

THE BUBBLER

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

June 2016

Welcome New BLSMWC Board of Directors

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members of the BLSMWC Board of Directors, Andy Rich and Lee Bateman. We are honored to have them serve on our Board. Returning Board Members are: Bob Maginnis, Dave Owen, Sharon Tobias, Paul Penney, and Tom Schneider.

We would also like to thank Director George Paul, and Director Steve Alberts for their years of service.

As we move forward, we are confident that our Board has the leadership and dedication to ensure continued success here at BLSMWC.

A father is a guy
who has photos in his
wallet where his
money used to be
Author Unknown



Your Vote is Needed !!!!!

The following item was on the Agenda for the Annual Shareholders Meeting held on June 4, 2016. The shareholders were unable to vote on the item because we did not have a quorum of shareholders present, nor did we receive enough proxies by mail.

Item for vote: **Correcting the number of Directors.**

The original Articles of Incorporation filed with the State of CA reads: Article 4 . Directors (a) the number of the directors of the corporation is three.

Research of our historical documents has failed to establish when the number of Directors was increased from three to seven, and this needs to be rectified in the Articles in order to complete loan applications for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture loan to finance infrastructure improvements.

You will be receiving a ballot in the mail very soon. Please sign, date and return immediately. (no later than July 1, 2016)

We cannot move forward with procuring this loan w/o this very important amendment to our Articles.

The Board wishes to thank you in advance!!

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Phase 1 of our Meter Install Project



Phase 1 of our Meter Installation Project has begun. If your home is unmetered and you received communication from us that you will be having a meter installed, you will be part of this Phase 1.

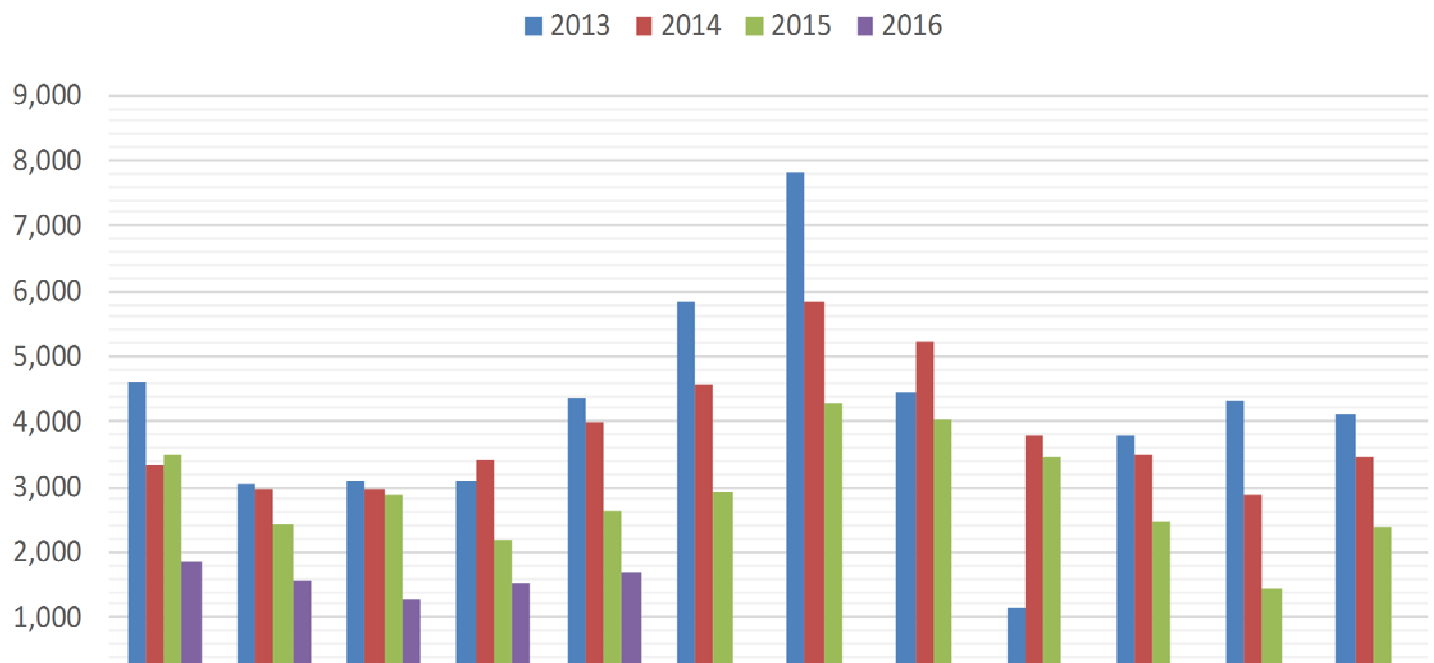
You do not need to be present at your home when the meter is installed, this happens at the box.

