

News from HCMUD #18

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Since our water district - MUD #18 - is almost 35 years old, continual maintenance and upgrades are an ongoing priority for keeping the distribution system in tip-top shape. We are presently developing our five year plan for the future needs of our district. Both water wells are now in excellent shape with the recent refurbishing of the storage tanks as well as the cleaning of the screens in the well. The cleaning removed calcium build-up and substantially improved the water flow which meant neither of the wells had to be drilled deeper. The next step is to "pig" all the water delivery lines to make sure they are clean and free of any sediment or residue.

The bigger issue facing our district is the conversion from well water to surface water as mandated by the State. MUD #18 was slated to convert by the year 2020, but may be required to make the transition by 2010 due to the high population growth in the North and Northwest suburbs. North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) is reviewing its plans and will have a better definition for our district within the next 3-5 months. Early conversion will require changes to our water plants which will cost money and time. However we believe we should be able to accomplish this under our normal operating budget. As the timetable becomes more defined, we will keep everyone informed by both newsletter and individual mailings as to its impact on our distribution system as well as the