## Tower Oak Bend Water Supply Corporation 20141 Schiel Rd. Cypress, TX 77433

Water Board News October 3, 2022

Last month we made the final payment on the loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant repairs made in October 2017. We paid for this loan through the Special Assessment Fee of \$35.00 per month on our water and sewer bill for the last five years. The plant is operating well within all the TCEQ requirements.

Due to required maintenance and repairs needed at the Water Plant, the Water Board voted and approved to keep the Special Assessment Fee of \$35.00 per month in effect for the foreseeable future. The water plant is approximately 35 years old. The water plant includes a well and pump, ground storage tank and distribution pumps and the pressure tank. The ground storage tank will need to be sand blasted inside, holes repaired, and a new epoxy liner installed in the tank. The booster pump suction lines will need to be repaired and one of the booster pumps replaced. The pressure tank will have to be sand blasted and painted inside and out. To complete this work, it will cost approximately \$200,000. We as a neighborhood have gotten more than the useful life out of this equipment and it is now time to make the repairs so that our service can continue. We plan on starting the work in the next 30 to 60 days.

The Water Board has also approved a new rate order. This is the document where the water and sewer rates are set. The water and sewer rates will not change. However, the Harris County Regional Water Authority (RWA) that charges us a pumpage fee has raised the pumpage rate for all water districts within its boundaries. The current rate is \$4.60 per 1,000 gallons pumped. This is charged to us based on the amount of water we pump out of our well. These fees are a cost to us that we can't control, can't change and must pass through to the end customers.

The next water board meeting will be October 22, 2022. The meeting posting will be at the water plant and will give the time and location of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Kris Hughes

Water Board President