



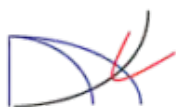
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ABBREVIATIONS

ADD – Average Day Demand
AES – Analytical Environmental Services
AMI – Advanced metering infrastructure
AMR – Automatic meter reading
AWWA – American Water Works Association
CCR – Consumer Confidence Report
CDPH – California Department of Public Health/SWRCB
CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
BLSMWC – Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company
CCWD – Calaveras County Water District
CT – Contact Time
DBP's – Disinfection Byproducts
EDU – Equivalent Dwelling Unit
FPS - Feet Per Second
gpd – Gallons Per Day
gpm – Gallons Per Minute
LAFCO – Local Agency Formation Commission
MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level
MDD – Maximum Day Demand
MFD – Multi-Family Dwelling
MGD – Million Gallons Per Day
MPN – Most Probable Number
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act
NRW – Non-Revenue Water
NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PCA – Possible Contaminating Activities
PER – Preliminary Engineering Report
PHD – Peak Hourly Demand
PLC – Programmable Logic Controller
PSI - Pounds Per Square Inch
PVC – Polyvinyl Chloride
RDA – Rural Development Agency
SIV – System Input Volume
SCADA – Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SFD – Single-Family Dwelling
TDH – Total Dynamic Head

USDA - United States Department of Agriculture
USGS – United States Geological Survey
VFD – Variable Frequency Drive
WTP - Water Treatment Plant

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i. BACKGROUND

This Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was prepared for the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company (BLSMWC) by MC Engineering, Inc. in accordance with the guidelines provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Agency (RDA) in order to meet Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1780 requirements as part of the funding application for proposed projects. The USDA guidelines require the analysis and discovery of implications for project related factors that include, but are not limited to, the following: environmental impact(s), project sustainability, technical feasibility, water and energy efficiency, economic feasibility, life-cycle analysis, and the awareness and support of the general public. These factors, implications, and costs are discussed in the body of this PER.

The report includes a compilation of both past and current water distribution system operations data that has been evaluated and prioritized in order to develop a list of proposed projects to be funded by the USDA Rural Development, as required for the associated Loan Application and Funding Program. The prioritized water system projects, as approved by the BLSMWC's Board of Directors and General Manager, are evaluated for possible environmental impacts, both during and following construction, in accordance with CEQA and NEPA guidelines by others. This PER document is included within, and as a part, of the overall project funding application.

