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Dear Shareholder,

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming increase in the water rates. This is necessary due to the rising operational and maintenance costs and upcoming improvements to the water system. Some of the factors related to this increase are:

- Rising Energy Costs: Over the past decade we have seen substantial increases in our energy costs.
- Increased Pump and Well Maintenance: The declining water levels have caused ground subsidence which has resulted in repeated damage to the wells at multiple well locations.
- Declining water levels resulting in reduced production from our existing wells is creating the need for new wells.
- Fire Protection: We will be making improvements throughout the system which includes the addition of fire hydrants and upsizing of water lines.
- Aged Water Line Replacement: Over the years the Company has replaced a substantial number of water lines, but we still have over twenty miles of aged and failing water lines that need to be replaced.
- Meters: California has implemented several laws to encourage water conservation through the installation and use of water meters across the state. These mandates are driven by a desire to promote responsible water use, particularly in light of drought conditions.
- Water Quality: Water treatment costs have increased because of the lower water levels.

The new water rates will be as follows:

Residential:	\$140.00/month
Commercial:	\$112.85 + \$1.50 per 1000 gallons/month
Standby/Unimproved:	\$61.53/month billed quarterly

These new rates will be effective starting November 1, 2026.

We understand that any increase in rates can be challenging, and we have made every effort to minimize the impact on our shareholders. We are committed to providing reliable and safe water service, and these adjustments will help us maintain and improve our infrastructure, ensuring continued quality service for the future. Madera Valley Water Co. is committed to transparency and open communication. You can also contact us directly at (559)674-2407 or maderavalleywater@mvwc.net with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
Greg Rodgers
General Manager