

## ROMALDO WATER COMPANY

To: Romaldo Water Company Members                      Date: October 7, 1987  
From: Judy Jennings, Secretary                              Re: Rate changes

The results of the recent questionnaire indicated that six members wanted the Board to decide the matter in question and four desired a general meeting. As a result, the Board held a meeting on Saturday, October 3, 1987 and came to a unanimous decision on the question of when to put the new rates into effect.

At the August 30, 1987 general meeting several changes in the rate schedule were voted on and passed. The Treasurer reported that the treasury had built up in excess of \$3,000. Therefore, the special assessment of \$20.00 will be removed from future billings.

The Treasurer's Report also indicated that present monthly rates are insufficient to cover current billings. Therefore, a raise in usage rates was recommended and several options were discussed. The revised schedule of usage rates, itemized below, was accepted unanimously by the members.

1. The basic charge for the 1st 1000 cu. ft. was increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for each 2-month period.
2. The additional charge per 100 cu. ft. over the basic amount was raised from \$.50 to \$1.00. This rate now applies for usage over 1000 cu. ft. and up to 4000 cu. ft.
3. An excessive use charge for usage over 4000 cu. ft. was put into effect at the rate of \$3.00 per 100 cu. ft.

The membership meeting did not make it clear when these new rates would go into effect. The September 1 billing covering July and August was computed at the new rates. Several members questioned this billing as retroactive since the water had been used prior to the vote to raise the rates. After taking all arguments into consideration, the Board made the following decision:

1. The new rates will go into effect for water used after the meeting. Therefore, the new rates will apply for usage in September and October and will be reflected on your November 1, 1987 billing.

2. The Treasurer will re-bill all members for the July-August period, using the old schedule of rates and including the \$20.00 special assessment.

3. If your revised billing for July-August indicates an additional payment is due, please pay that extra amount. If your revised billing indicates a credit, it will be applied as a deduction to your November 1 billing.

A new rate sheet is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact one of your board members. The names and telephone numbers of each board member are listed at the bottom of the rate sheet.

Please keep in mind that in a dry year such as we are having, water is a scarce resource and should be conserved as much as possible. Make an effort to locate and repair leaky faucets and toilets, and put a timer on when you water outside so that you do not overwater.

For those of you who have lost, misplaced or mangled your By-Laws, I will be distributing new copies in the near future with an updated listing of the Romaldo Water Company members.