



# McKOWNVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, Inc.

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To ALL property owners of the McKownville Fire District

Please come out and vote YES for the Consolidation of the McKownville and Westmere Water Districts

## WHY?

1. Immediate installation of additional non-metered connections between the Districts to improve fire flows.
2. Provide your Fire Department with capability for improved protection to safeguard lives and property within the District.
3. Eliminate the hazard of a single metered connection to Westmere Water District--a break in which would leave us without water to fight fires. One such break has already occurred, and the District was several hours without water--thus, no fire protection.
4. Eliminate the "stepchild" status of the McKownville Water District if scarcity of water occurs.
5. The improved tax base of the combined Districts to share cost of future improvements.
6. Cost decrease of \$1.14 per thousand to McKownville on old assessed valuation--11.4¢ per thousand on full valuation.
7. Letter from ENCON attached provides proof that the Consolidation will have no effect on declassification of Reservoir. This nullifies the chief argument of the opponents.
8. A unified water system. All other Districts and Extensions, except Altamont and McKownville, have already been merged into the Westmere Water District.
9. We have purchased all water from Westmere since November 1973. Return to using the McKownville Reservoir is not feasible at this time.
10. Other solutions may be possible, but they are only partially effective and at greater cost to the taxpayers.
11. An in depth study by your fire fighters--who have expertise in fire fighting and water volume needs--has indicated that the proposed Consolidation is needed for the reasons stated.
12. Your FIRE DEPARTMENT is a non political, unremunerated group of volunteers who willingly give their time and effort--and potentially their lives--to protect your lives and property. You have generously supported them financially. Please support them now with a YES vote.
13. Vote at the McKownville Firehouse on Wednesday, August 27, 1980, 4 PM to 10 PM--at the Westmere Firehouse, if you live in the Westmere Water District.