

June 7, 2006

Dear La Pine Special Sewer District Customer:

Fiscal year 2006-2007 is approaching and with it are some important changes to the Sewer District and its customers.

After five years of providing excellent customer service to Sewer District customers, Sherry Evertson will be leaving. We will miss her and wish her luck with her new endeavor.

Since Sherry will be leaving, we have made an agreement with the La Pine Water District to move our office into their office located at 51490 Hinkle Way. Donna Blatnik will now be the contact for the Sewer District as well as the Water District. Our phone and fax numbers will remain the same (536-6236 and 536-1248, respectively). You may also visit our website at www.lapinesewer.org to obtain such information as meeting minutes, ordinances, resolutions, current budget and monthly meeting information.

Sharing resources with the Water District will allow us to keep sewer rates as they are without implementing an increase. However, even though we understand that our customers feel our current system development charge (SDC) is too high, we are forced to increase it this fiscal year. Currently, our SDC is \$3,810. The new SDC will be \$6,100. We feel this is the only way to protect existing customers from bearing the financial burden of the growth this community is facing. If new construction does not pay its own way, the burden will fall on existing customers in the form of doubled rates.

Part of our future expansion plans include negotiating with BLM to purchase additional land in order to move our facilities farther out of town. We will also be working closely with DEQ to facilitate this move.

Please remember that if you plan any changes to the usage of your property, CONSULT WITH US FIRST! There have been a number of people surprised by the cost of making changes that a simple phone call to our office could have avoided.

Our board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Sewer District office located at 51490 Hinkle Way. Call a few days before the meeting if you wish to know the agenda items for a meeting. We hope to hear from you if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis Carter, James Newton, Beverly Lawlor

La Pine Special Sewer District Board of Directors

