

LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF FORT BEND COUNTY MUD 81

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The primary responsibility of Fort Bend County MUD 81 is to provide Weston Lakes customers with an ample supply of fresh potable water and dependable sewage treatment, plus removal of household trash. To date, your MUD Board Directors has been able to do this while continually reducing the Tax rate from \$1.20 per \$100 Valuation to the current \$0.37 per \$100 valuation. We take these responsibilities very seriously.

Since facility construction began 26 years ago, maintenance has been a principal function of the Directors. As our facilities age, maintenance becomes more important. For example, a recent failure of the casing for the water well at Water Plant No. 1 on Windrush resulted in the production of sand with the water, and ruined the pump. It was necessary to replace the pump with a smaller one to pump half as much water and minimize sand production. This, of course puts a greater demand on Water Plant No. 2 on Westerdale. Water Plant No. 2 can supply the entire demand of the Residents unless there is excessive usage for lawns as in the current drought conditions. However, a failure at water Plant No. 2 would be a very serious consequence.

Therefore, the Board of Directors has purchased the corner lot (Lot 13, Section 8, Block 5) at Windrush and Waterbeck for a New Higher Capacity Water Well at Water Plant No. 1. The Board has also authorized their Consultants to design the new facilities and to prepare for a Bond issue to cover the cost.

With the complete build out in FBMUD 81, adequate supply of water would be provided unless there was a major problem with Water Plant No. 2. As a consequence, a Backup well at Water Plant No. 2 may be necessary. That decision will be made at a later date.

The timing for adding New Facilities is excellent , since our current outstanding Bonds will be paid off for the most part in September 2014. We believe that the New Bond Issue\* (Potentially \$4,500,000) is not expected to increase the current tax rate. The Board of Directors reviews the tax rate annually.

Fort Bend MUD 81 Directors

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\*Previously authorized by FBMUD 81 Voters.