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EMERGENCY WATER CONTAINERS

For several years, Rainbow has partnered with EWEB, the American Red Cross, and other local agencies to provide 3-gallon water containers to promote emergency preparedness. This year we purchased a larger order of containers as our partnership is losing access to storage space and we may not be able to offer these in the future.

For one day only, we will sell containers at our cost of \$5 each. You may buy up to <u>four containers per household</u>. Since traffic can make our office hard to access, we will distribute containers at the Emerald Square Dance Center, 2095 Yolanda Avenue, between 10 am to 4 pm on Tuesday, November 7.



STRATEGIC VISION

Our Board of Commissioners has identified five "pillars" that will help us to fulfill our mission. What makes us successful? Value for customers, a safe, adequate and accessible water supply, financial health, strategic relationships, and Rainbow's people (both customers and staff)!



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CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

PROPERTY TAX BALLOT MEASURE

On November 7 we are asking you to **vote on Ballot Measure 20-282**. This measure does not add a new property tax, it just allows our existing local option levy to renew and continue at the same rate for an additional five years. The amount you pay is based on the assessed value of your home, which in most cases would be the same as you paid last year plus an increase of about 3% depending on how the county assessed the value of your property.

We did not raise water rates this year, and we are careful with how we spend the money you entrust to us. We use income generated from monthly water bills to pay our staff and finance normal operations and maintenance. We collect property taxes and use this money to hire Eugene-Springfield Fire to provide fire protection and emergency medical services for our customers. Without the levy we will not be able to pay for the fire protection contract.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Rainbow's Board of Commissioners meets monthly to adopt the policies that guide the staff and govern the District's customers. This month we would like to introduce you to:

Doug Keeler -- Position #1, Term expires 6/30/2019



Doug and his family moved to the District in 1994, having previously lived in Corvallis and Baker City. A graduate of Oregon State University, Doug is an environmental engineer and the principal for Keeler Environmental, LLC. He has a goal of being retired, but also a weakness for saying yes to interesting projects. Formerly an Environmental, Health & Safety Manager with both Weyerhaeuser and International Paper, he has worked in the mining, construction and forest industries. Doug and his wife, Eileen, have been married 36 years and love their three children and eight grandchildren. They are active in their parish and appreciate living in our community. Doug served on the Budget Committee from 2000-2003 and the

Board from 2003-2008. After a short break, Doug returned to the Board in 2011. Doug also serves on the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission.

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