

THE BUBBLER

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

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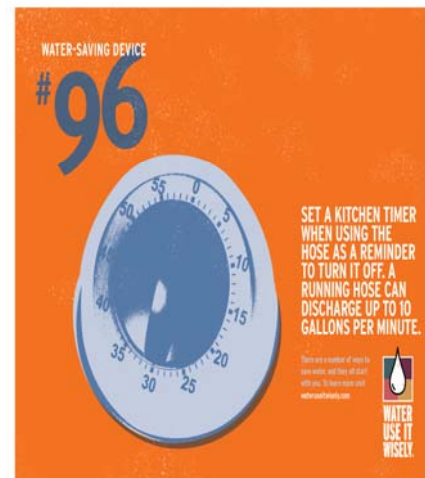
ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2018

8:30 a.m. at Snowflake
Lodge

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR BALLOTS BEFORE
MAY 30, 2018!
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT:
(209)795-7025
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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General Manager's Report

Dear Shareholders,

We are all hard at work here at BLSMWC getting ready for our USDA Water Distribution System Improvement Project. The Long Range Planning Committee is working on crunching the numbers needed for the bidding process.

Our engineers, MC Engineering are working on an addendum to the completed Plans and Specifications, to clarify issues that came up at, and after, the Pre Bid Meeting we had on the 26th of April. We are still receiving some requests to change the location of some service boxes that are scheduled in the project. Everyone on the Project should have received a form with a picture of the lot and a mark where the new service box is going. A connection must be made by you the homeowner to this new box from your house. If you have concerns or questions about this connection or the location of the box please call the office and we will address them.

April Usage

April usage was only slightly higher than last April.

March and February were somewhat higher than past years, but it looks like the usage is leveling off and coming back down to a normal amount.

Here are the numbers.

2013 3,233,000 Gallons

2014 3,393,000

2015 2,269,000

2016 2,860,000

2017 2,603,000

2018 2,815,000

We did save some water (13%) in April compared to April of 2013, which is the comparison year for state drought reporting. Thanks to all who are aware of their water use and are using water wisely.

Wells Drawdown

Our wells are in great shape heading into the Memorial Day Holiday. Well storage is measured as feet of water above the pump intake.

Well 3 is at 164 feet.

Well 4 is at 777 feet.

Both wells have recovered as far as they are going to, and are for the most part "topped off" and ready for the summer usage.

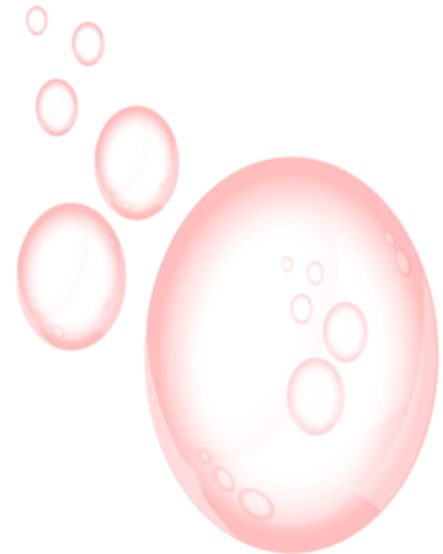
Irrigation Systems

All shareholders who have irrigation systems please check them for leaks or breaks in the line, and also the timers to make sure everything is working properly.

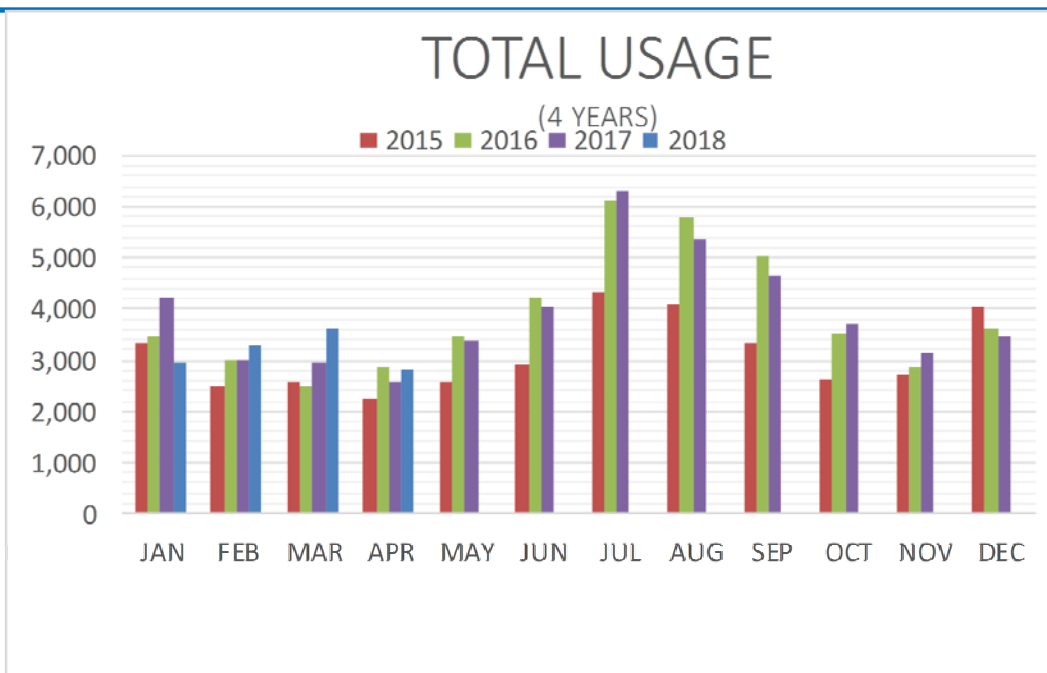
That's all for now.

