

## Notice of Water Rate Increase

Date: May 31, 2017

To: North Hunt Special Utility District Customers

North Hunt SUD has continued to grow. The water system covers portions of three (3) counties including areas of Hunt, Fannin, and Delta Counties. We currently have over 450 miles of water line to maintain. The NHSUD Board Members have tried to keep prices at a minimum for years. However, it has been a struggle and to qualify for any improvements, we have to increase rates.

We have also applied for a grant to help with some of the improvements. We are expecting a final decision for the Grant Funds in the fall of 2017. We are thankful to have our Precinct Hunt County Commissioner Jim Bob Latham, Hunt County Commissioners, and Judge Horn to support us in the application process or we would not have the opportunity to receive this grant. They have supported NHSUD in previous projects and it has saved the water system and its customer's money.

Unfortunately, the proposed grant will only help with a small portion of the improvements needed. Therefore, we have decided to move forward with loan applications.

To continue to service our current customers and to keep up with future growth, we have designed a plan to improve service to our customers. These plans will increase water pressure, increase water availability, capacity, storage, water lines, emergency back up and rehabilitation of current facilities. The proposed increase will go into effect June 1, 2017 and you will not see a change in your water bill until August 2017.

North Hunt SUD has continued to grow but the new growth has been minimal. It is such a large water system to maintain and these upgrades are necessary to continue to serve even the first customers on the water system. North Hunt SUD is not excited about the rate increase either but we do want to provide quality drinking water to the customers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stacey Nicholson