January 31, 2020

To Shareholders and Members:

I hope this year finds everyone doing well! Included with this letter are your annual invoice, your proxy assignment form and our Contact Information Form.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 126th annual meeting will be held at the **Animas Valley Grange Hall at 9:30 AM on March 7, 2020**. All members are encouraged to attend. The primary function of the annual meeting is to elect directors on a rotating basis. Current board members **Dan James** and **Tim Holt** have agreed to run for re-election. In addition, the Board of Directors' Nominating Committee is putting forth **Kevin Jones** as a new board member to fill the vacancy left by the untimely passing of Ed Zink. Other nominations may also come from the floor at the meeting. **If you don't expect to make the meeting please complete, sign, and return the enclosed** <u>proxy assignment form</u> so your votes can be counted.

The secondary function is to disseminate information about the ditch. This year we have a significant amount of information about the grants we have received and have used to invest in structures that will help keep our ditch operating through the flash floods and debris flows we anticipate as the continued aftermath of the 416 fire. A summary of the information presented at the annual meeting will also be posted on our website: <u>www.animasconsolidatedditch.com.</u> Please also use our website to view important information such as last year's minutes and financials, ditch rules and this year's budget.

Keeping records current: Ownership of the shares of water is based upon the name on each stock certificate. As changes in ownership occur (such as property sale, death, marriage, divorce, or change of name) it is imperative to keep the name on the stock certificate current and accurate. If your stock certificate record is no longer current, it is better to update it now rather than waiting until later when it will be harder to find the records. To ensure that our contact information for you is current, please return the enclosed contact information form. Having a current and active e-mail contact is essential for sending out emergency and safety information.

On a personal note, this is my second year with the ditch company, and it has been a pleasure working with you. It is exciting to be a part of "ditch world" and I am ready to be of service if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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Jill W. Dillon, Office Manager