

through the general fund. When there is a need to fund and make major repairs or establish a new wellfield, consumers are then confronted with daunting rate increases.

To summarize:

- Management needs to be aware of the issues associated with operating and maintaining a wellfield.
- They need to support their water plant operators by giving them the resources to track the condition and performance of the wells.
- Wells do degrade with time and corrective action needs to be taken to maintain efficiency, capacity, and safety.
- Regularly scheduled maintenance sustains the wells original performance, thus keeping operating costs at a minimum and extending into the future the time when a well or wellfield will need to be replaced.
- Realistic water rates need to be in place to operate and maintain the wellfield in the present, support professional development of operators and management, and fund repairs and upgrades in the future.

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