



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

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

### **JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER**

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

At the May 21st, 2020 board meeting the Board of Directors took action to delay the proposed effective date of the utility rate increases of 3% for water and 10% for sewer service. Annual increases would occur for five years. (effective start date - July 1st, 2021). The proposed five-year rate structure and modifications to the utility rate ordinance will be presented for Board consideration at the regular board meeting and **Public Hearing** scheduled to be held on June 18th, 2020 at 9 A.M. in the Fire Hall Meeting Room. Public testimony and written comments regarding the proposed changes will be considered by the Board. The Board could take action at this meeting to adopt the new water and sewer rates effective with the July 2021 usage. Please click the following link on the District's website to view the draft proposed utility rate schedules:

[https://0201.nccdn.net/1\\_2/000/000/190/ed0/Proposed-Utility-Rate-Schedules-070121.pdf](https://0201.nccdn.net/1_2/000/000/190/ed0/Proposed-Utility-Rate-Schedules-070121.pdf)

#### **Appropriations Limit Calculation:**

Annually, the District determines the maximum limit of how much money the District can receive via Humboldt County from property taxes collected. The appropriations limit calculations for fiscal year 2020/2021 are available for public review at the District office and will be placed on the June 18th Board Meeting Agenda for board approval.

#### **Annual Water Quality Report:**

We regularly test our drinking water quality for many constituents as required by State and Federal regulations and the enclosed report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of: **January 1 – December 31, 2019**. If you have any questions please call Frank Wilson, Water/Wastewater Superintendent at 707-986-1411. See correction on next page.

#### **DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS**

Special District Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. There are three (3) four-year term positions available on the Resort Improvement Board. Candidates must be registered voters within Shelter Cove. The filing period commences **July 13th and runs through August 7th, 2020**. If an incumbent does not file by 5 pm on August 7th there is a five-day extension to August 12, 2020 for anyone other than the incumbent to file. **Filing is free and completion of forms must be done at the Humboldt County Office of Elections** located at 2426 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, CA 95501-0788. The process takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Optional Candidate Statements must be paid for by the candidate. For a Candidate Guide please visit <https://humboldt.gov/elections>. The new terms of office will begin Friday, December 4th, 2020. For further details please contact the Humboldt County Elections Office at 445-7481.

#### **Firework Safety:**

Please be extra safe with fireworks this year as we have experienced tremendous vegetation growth due to a wet spring. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Benbow Fireworks Display has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. On July 4th, the Fire Department will make a family/kids area available, adjacent the Clubhouse, for safe and sane fireworks. Activities will commence one-hour before sunset.

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

The community may bring their fire extinguishers to the Fire House or District office on the morning of Thursday, June 11th, 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.

#### **Holiday Announcement:**

The District offices will close on Friday July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.



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#### **Annual Consumer Confidence Report Correction:**

To save our natural resources we are not enclosing a copy of the Annual Consumer Confidence Report. The Annual Consumer Confidence Report will be made available on-line on the District's website, the report will be posted on the District's bulletin board and at the General Store and a hard copy can also be obtained from the District office upon request.

GM Newsletter – June 2020

Dear Residents and Property Owners –

At last month's regular meeting of the RID Board of Directors the full Board took action to delay proposed water and sewer rate increases by one year. Staff supported this action and submitted a draft budget to the Board that reflects lower (capital) expenses. The draft 2020-2021 fiscal year budget also reduces some operations and maintenance costs from previous years. District staff will continue to work diligently to lower our operating costs and seek outside financial and technical assistance.

Despite these financial challenges, District staff will also continue work on improving community resilience to wildfire by treating and removing vegetation on greenbelt lands and along roadways and by supporting the Chipper Days program. Chipper Days will be starting this June and you can participate in this free service by cutting vegetation from your property and placing along the roadside's edge so that it may be chipped. Please follow these guidelines:

1. Place cut (butt) ends facing the roadway...piled no more than three (3) feet high – create additional piles if needed.
2. No stumps, garbage, poison oak will be chipped.
3. Contact the Shelter Cove Fire Department at 986-7507 to let us know you have a pile ready.
4. Please be patient as we get to your pile.

With the late spring rains fire season has been delayed, but it's coming none the less. Now is the time to prepare by reducing vegetation around your home/property; ensuring that your house number can be seen from the roadway; preparing an evacuation bag (go bag) that has needed personal items and supplies in case you need to quickly escape from your home; and getting your fire extinguishers charged and ready (Recharging service offered on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Shelter Cove Fire Station).

Please know that the District office shall remain closed to all public (person to person) interaction for the length of the Shelter-In-Place Order. Please make your utility payment by mail or by inserting your payment (check/cash) through the door slot. Please include your name, account number, service street address and the amount you are paying or a copy of your bill stub with your payment. Envelopes (for payment) are available near the RID office entrance. You may also pay your utility bill over the phone with your debit or credit card by calling RID at 707-986-7447 (Monday through Friday, 8AM to 12 Noon & 1PM to 4PM). I would like to request that individuals and businesses who are experiencing a hardship and have past-due utility bills to contact the District to discuss options and to setup a payment plan.

The Shelter Cove Golf Course is OPEN – with the following rules in place: Daily green fees are reinstated. Fees must be paid at kiosk or one must possess an annual pass. Please use sanitizer after paying green fees/collecting score card or touching any common surface. **Solo play to foursome play is permitted. No groups of five persons or more are permitted.** Golf Carts may be shared with players whom reside in the same household. Otherwise solo use of golf carts is required. **Please do not touch Greens Flags.** Proper social distance (minimum of six feet) must be maintained by all players and users of the golf links course, trails and open spaces. The Clubhouse and children's playground remain closed. The airport remains open to essential and emergency use only. Be safe and take care, Justin