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Re: Formation of South Water Users Improvement District 3 (SWUID No. 3)

Dear Landowner:

In February of this year North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) asked landowners to approve a proposed assessment to rebuild the South Pump Station, slip-line and pressurize the South System pipeline. The proposed assessment failed (49%/51%). Recently, landowners who want to use non-pressurized water from the South System asked NSJWCD to prepare another proposal.

The new proposal involves forming South Water Users Improvement District No. 3 (SWUID No. 3). The new proposal will include only landowners who want to purchase non-pressurized water from the South System and are willing to **VOLUNTARILY** assess themselves to pay for the facilities.

NSJWCD is holding an informational meeting to explain the proposal and discuss how to VOLUNTARILY join SWUID No. 3 on June 14, 2018, 5:30 pm at Burgundy Hall – Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – 413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi CA.

To **VOLUNTARILY** join SWUID No. 3, you will need to sign the Petition for Formation. The Petition is available on the District website and will be available at the meeting on June 14th. Key terms:

1. Lands joined to SWUID No. 3 have first priority for water from the South System.
2. NSJWCD must enroll 2,500 acres to move forward. Acreage is capped at 4,000 acres.
3. Lands joined to SWUID No. 3 must pay an assessment of \$50/acre/year for 10 years, whether water is available or not. The money will be used to complete the new South Pump Station and make basic repairs to enable NSJWCD to convey non-pressurized water.
4. Lands joined to SWUID No. 3 that take water must pay NSJWCD a per acre-foot charge for operational costs. Water rates are set annually by NSJWCD and are currently \$50/acft.
5. Lands joined to SWUID No. 3 can decide to impose additional assessments in the future for additional facilities or repairs with a majority vote (one acre one vote).
6. Lands joined to SWUID No. 3 are responsible for any facilities necessary to take water from the pipeline, ditch or channel. NSJWCD approved water meters are required.
7. Lands not joined to SWUID No. 3 now can join later until the 4,000 acre cap is reached. However, lands joining later must also pay any prior billed assessments.

JOINING SWUID NO. 3 IS VOLUNTARY **NSJWCD WILL NOT ASSESS ANYONE UNLESS THEY SIGN THE PETITION**

The SWUID No. 3 Petition for Formation is on the District's website: www.nsjgroundwater.org.



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President of the Board of Directors