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Dear Consumers of the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District;

A letter was enclosed with your water statement mailed the first part of April, reflecting the water usage in 2019 and 2020. As we enter the summer of 2021, the water consumption in Apple Valley needs to be curtailed to avoid other measures, like water rationing. With the very high rate of water use and the extreme drought we are involved in, the SSD feels compelled, for the well-being of our water system and all users, to move forward with higher water rates for consumption higher than 5,000 gallons/month. Customers with commercial connections or special needs will be addressed separately. The proposed new rates (see table below) will be discussed at a hearing on TBD at 6 p.m. If approved, the rates will become effective June 1, 2021 and will be reset to the current rates beginning November 1, 2021. This timeframe will cover the bulk of highest usage.

<u>GALLONS USED</u>	CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS	
	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>
0 - 5,000	\$1.50	\$1.50
5,001 – 12,000	\$1.75	\$5.00
12,001 – 25,000	\$2.00	\$10.00
25,001 – 35,000	\$2.25	\$10.00
35,001 – 45,000	\$2.50	\$10.00
45,001 +	\$2.75	\$10.00

We are grateful for your understanding and help. Thank you for your current efforts to conserve the water in our District.

If you need clarification, feel free to contact Dale Harris, the District Water Superintendent at (435) 632-8358; or Harold Merritt, the SSD Chairman at (435) 619-0186.

Respectfully,

Dale Harris, Water Superintendent
Harold Merritt, Chairman
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