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## WELCOME!



### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Each year since 1998, the EPA requires Public Water Systems (PWS) to publicize a Consumer Confidence Report. This report provides important information about the quality of your drinking water.

The District is pleased to report that our drinking water continues to comply with all State and Federal requirements.

A copy of the report can be found at <https://www.hvllcsd.org/files/1265cdf5/2022+CCR.pdf>.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and exciting.

If you have any questions or require further information about any of the mentioned activities, please don't hesitate to reach out to Penny Cuadras at [pcuadras@hvllcsd.org](mailto:pcuadras@hvllcsd.org).

For more updates and valuable resources, remember to visit our website, [hvllcsd.org](http://hvllcsd.org).

Together, we strive to protect our community's water and wastewater systems, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Warm regards,  
HVLCSD

Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District has some exciting updates and news to share with you! We continue to provide a concise report of important news and events and how they affect your water and wastewater systems. As always, if you have questions about items in this newsletter, please email them to Penny Cuadras, at [pcuadras@hvllcsd.org](mailto:pcuadras@hvllcsd.org). We will respond to your inquiries as soon as possible. In the meantime, we urge you to familiarize yourself with our website, [hvllcsd.org](http://hvllcsd.org) which contains a lot of helpful information. We encourage you to check it out!

The format of this newsletter will be slightly different; while we have a lot of projects under way, there are two main updates we would like to highlight this quarter. These updates will be about our Water Storage Reliability project (aka The Tank 9 project) as well as some information about our budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

### WATER STORAGE RELIABILITY



Approaching nearly 50 years old, the Unit 9 water tank, made of redwood planks and steel bands, has outlived its serviceable life. CSD is dedicated to eventually replacing all wood tanks with more functional storage solutions.

This project replaces the old wooden water tank with two larger steel tanks. This initiative is a significant step towards fulfilling our mission of "protecting our community's water." Let's dive into the exciting updates!

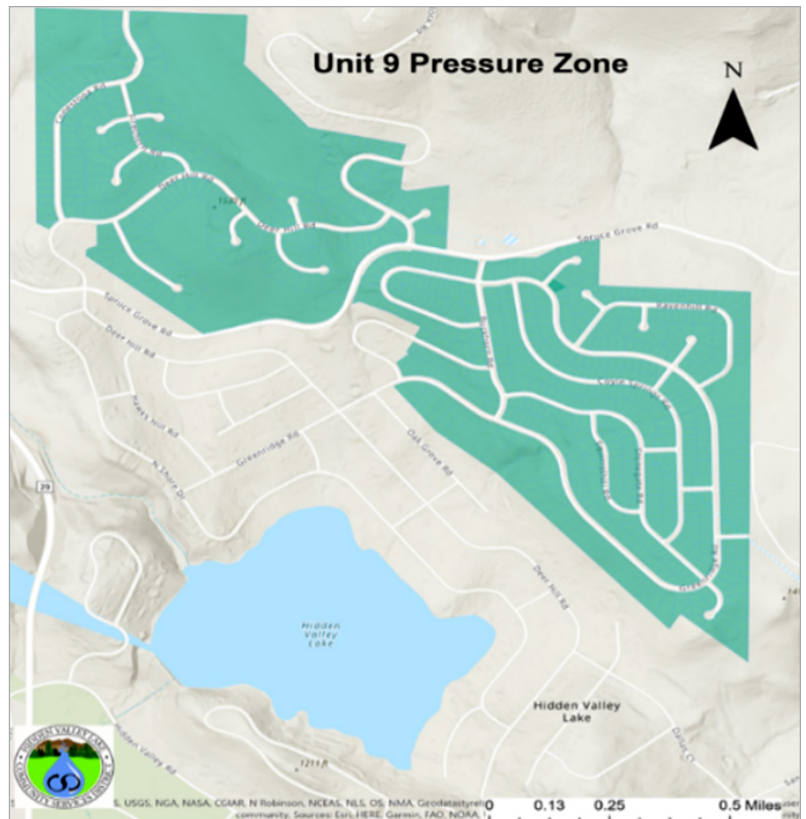
In just a few months, we will be ready to break ground on the construction phase of the Unit 9 Tank project. This phase comes after receiving the final Engineering Design Package which illustrates how the tanks will be positioned on-site. These packages essentially contain the instruction manual for the construction contractor. From the moment we received the Notice of funding award, CSD staff has been hard at work developing the project. We are eagerly awaiting the start of this next phase and cannot wait to build a bigger, better water storage solution to not only meet water demand, but to help protect us from the devastating effects of wildfire.

The District plans to host a virtual Town

Hall later this month to discuss this project in more detail, and offer you the opportunity to ask staff questions. We will post scheduling details on our website soon. Hope to see you online!



As the Unit 9 tank ages, more leaks occur creating a patchwork of repairs. The darker areas in the above photo indicate continued seepage through the wood.



The Unit 9 Tank provides water to the households highlighted in this map.

## FINANCIALS

While the project management staff has been hard at work on Tank 9, the accounting staff has in tandem been diligently working towards a balanced operational budget.

You may have read in previous newsletters that budget and financial activities appear to happen around the clock. While that is certainly true, the month of June is the culmination of all that work. As you are reading this newsletter, the District's budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 has presumably been adopted, and posted on our website. Here are some of the highlights of this year's budget.

**RATES:** There have been no changes to the rate structure. Staff continue to follow the five-year rate structure plan approved and adopted in December, 2020.

**REVENUES:** Despite enduring extreme weather events such as drought and intense rains, the District is experiencing water and sewer use revenues that meet the rising demands of operational expenses as well as improvements to infrastructure. In other words, the District is able to pay its debts, and improve its infrastructure.

Additionally, your CSD continues to explore non-ratepayer revenue streams. These include the never-ending quest for additional grant funding, growing our sphere of influence to service more commercial enterprises, and pursuing innovative projects that legitimately promise lasting revenues and promote quality-of-life returns. One such project is the FLASHES proposal, essentially a water storage system using gravity to flow water through turbines to produce electricity from one elevated tank to another down hill. It has been on our radar for several years and will continue to consume some measure of our actions in order that we can eventually bring to fruition this old concept with new technology.

**BOND:** The District is pursuing the acquisition of a net revenue bond. This will ensure the successful completion of disaster mitigation projects, like generators at water booster pump stations. We are hard at work leveraging current and future revenues to build a sustainable infrastructure for generations to come.

We are committed to these endeavors as part of our mission to ensure the well-being of our community over the next few years as we recover from the disasters of the past. Stay tuned for more updates on our progress!