La Vista Storage Tank Project and Funding:

History
The La Vista Storage Tank Project (Project) has been reviewed and discussed by the District since 1997. District staff have continued to regularly maintain, inspect and assess the tank’s condition. In the 2015 Master Plan, a District consultant recommended the reconstruction of the La Vista Storage Tank. In 2018, the District initiated a study for an assessment of the condition of the tank. The study resulted in the consultant’s recommendation for the replacement of the 3 million gallon storage tank.

Project
The Project is envisioned to include the replacement of the storage tank and booster pump station with improvements to the groundwater well, storm drainage, water distribution, site paving, and access improvements. Associated pipeline construction will begin in early 2020. The tank project is currently under design with construction estimated to begin fall of 2020 with heavy construction through the fall of 2021. The project will culminate with the completion of site restoration in the spring of 2022.

Future project and schedule updates can be found on the District’s website at carmichaelwd.org.

Funding
The District is funding the Project through the refunding of the 2010 Certificates of Participation and a new issuance sold as tax-exempt bonds. The advantage to funding now with low interest rates versus paying for the District’s projects on a “pay-as-you-go” basis is that it will normalize rate increases to the customers in the next 5 year rate study as the District’s Business Plan intended, rather than requiring significant rate increases to fund the projects.
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Important Information Regarding Billing & Collections Changes:

2020 Scheduled Rate changes will take effect January 1. Further information regarding updates to the District’s Business Plan and Rates can be found in the office or on the website at carmichaelwd.org. During 2020, the District will conduct a Rate Study to financially support District activities, priorities, costs and revenue.

Due to state mandates, there will be changes to the District’s collections processes and procedures effective February 1, 2020. The District’s Disconnect of Residential Service for Non-Payment Process & Policy will be available in the office and on the website beginning February 1.

Let Your Sprinklers Hibernate This Winter:

As the days get shorter and cooler, your yard doesn’t need as much water. Keep dialing back your sprinkler run times and remember to turn off your sprinklers completely when rain is in the forecast. If you’re not sure if your yard needs water, check the soil moisture level with a moisture meter. You can also check the soil with a six-inch screwdriver. If you can push it easily into the ground three inches beneath the soil you don’t need to water.

Additional winter tips can be found at the District’s website at carmichaelwd.org.