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Subject: Utility Rate Assistance Available to Qualified Customers Beginning July 1, 2018

As part of the public discussion during the utility rate setting process, residents encouraged Town Council to create a rate assistance program. As a result, the Town Council has established a utility rate assistance program for eligible low income residents.

Eligibility is based on the following items:

- Participation in the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) CARE low-income program.
- Applicants must be Town of Yountville residents with a Town utility account.
- Applicants must provide a copy of their PG&E bill that shows the account is registered in the CARE program for the same property address as the Town utility service address.
- Residents must annually renew their eligibility for the Utility Rate Assistance Program.

Eligible accounts will receive a monthly reduction of \$25 off of their fixed fee charges, which is approximately 25% of their fixed fees. Effective March 1, 2018, the new fixed fee charges for a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter, or typical single family home are \$48.77 (\$42.07 & \$6.70) for water fixed and system replacement fee and \$50.20 (\$39.45 & \$10.75) for wastewater fixed and system replacement fee. This totals \$98.97 in fixed fees. A \$25 reduction reflects an approximate 25% rate reduction from the \$98.97 amount. Compared to the other programs in the area this is a slightly higher rate reduction and is discounted between both water and wastewater charges. Water consumption charges are not discounted.

Eligible residents interested in this program, should stop by Town Hall with the required documents listed above.

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