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## **Executive Summary**

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**Showcases Transparency Expands Customer Service** Highlights Reporting & Compliance

### FY 2018 - 19 Budget:

Bee Gulch Lift Station Upgrade

### District Capacity & Buy-In Fee:

Board Approves Buy-In Fee-\$7370

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**Disposal Alternatives** 

### Did you know. . . . . ?

### **Auto Pay & E-bill Services**

As a reminder, BVWD provides both automatic bill payment options as well e-bill and e-newsletter services.

To sign up for electronic billing and automatic payment services, visit the Options http://bvwd.ca.gov/\_and complete the authorization form.

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# New District Web Site Showcases Commitment to Transparency

agency's website has become the central tool through which to way to efficiently seek answers to questions, meet customer service requests showcase commitment to transparency. Recognizing this significance, the completed comprehensive Total District Capacity - 1846 EDUs overhaul of the District's web site with a goal to meet all of these objectives and more.

> a change in the District's URL. find the Bear Valley may now Water District's website at http://bvwd.ca.gov/. This change affirms the agency's status as a California Special District, a unique With nearly 50 unique web pages, services sector and replacing the former historical

For public agencies today, an more ambiguous .org website improvement

provide customers, regulators and Under new regulatory requirements providing with complies the amendments to the Public Records Act, including a new Bear Valley Water District recently web page related to Senate Bill 272 Improved customer service was an equally their "enterprise systems," or the website. software applications it employs.

> as well as Management Plan (SSMP)

budgets,

annual, independent auditor reports as well as a link to the State Controller's office transparency staff the public at large a convenient for public agency websites enacted compensation. Visitors will also find a host since the District's last website of new District policy statements on revision, the District's site now everything from Reserve and Investment latest Policies to Director's Reimbursement and California Conflict of Interest Policies.

requiring public agencies to list important objective of the District's new This latest revision provides customers with easy access to apply for new service, enroll in auto-pay, sign up for Similarly, the District's site now electronic billing and even pay your bill Dam No. 1088 "Significant Hazard" Among the first improvements was meets requirements to provide online. The "outreach" tab also includes access to the agency's digital sewer maintenance tips, describes the Customers and other stakeholders agendas, Board meeting materials District's fats, oils and grease program and its Sewer System allows visitors to sign up newsletters.

> sewer ordinance or Municipal Code. The District's improved site also includes extensive information on the range of provided to the community. branch of state government not to the site is also rich in new financial including links to current discharge be confused with the private content providing current as well as permits, sewer collection, treatment and capital disposal programs as well as current rates.

# 2018 - 19 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PRIORITIZES LIFT STATION UPGRADE

lift stations and several miles of engineered Weatherby March 1974. provided it was installed in the mid 1970's.

The "Lake **Alpine** Permittee Association" force main to the Lake Alpine Boat fully dismantling the station.

Civil system overflows (SSOs) or other increasingly vulnerable to a potential SSO. Engineers (Jackson, California) in issues, particularly notable in light This system has of the fact that the station reliable currently contains original all sewerage service to the Basin since components including the original motor control panel, pumps, plumbing and check valves.

more To date, as far as current staff is commonly known today as the "Bee aware, the pumps have never been Gulch" lift station, is a duplex or removed or serviced as is best two pump lift station which services practice at the District's other (12) residential Special Use Permit facilities principally due to the fact (SUP) cabins on federal lands in the that they were plumbed in place Lake Alpine basin. Since 1977, the with all cast iron pipe making it station has pumped effluent via impossible to extract them without

The Lake Alpine Sewage Collection Ramp lift station which then pumps Staff identified this lift station as the most and Export System, including three effluent to facilities in Bear Valley. critical component of the collection network and a priority for FY18-19 since many or all gravity and force main subsurface The "Bee Gulch" lift station has of the components in the station are collections line, was designed and performed exceedingly well over believed to be at the end of or even the District by the past 40 years with no sewer beyond their useful life making the station

> At the Direction of the Board, the General Manager solicited proposals from four reputable contracting firms with experience in public sector lift station upgrades. The proposals received from the four firms were responsive to the request providing the requested deliverables in order to complete the scope of work on schedule.

> Aqua Sierra Controls of Auburn, California awarded the contract weeklong project is scheduled for early autumn 2018. This upgrade should provide the Lake Alpine Basin with an additional 40 years+ of reliable service.

