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Town of Johnstown
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RE: Town of Johnstown/Milliken Hillsborough Ditch Company Water Court Change Case

Dear Shareholder,

Please join us for breakfast on Friday, April 7th at 7:30 am at Milliken Town Hall.

The purpose of this breakfast is to provide you with notification and also to invite you to include your Hillsborough Ditch Company Water Shares in a water court change case to be filed by the Towns of Johnstown and Milliken before the end of the calendar year. These shares are currently unchanged, which means the water cannot be used for municipal purposes i.e., potable drinking water. In order to allow municipal use, the Town must file a water court change case, and ultimately the outcome of this case will result in a water court decree that provides a yield for municipal purposes within the Towns of Johnstown and Milliken.

As shareholders of the Hillsborough Ditch Company, we would also like to invite you to participate in our change case by including your water certificate shares in this change case. As part of this change case, the Towns will not own your shares or have any rights to your shares. You, as the owner of the share, will still have the right to use it for any irrigation purposes you have previously used the water for on your land. The sole benefit for this is that if at some point in the future you decide that you do not want to use the water for agricultural and irrigation purposes, you would have the opportunity to utilize it for municipal purposes.

Currently, it is estimated that you receive approximately 120-acre feet of water for irrigation purposes for each share. We believe this amount will not be compromised if you take the water through a change case with the Town. We also believe that a favorable decree could result in

the ability of you to still utilize the 120-acre feet as you have historically until you no longer wish to use the water for this purpose. A changed use decree we hope will allow for the conversion of a portion of the water, there will be no fees applied to any legal or engineering costs.

PLEASE NOTE: that the inclusion of your Water Shares in the Towns change case has important legal ramifications. Therefore, you should consult with legal counsel regarding such ramifications before electing to include your Water Shares in the Towns change case.

If you have additional questions regarding this process, please contact me at your convenience.

Regards,

Cheryl Powell
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Town Administrator

P.S. Other interested parties are encouraged to attend.