At this time, the meter's will be installed, but there will be no charge for the meter or water until further discussion with the Board of Directors, and once our Meter Survey is completed and fees discussed.

If you have concerns or input, you are encouraged to either attend our next scheduled Board Meeting, or to put it in writing and get it to us so that it can be shared at the meeting.

The next meeting of the BLSMWC Board of Directors will be on July 9, 2016. 9am at Snowflake Lodge in the Ponderosa Room.

White Pines Well Production Chart For May 2016



General Manager's Report

Dear Shareholders,

Thanks to all who came out to our Annual Meeting on June 4.

Our water supply is up and ready as we head into the Summer months.

Production/Consumption

I will break down our production numbers for you.

Well Production May 1,686,000 gallons.

CCWD Water Purchased 1,843,000 gallons.

The usage for May

2013 4,341,000 gallons

2014 4,152,000 gallons

2015 2,602,000 gallons

2016 3,479,000 gallons

You can see the dramatic drop in usage for 2015, due to your fantastic conservation effort.

We have relaxed the restrictions in 2016 to allow outside watering of plants, but remain in stage 2 of our drought plan, which allows outside watering only on odd/even days depending on your address.

Odd addresses Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Even addresses Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

There is no watering on Monday, and **no watering of forest trees**. Please do not forget that we are still in a drought. Calaveras County Water District has removed all restrictions to water use and they have their own good reasons for doing so, but Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water is not the same as CCWD.

We have wells that we have to manage responsibly in order to insure future water supply.

Stage 2 asks you to "decrease normal usage by 20%." What is the new "normal"?

2015 was not a normal year because of severe drought restrictions, so I'm going to use 2014 as a year to compare 2016 to.

In 2014 we were in stage 2, and we had good conservation, so 2014 will be the "new normal".

I will break down the comparison between 2016 and 2014 through May.

2014 usage through May 16,797,000 gallons.

2016 usage through May 15,315,000 gallons.

That's an 8.8% savings so far this year.

Our goal is 20% so I would like everyone to just be aware of their water use and try to save water where possible.

Our website has tips on conservation, and our toilet rebate program is in effect until the end of June.

That's all for now and thank you for conserving.

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Father's
DAY



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Have an idea?

The Bubbler is published to keep Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company shareholders informed about issues and upcoming events.

If you would like to submit an article or suggest ideas for improvement, please contact:

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President's Message

Summer will be here in a week or so...

Summer means the heat is coming and as a general rule, we use more water. You are probably tired of reading about water use but I have to remind everyone that CONSERVATION is still OK. Yes, we had a good to better than average winter, and seemingly lots of rain but we still have to be careful in our usage. The weather people are telling us that following El Nino will be La Nina, which is an extended dry period. The water company has developed an up-to-date threshold that we have targeted as our savings percentage and that can be found in the General Manager's Message.

Be a CONSERVER and be a SMARTER WATER SAVER!

The consultant that is assisting us in the pursuit of a US Department of Agriculture [USDA] loan will be visiting our July 9th Board of Directors Meeting and will have prepared a power point presentation on the grant's proposal. We continue to remain optimistic that our proposal will be funded.

Very soon each water company customer will be receiving a single page ballot that will seek your affirmative vote on a very important matter.

When the water company was founded in 1962, the Articles of Incorporation called for three members on the Board of Directors. In the years between the mid-1960s and early 1970s the Board was expanded to seven members and the company's Bylaws were changed accordingly. At the time, the company failed to record this change with the State of California, which it was required to do.

During the in-depth preparation for the competitive USDA grant, this oversight was discovered. This matter must be resolved for us to move forward. There is no alternate to putting the matter to a vote of the shareholders.

Again you should be receiving the one page ballot in the next few weeks.

Your response is CRITICAL.

Meters, Meters and Meters...The installation process continues, new meters are being added to the system every week. Last month the Board authorized the install of an additional 250. We have tested the new series of meters and they are performing well.

The grant proposal, if funded, will cover the costs of a large part of the remainder of the infrastructure improvement in the system and the new radio-read meters. Going to the advanced meter device, with its option of electronic monitoring will include the replacement of existing meters.

We are still in the process of the purchase of the building we are currently leasing. What was thought to be a simple real estate transaction has become a very cumbersome event. We'll keep you posted.

Finally, enjoy the summer. Be kind to the water inventory and save some along the way.

Bob Maginnis

President

For over 50 years Blue Lake Springs has provided a variety of recreational opportunities for members and guests. We take great pride in the fact we are the premier facility in the Ebbetts Pass area.

Whether you are stopping by just for lunch and a swim or you want to spend the day our amenity list is complete. The list includes: weekend dining at [Snowflake Lodge](#), pool, two lakes, children's play equipment, and tennis courts. In the Family Fun Zone you will find a basketball court, ping pong tables, bocce, shuffleboard and horseshoes. Visit www.blshoa.com and click on the summer recreation tab for more information.