

# Apple Valley Foothill County Water District

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Subject: Water Rate Evaluation:

The water district applied for and was accepted for a low interest loan to help pay for the large costs of updating our aging water system which was established in the 1950's. The loan helped pay for two 155,000-gallon water storage tanks, rehabilitation of our original 75,000 water storage tank, booster pump and motor back-up, an updated and larger bladder tank to help maintain water pressure during unexpected shutdown, and upgraded electrical panel. In 2019, as you may remember we had a catastrophic pump failure on well #1, which cost over \$50,000 to repair. It is our original water well and is now near its expected useful life. As a result, the District will need to drill a new water well (Well #3). A replacement municipal water well that will meet our current and future needs is in the works! Apple Valley Foothill is doing its best to meet the financial obligations that are accruing due without water rate increases, but further failure of components to the water system and ever-increasing expenses may require another water rate increase.

The District has requested through The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) for another water rate study. The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) has the lead in administering the State Water Resources Control Board's financial assistance programs.

Regards,

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