# MASTER PLAN \_

# DISTRICT UPDATES SYSTEM CAPACITY & REVISES NEW CUSTOMER CAPACITY FEE

In 2014, when the Board last Engineer following the first EDUs or 92% of the 1978 Master Plan. revised the "buy-in" fee, or the successful surface discharge, fee customers pay for their share of a much capacity in and to physically connect confidence now exists associated the potential ability to discharge into in the District's 2016 NPDES Bloods Creek, Limited flow data permit, the Board of Directors for Bloods Creek existed at the time voted at its January 2018 combined with the fact that the meeting to increase available adequacy of the surface discharge (EDUs)over existing connections. system.

higher level several uncertainties into Bloods Creek and, together District's with several key changes ratified

of As any change in adopted capacity to correlates directly to the "buy-in" fee to the wastewater system, there discharge the required volumes charged to new customers, District staff then re-examined the actual costs of the District's collection, treatment disposal systems. This analysis included a review and update to the District's depreciation schedule. These costs were then escalated using the Engineering News District had not performed a system capacity an additional Record 20 city construction cost index to discharge previously to verify the 1,196 equivalent dwelling units yield a revised cost basis for all assets.

updated balance additional water performed by the District

District capacity

Based on this analysis, the updated cost Combining the current number basis for the District's systems as of Based upon the results of an of connected EDUs (650) with December 2017 is now \$13,605,000. With 1846 EDUs and this new cost basis, the (1,196) yields an updated total Board voted at its April 2018 meeting to District system capacity of 1,846 approve a revised "buy-in" fee of \$7370.



OROVILLE DAM - MARCH 2017

DAMS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE

# "FOG" - FATS, OILS AND GREASE - DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES

to take this opportunity to remind cooking bi-products safely. you of how best to dispose of fats, when preparing holiday meals.

With the holiday season fast To prevent these problems, we the bag shut and dispose of it in a trash approaching, the District would like encourage you to dispose of these receptacle.

> suggestions that will reduce your impact on Bear Valley's wastewater receptacle.

· Mix cooking oils with an absorbent cooking oils and grease (FOG) Here are some alternative disposal material such as coffee grounds, place in a lidded container and dispose in a trash

As a reminder, fats, cooking oils, infrastructure.

and grease (FOG) can coat and creating lines

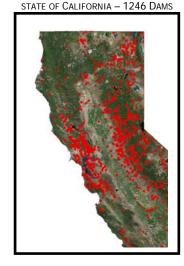
overflows as well as disrupt waste

system following:

detrimental results.

· If you're soaking a greasy pan, first pour clog pipes and cause sewer lines to Instead of pouring fats, oil, grease off grease into a container. Then place back-up into homes. "FOG" can or placing greasy foods down the paper towels over the drain basket to catch also cause blockages further down garbage disposal or drain, try the grease and food as you pour the soaking water down the drain.

water treatment processes with . Place fats, oil, and grease in a These environmentally friendly kitchen container with a tight-sealing lid, practices are simple alternatives put the container in a trash bag, tie disposing of these harmful bi-products and better for wastewater disposal operations.



# REMEMBER OROVILLE? NEW REQUIREMENTS EMERGE FOR BVWD 'S DAM NO. 1088

Since 1929, the State protect property. Following the near catastrophic events during evacuation of nearly 200,000 residents below the Oroville Dam. the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) determined regulations were necessary to maintain these objectives.

On July 14, 2017 DSOD notified the District regarding newly

of adopted regulations effective July economic loss, environmental damage and California has regulated dams to 1, 2017 requiring dam owners to disruption of lifeline facilities. prevent failure, safeguard life and prepare emergency action plans based on this level of classification, the EAP must include dam break/flood route modeling (EAP) for their dams.

and inundation mapping, and must be the winter of 2017, including the Bear Valley SH Dam No. 1088, completed and submitted by January 1, which refers to the dam at the 2021. District's 76.4 MG effluent storage

reservoir, is classified as a dam Under the guidance of the District Engineer, meeting the "significant" hazard the General Manager solicited proposals from classification. Dams assigned this six reputable engineering firms in the region.

those dams classification are where failure or mis-operation At its April 2018 meeting, the Board of would result in no probable loss of Directors awarded the project to Mead and but can cause Hunt, Inc. based in Sacramento. human life