. Please do not pile material more than three-feet high. Please keep your pile(s) free from stumps, Poison Oak and garbage.

The District is excited to share details on the Fire Adapted Landscapes and Safe Home Landowner Cost-Share Program (FLASH program). Check out <http://kymkemp.com/?s=flash+program> for more information. This program will be administered by Humboldt County and will provide financial assistance to private property owners to perform vegetation treatment/removal on their property. Larger parcels and/or multiple parcels being combined into one funding request are more likely to get funded. Coordination and cooperation with your neighbors will help to develop larger size projects and make your project request more competitive.

You can submit an Interest Form for the FLASH program here: <https://humboldt.gov/690/Fire-Adapted-Landscapes-Safe-Homes>

If you have questions about the FLASH program, please contact your District office at 707-986-7447.

Be safe and Take care, Justin

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After Hours Utility Emergencies: 223-1225 [www.sheltercove-ca.gov](http://www.sheltercove-ca.gov)