



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

### DISCUSSION

Dear Seis Lagos Utility District Customers,

It was recently suggested that we include a President's letter in our monthly newsletter to provide a quick synopsis of the monthly board meetings and future plans for the district. I will keep this initial letter to our most pressing topic and encourage everyone to attend the next meeting on Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> when we will hold our public hearing on the 2018 -2019 Tax rate. Currently the topic of upmost concern to the District is the decision on whether to join a regional sewer solution or upgrade our existing plant. With the addition of Brockdale as well as continued build out in Seis Lagos, our existing sewer plant will reach capacity within the next two years. There are two options the board is pursuing to ensure the lowest cost long-term solution. This has been a project we have been exploring for the past 5 years, as progress has been extremely slow and required the involvement of multiple cities in north Texas to all perform their due diligence. However, progress has been made and we are within weeks of formalizing a decision. The District's two options moving forward are explained in detail below.

### OPTION 1 – REGIONAL SOLUTION

This option will allow us to shut down the existing plant and construct a sewer line that will tie into an existing line in the Inspiration neighborhood, ultimately flowing through multiple districts to be treated in Wylie. We have executed a contract with Wylie North East in order to provide access for the district in the event this option is chosen. At this point we are waiting for final estimates on our share of cost of the line as well as the cost to construct a new line from the existing plant to the connection point in Inspiration. We have contracted with an engineering firm approved by the North Texas Municipal Water District which will provide costs and determine the best route for the line and of the easements required. This option will be funded through a revenue bond backed by NTMWD and paid for through revenue from the sewer rates.

### OPTION 2 – UPGRADE EXISTING PLANT

This option would require significant upgrades to the existing plant to maintain the sewage for the district at build out. We would not be required to purchase any easements or construct any additional lines. However, as costs of operating the plant continue to rise, this option would require us to hire an additional full-time operator. While this option may be less initially, the long-term costs may be greater and would require an approved bond to be paid by the taxpayers through property taxes.

Ultimately the board, with community input, strives to make the most beneficial decision for all of the Utility District customers with a focus on keeping costs down and service high.

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting,

Brett Faucett  
President, SLUD