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To: All District One Water Users
From: Randy Schell, Supervisor
Re: Disinfectant Byproduct Compliance

As you may know, the Consolidated One Water District has been out of compliance with NYS Department of Health thresholds for Halocetic Acids (HAA5) virtually since its inception in 2006. The Department of Health has been working with the Town to bring the system into compliance, with very little success.

One problem the Town has is the quality of the water that we purchase from the Village for use in the District. During the past several years the water entering the Town's system has been out of compliance with NYSDOH standards, making it very difficult for the Town to bring it into compliance. The Village is working on solutions to bring their water into compliance.

The Town is currently under an Administrative Order to bring its system into compliance by June of 2021. We have hired Bernier Carr & Associates to determine the best way to accomplish this in the time frame dictated by the Order. In October of 2018 a pilot test using granular activated charcoal filtration proved very successful in removing the HAA5 from the water. This pilot testing and Engineering costs totaled over \$50,000. Projected costs for the installation of a filtration system are between 1.5-2 million dollars. We have begun looking for funding sources to pay for some if not all of that amount.

It is unlikely that the total amount will be funded by grants. The balance must be paid by the users in the District, and we are looking at low interest bonding or loans to finance that balance.

The users in Water District #1 presently pay a "Benefit Assessment" on their January Town Tax Bill to finance the debt on

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the Water District. This amount (currently \$210 for a residential user) will likely increase in the near future to meet the costs of financing the improvements. We will try to keep any increase at a minimum.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.