

THE BUBBLER

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

August 2017

12 Things You Never Knew About The CA Water Boards

1. We carry out the Federal and State Clean Water Acts which protect the quality of nearly 1.6 million acres of lakes, 1.3 million acres of bays and estuaries, 211,000 miles of rivers and streams, and about 1,100 miles of coastline.
2. We work with communities and organizations around the state to protect California's water resources for present and future generations. We safeguard the right of Californians to clean water for all needs – such as drinking, bathing, boating, swimming, farming, manufacturing, and environmental uses. Through education and outreach we improve the public's understanding and knowledge of the importance of water quality and the role we all can play to protect our resources.
3. We take enforcement actions against those who violate federal and state environmental laws and regulations.
4. We have allocated billions of dollars for the construction of sewage treatment plants throughout California and we certify that sewage treatment plant operators are trained and able to protect the public's health and the environment.
5. We distribute millions of dollars in bond money and state revolving fund money to communities for water quality protection, including water quality planning, treatment of storm water, and clean beaches.
6. We administer the Water Rights system to make sure that the state's water resources are developed, conserved and utilized equitably and that vested rights, water quality and the environment are safeguarded.
8. We are California scientists, engineers, biologists and geologists with top scientific and technical training.
8. We make science based decisions about water quality and water rights and we never forget that we work for the people of California.
9. We establish and publish a list of rivers, streams, creeks and other water bodies that do not meet federal water quality standards, develop plans to restore their water quality, and direct the implementation of those plans.
10. We work with local, state, and federal agencies along the California/ Mexico border to ensure that water quality issues, including wastewater and the Salton Sea, are addressed.
11. We restore and protect watersheds, rivers and streams that are essential to California fisheries, recreation, wildlife preservation, and the economy.
12. We protect the state's unique and precious water resources, including Areas of Special Biological Significance on the California coast, such as sections of Carmel, San Diego, and Santa Catalina. Our work includes monitoring, identification of pollution sources, and funding for restoration.

Protecting Water Rights Through:

- * Regulation and Enforcement of Water Rights
- * Water Rights Adjudications
- * Bay Delta Planning
- * Instream Flow Studies

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**August Board Meeting Cancelled
No Presidents Rpt or LRPC Notes in this issue.**
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ATCAA Help For Calaveras County

FREE

Water Conservation Improvements for qualified residents of Calaveras County

We may be able to perform the following improvements to your place of residence if you live **SOUTH** of Highway 4,

- High Efficiency Washing Machines
- Low-Flow Faucets (kitchen and bathroom)
- Low-Flow Showerheads (some with thermostatic valves)
- High-Efficiency Dishwashers

- Low Flow Toilets
- Fix Leaks (Interior and Exterior)
- Install/Tune Drip Systems
- Install Garden Hose Timers
- Spread Water Saving Mulch

If you live **NORTH** of Highway 4, turn over.

Applications/Information available online at ATCAA.org

Eligibility Criteria

Household Size	Monthly Income
1 Person	Up to \$2,091.92
2 People	Up to \$2,735.58
3 People	Up to \$3,379.25
4 People	Up to \$4,022.92
5 People	Up to \$4,666.58
6 People	Up to \$5,310.25

Appointments:
Monday -Thursday
9:00am - Noon

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How to Apply for Water Conservation Services:

Depending on the county that you reside in, please download our Energy Assistance and Weatherization instructions and application. Please note that applicants MUST provide the following; as well as other supporting documents identified in the application forms.

- Social security card
- Certified birth certificate
- Signed authorization to perform work (Owner or Authorized agent of property)

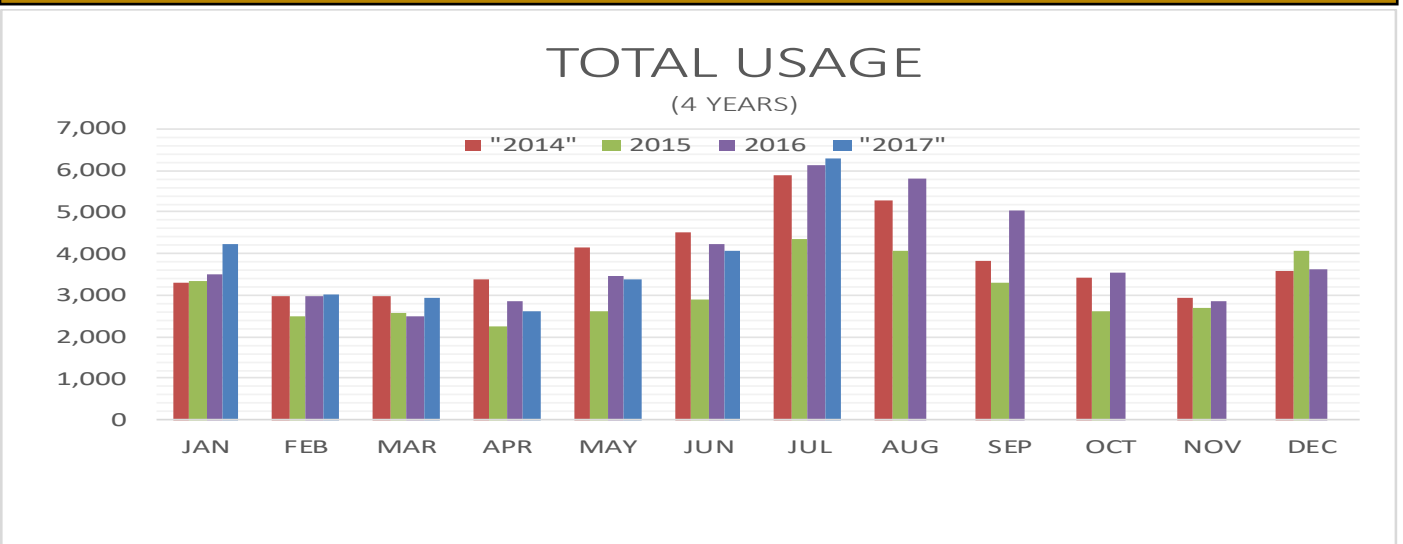
Once completed, you may submit your application forms by email (you will need to follow-up by sending in the application with your original signature); you can mail them to our office; or if you need help completing the forms, please call one of our offices to speak with an Intake Specialist and make an in-office appointment.

Intake/Outreach for Water Conservation

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Usage Chart for July 2017



General Manager's Report

Dear Shareholders,

I hope everyone is enjoying summer up here in Blue Lakes!!

Our water supply is looking great for the remainder of the summer. As always, thank you for your conservation efforts.

Here are the usage numbers for July.

July

2017 6,296,000 gallons

2016 6,109,000

2015 4,343,000

2014 5,873,000

2013 7,992,000

As you can see, usage was slightly higher in 2017 than 2016, but well below 2013, which is our comparison year for drought reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board. This indicates that we are still being "Water Wise" in our subdivision. It is prudent to be aware of our water use, because we don't know what the next few winters will provide in precipitation, and Drought could return. These numbers show a water savings of 21%, comparing this July to 2013.

Survey Work

Some of you have already noticed survey marks in the pavement on the roads in BLS. Starting Wednesday August 2, crews from MC Engineering, will be out marking property pins on some lots in BLS for new service boxes. A small excavator will also be digging in several locations along the roads as part of the soils analysis work that we need prior to designing the new upgrades to our distribution system. This is part of our Infrastructure Improvement/Meter Installation Project, funded by a USDA loan that was approved last year.

Information on this loan can be found on our website.

That's all for now.

David Hicks
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Have an idea?

The Bubbler is published to
keep Blue Lake Springs

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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.

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

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