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April 7, 2025

Dear Landowner:

The Board of Directors of Butte Water District (BWD) gives notice, pursuant to Water Code Section 35450, that the date that applications and payments for water for all crops for the **2025 irrigation season must be received by April 30, 2025 or prior to receiving water on your parcel(s)**. Should no application and payment be made in the proper time and manner for any parcel, BWD reserves the right not to serve that parcel in 2025. In addition, a late fee will be incurred for those who fail to have applications and payments made by **April 30, 2025**. An application has been enclosed for your convenience and the current water rates are on the back of this page. You can also go to our website at [buttewaterdistrict.org](http://buttewaterdistrict.org) for more information and updates.

As you are aware, Butte Water District recently went through a Prop 218 process and held a public hearing on March 31<sup>st</sup>. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Board voted to approve Resolution 2025-04 adopting a new Groundwater Management Fee and Schedule of Water service Rates and Charges. The Prop 218 vote was deemed successful with a total number of 37 protest votes received (1,823 protests were needed to be deemed unsuccessful) out of the 3,644 parcels within Butte Water District. With the Prop 218 process now complete and successful, the Board can now have the discussion on potentially raising rates, to an "up-to" maximum for each year, based on the guidelines outlined in the Cost-of-Service Study. The Board this year has decided to not raise the pump/drain rate. The Board could have raised the pump/drain rate to equal the gravity rate.

Another part of the Prop 218 process was introducing a Ground Water Management fee. The Board has chosen to institute a Ground Water Management Fee of \$4.00/acre. Landowners will not see this on their tax bill until December of this year when the new tax rolls go into effect.

- ***Please mail in your 2025 water application with payment or drop it off in the black mailbox in front of the District Office by April 30, 2025. We will accept applications in the office Monday through Thursday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 530-846-3100 or email [shelly@buttewater.net](mailto:shelly@buttewater.net).***

Thank you for your cooperation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donnie Stinnett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donnie Stinnett, General Manager  
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