



SPUD SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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WHY A RATE INCREASE?

SPUD must ensure revenue sufficiency to continue to operate our water system and comply with State mandates.

SPUD has not increased water rates since 2007. The District has managed to remain solvent over recent years, despite increased operations and maintenance costs. The need for additional system-wide capital improvements, is impacting District reserves.

SPUD needs to increase revenues to match projected expenses. SPUD anticipates major upgrades and improvements to its distribution pipeline and pump station, in addition to implementing a meter replacement project over the next five years.

GRANT FUNDING

SPUD anticipates securing a mix of loans and grants to pay for several priority capital improvement projects (CIPs). One factor considered when applying for State and Federal funds is demonstrating the ability to pay back the debt service. Reliable income to support debt service is a requirement to secure outside funding.





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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS

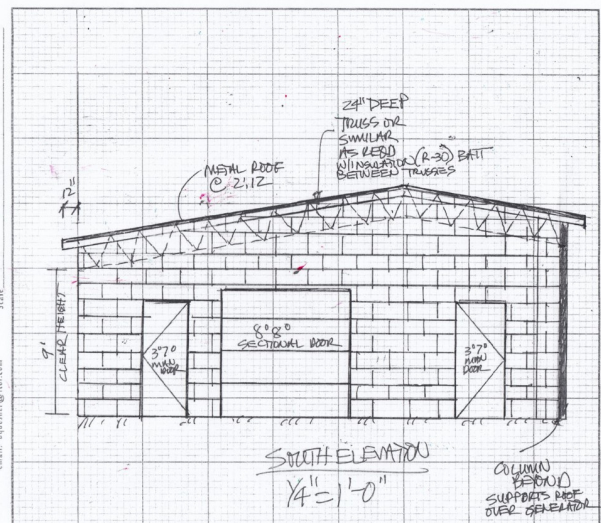
NEW WATER METERS



Installation of a new AMR (Automated Meter Read) system provides the following improvements:

- All new meters, old meters have reached the end of their useful life
- Monthly meter reading regardless of weather or snow
- Ability of the District to promote water conservation
- Identify the presence of system and lateral leaks as they occur
- Integrates easily with Customer Utility Billing Software for accurate billing and transparency
- SPUD is currently seeking Grant Funding to assist with costs for this Project.

NEW BOOSTER PUMP STATION AND EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR



The Project consists of planning, design, and construction of a fire resistant block pump house. It will also include electrical controls, chlorination facilities and the addition of twin booster pumps for redundancy to supply water from the current spring source to storage. An emergency backup generator with an automatic transfer switch will assure there is still power provided in the event of Public Safety Power Outages. Costs for this Project are estimated at \$973,200. SPUD has already secured Grant Funding in the amount of \$691,800

THE MISSION OF THE SIERRAVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT IS TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE SUPPLY OF CLEAN, HEALTHY WATER TO OUR CUSTOMERS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA STATE WATER STANDARDS.