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Board of Directors
Merry Mountain Homeowners' Association
Clipper Mills, California

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Dear Members,

I am sending this message to update everyone on a series of maintenance issues that have recently occurred.

On Friday, August 25, 2023, an Association member reported yellow coloring coming from a home faucet.

HOA maintenance responded within a few hours and checked the water from all four wells. It was determined that the water quality issue came from well number #1 which was immediately shut down and has not provided water into the Merry Mountain water system and won't come online until we determine the cause of the colorization.

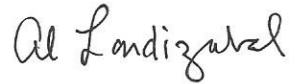
North State Water Treatment was immediately notified of the yellow-colored water. The well will remain offline until we determine the cause of the coloring. We **checked** the water to see the extent of the coloring and smell. We have not conducted **chemical tests** and are currently awaiting North State Water Treatment to take samples for testing. Additionally, the pump in well house #1 which is utilized to pressurize water throughout the system finally gave out on Saturday morning August 26, 2023. I understand it's been in place since 1975 or so. On Sunday morning, the maintenance team removed the pump to ascertain the damage. Arrangements are being made to get the pump to a local repair facility. We won't find out the extent of the damage until later this week. Our backup system is working just fine. I don't have a date as to when the pump will be replaced. At this point we don't know whether we can repair the pump or must purchase a new pump.

Repairs are anticipated to be costly if we must completely replace the well house #1 pump that services three wells. The Board will keep you posted as we learn more. In June of this year, water from our four wells was tested by FGL, Food Growers Lab, in Chico, and we passed without any issues. The invoice for the well testing came in at \$4,600.00. A shock to our financial system. So, this latest development comes as a surprise to the Board.

In addition, the main pump for the swimming pool also broke down approximately 10 days ago. We are in the process of both replacing the broken pump and replacing the electrical panel at the same time. Unfortunately, this means that the pool will be out of service until repairs are made.

As you know we are living with an aging infrastructure and will do our best to address issues as they arise.

Thanks for your understanding,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Lardizabal".

Albert S. Lardizabal
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Board of Directors
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