Dave

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APRIL Usage Chart



Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met on April 23rd to review the "Preliminary" 2018-2021 Cash Flow and Water Rates Analysis. The discussions were very productive, with questions, clarifications and suggested revisions that will be incorporated into the final recommendation to be presented to the Board of Directors at the May 26th meeting.

Over the past several weeks, through combined efforts by MC Engineering, BLSMWC management and staff, and members of the LRPC, a thorough review and updates to the USDA Project engineering drawings, specifications and quantities has occurred. This ensures that the bidding information provided to the construction contractors is as accurate as possible. It also provided the basis to perform an updated overall construction cost estimate which we will utilize to determine a bidding threshold with an acceptable contingency reserve level to meet our USDA approved budget.

A pre-bid meeting was held at our BLSMWC office on April 26th with 6 interested companies. Since then, based on updated information, some final revisions to the engineering documents and quantities were discussed by the team and provided to the contractors as an Addendum. The construction bids are due by May 30th with the contract to be awarded in early June.

Have an idea?

The Bubbler is published to keep Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company shareholders informed about issues and upcoming events. The Bubbler is a "monthly" newsletter and comes out following a regular scheduled Board Meeting so that we can keep you up to date on the most current information.

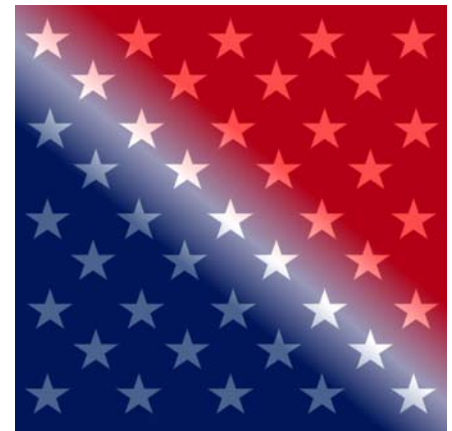
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President's Report

Shareholders:

I continue to thank you for your conservation efforts, and this month is no exception. We are all users of water, thanks to those who conserve. We all need to be smarter water users.

The bidding process is in place for the upcoming project. We are pleased with the caliber of contractors that answered the call for bids.

The clock is ticking, and the competed bids are due May 30th. Once the competing bids are opened, the winning bid will be awarded, assuming there are no surprises. Since this is a USDA loan, we are required by Federal Law to accept the lowest bid PROVIDED the contractor qualifies, has the expertise and wherewithal, which initially it appears all do.

Again, a friendly reminder-----if you have any questions regarding the application of the project to your specific property, let us know NOW. If you are unsure call the Water Company at 209-795-7025.

We deferred the May 12th Board Mtg to the 26th, as we are busily putting some finishing touches on a multiyear plan.

If the Board has an opportunity to meet between the opening of the bids and the Annual Mtg, which is scheduled for Saturday June 2d we will do so. That Mtg will be held Telephonically and like all mtgs, arrangements are made for anyone who wishes to attend.

The Annual Mtg will start at 8:30AM and should conclude by 10:30-11:00. We are prepared to cover the soon to be starting Project and all associated matters.

Bob Maginnis
President
BLSMWC

SUMMER SAFETY

 **WEAR A HELMET!**
every bike ride, every time

 **USE SUNSCREEN!**
at least SPF15, 30 min. before going out

 **WEAR EYE PROTECTION!**
when helping with yardwork or mowing

 **LIFE JACKETS ON BOATS***
*even for really strong swimmers!

 **HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, EXPLORE**
ALWAYS with a friend, NEVER alone

 **BEAT THE HEAT!**
bring and drink water, wear hats, seek shade, and check for ticks if in the woods

