



MEDIA RELEASE

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Subject: Flushing of Water Mains

Several years ago, the water filter operated by the Veteran's Home staff located at Rector Reservoir malfunctioned causing sand from the filter to be introduced into the water transmission main that supplies water to the Town. This sand has caused considerable "plumbing" problems over the years mainly because the Town didn't have adequate water available to properly flush the mains during the water moratorium period. The Town has recently completed construction of the Municipal Well providing the final water source necessary to meet the Town's future water needs. The well provides emergency backup water to the Town's primary water supply from Rector Reservoir.

Given an adequate water supply, the Town is returning to a regular scheduled maintenance program which includes flushing the water system. Flushing the system will also help to reduce the plumbing problems we have been experiencing. Regular flushing of the Town's water system is a standard water system industry practice to help clear the water lines.

At midnight Tuesday, November 13th, the Town will begin a flushing program of the major water mains along Washington Street, Yountville Crossroads and Yount Street. The flushing will begin after midnight and be completed before 5:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. The flushing process will involve running considerable water from several fire hydrants along these routes and may necessitate the temporary closure of certain segments of the roadways. We caution all motorists to drive carefully through posted or wet areas.

The flushing involves introducing the two different water supplies from both ends of Town in the hope that this will help to dislodge sand that has remained stuck to the pipes. Residents are asked to minimize their water use from the hours of 12:00 am to 5:00 am on Wednesday morning, November 14th. Residents are also asked to flush the pipes in their home by opening your bathtub valve prior to drinking water or using the toilet. This will help in reducing the

clogging plumbing fixtures within your home. You may experience “dirty” water for a brief period which will resolve itself by flushing your interior lines.

Should you experience plumbing problems Wednesday morning before normal business hours, please contact the Sheriff’s Dispatch at 253-4451 and during business hours the Town at 944-8851. Information on the flushing process is also available on the Town of Yountville web-site at www.townofyountville.com under media releases.

The Town anticipates that a return to regular flushing of the water system will reduce future plumbing problems and assist in the supply of high quality water to the Yountville residents and businesses.

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