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Board Adopts Budget, Aggressive Capital Improvements Plan

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The Yorba Linda Water District Board of Directors recently adopted a two year budget and five year capital improvements plan that supports the implementation of aggressive but fiscally responsible programs. These projects are intended to maximize our use of more reliable and lower cost groundwater supplies, and to improve the already high quality of our service.

The time frame for completing projects to serve the ultimate “build-out” of the community has been compressed from twenty years in order to affect an estimated thirty to fifty percent cost savings. The projects listed below are also intended to achieve our vision of *“becoming the premier self-sufficient source for reliable water, sewer and related services in the communities we serve.”*

- Construct a new 30 inch pipeline between the District’s Highland and Bastanchury Reservoirs. This pipeline replaces a 20 inch transmission main that was built in the 1930s and was becoming a reliability and maintenance liability. The pipeline will allow the District to move more groundwater through our distribution system more reliably and economically. (2005)

- Drill a new water well in order to increase the use of less expensive groundwater within the District’s water distribution system. (2005-2006)

- Construct a new underground concrete water reservoir in the hills of eastern Yorba Linda. This reservoir will add water storage and increased reliability to our water distribution system. (2005-2006)

- Construct new large water transmission mains in Bastanchury Road to move less expensive groundwater more efficiently to the Fairmont Reservoir and eastern portions of our water distribution system. (2005-2006)

- Install artificial turf on the tops of the Fairmont and Elk Mountain Reservoirs, thus making these facilities available to youth sports groups for recreational uses. Create a “passive park” consisting of shade trees, benches and strolling paths at the new Highland Reservoir site. (2005-2006)

- Implement a water meter replacement program that will add more accurate remote water meter reading capability. (2005-2007)

- Implement a state-of-the-art Global Information System (GIS) in our Engineering Department. This system will allow the use of computer technology to map the entire District's service area, and greatly improving facilities planning, construction processes as well as emergency repair and customer service response times. (2006-2007)
- Construct a new 20,000 square foot administration building at the District's Richfield Plant to accommodate staffing and service provision requirements for the next 20 years. The new facility will allow us to bring all administration, business, engineering and operations personnel together in one location, thus improving organizational efficiency. (2006-2007)
- Replace the 4.6 million gallon, 94 year old Highland Reservoir, the first major water facility built in our community, which is reaching the end of it's effective service life. The new six million gallon underground concrete reservoir will provide more water storage capacity in the western portion of our service area. (2006-2007)
- Rebuild the Bastanchury Reservoir facilities. The existing pair of two million gallon above ground steel tanks will be replaced by a 12 million gallon underground concrete structure that will nearly triple water storage capacity at this location. We will also construct a new state-of-the-art 5,000 gallon per minute booster station to move water more efficiently into our distribution system. (2006-2007)

The quality of the water we provide to the communities we serve is one of the highest priorities at Yorba Linda Water District. You can be assured that your public drinking water is safe, clean and healthful. Yorba Linda Water District vigilantly safeguards its water supply to ensure that water delivered to your home or business meets or exceeds the standards required by federal and state regulatory agencies.

All public utilities are especially concerned about the security of their facilities and their ability to provide services. Toward the end of protecting our community's water and sewer services, the District has completed a security vulnerability assessment and an updated emergency response plan as mandated by the federal Department of Homeland Security.

The District has always safeguarded the public revenue entrusted to us through a policy of fiscally conservative asset management. The District's revenue, reserve funds and investments are carefully maintained to insure the most prudent earning yields.

Yorba Linda Water District's Board of Directors and professional staff take our job of providing top quality water and sewer services to our customers in Yorba Linda, Placentia, Brea, Anaheim and unincorporated Orange County very seriously. We are looking forward to the next six years and are excited about the upcoming projects that will improve both the quality of our services and the quality of life for families in the communities that we serve.