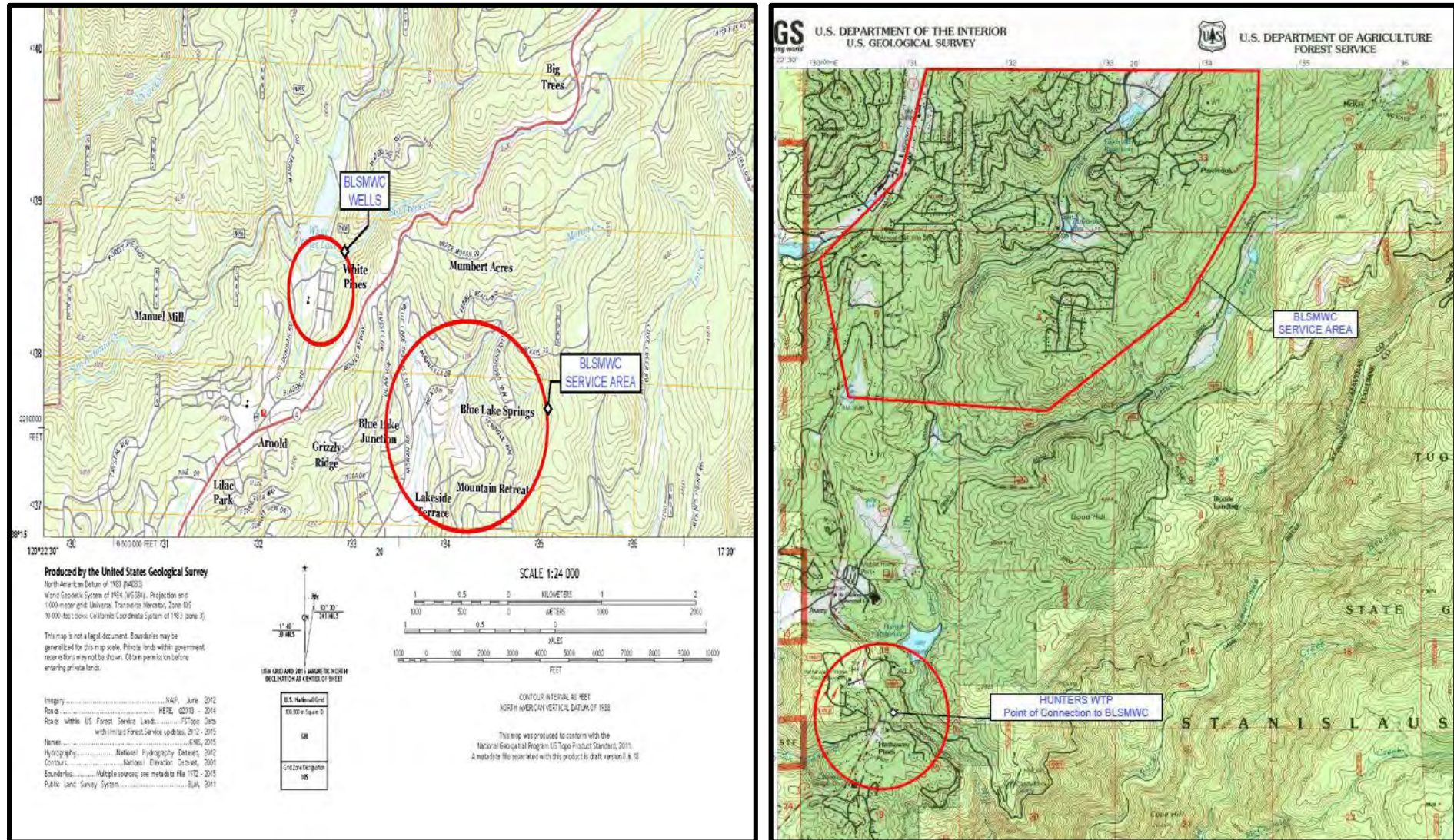
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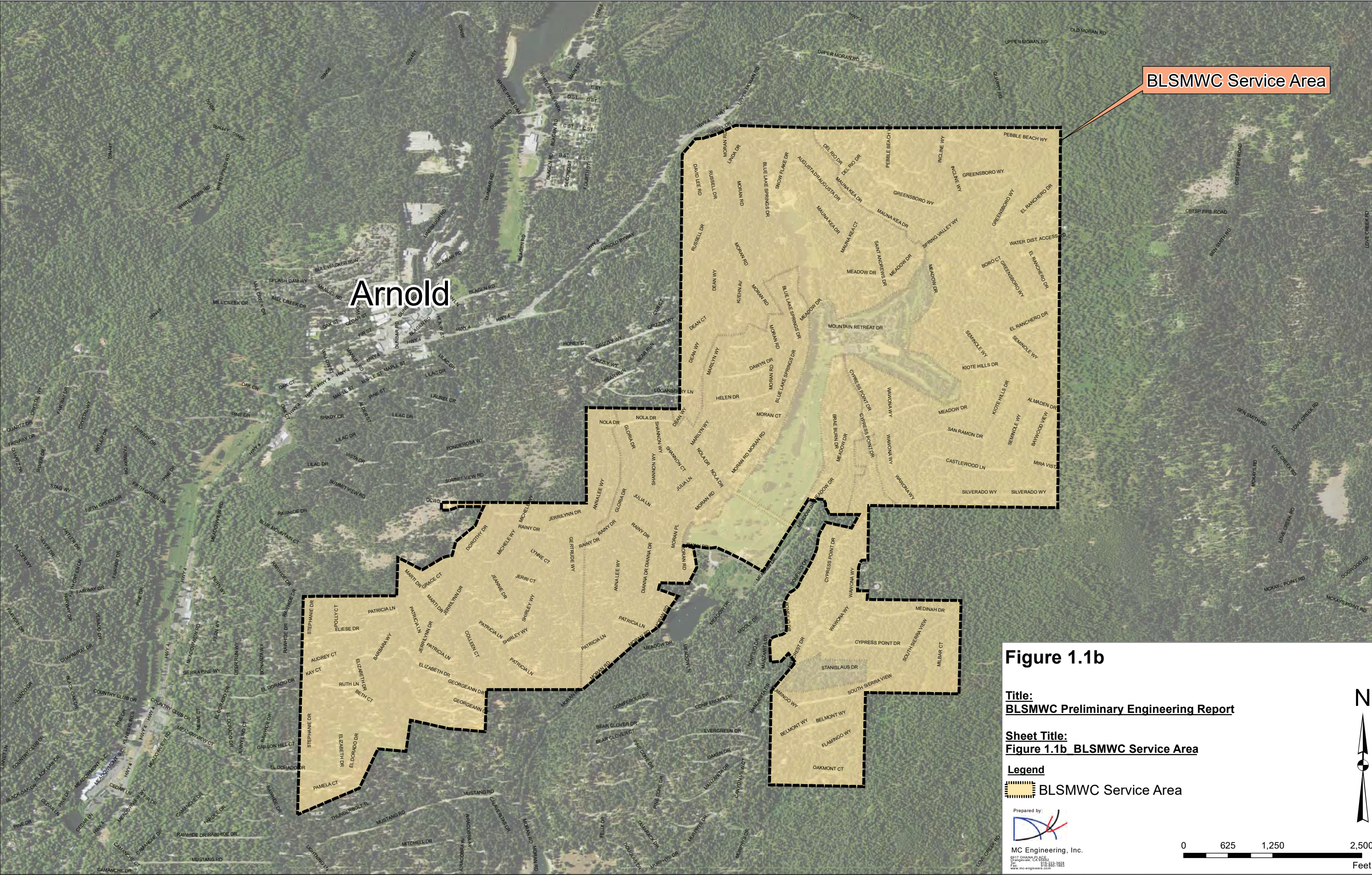
1.1 PROJECT LOCATION

The Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company (BLSMWC) was formed on June 22, 1962 (Secretary of State) and is located in the westerly portion the Town of Arnold, along State Route 4, in Calaveras County, with the primary purpose of providing potable water to the parcel owners within the Blue Lake Spring Development. The BLSMWC is approximately 3.365 square miles in size, with an average elevation of 4,500 feet above sea level (US Census, USGS). Various system maps (**Figures 1.1a, 1.1b, and 1.1c**) are presented below that depict the extent of the BLSMWC service area. **Figure 1.1d** below shows the BLSMWC proposed projects and repairs.

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Figure 1.1a USGS Map





BLSMWC Service Area


Arnold

Figure 1.1b

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 **BLSMWC Service Area**

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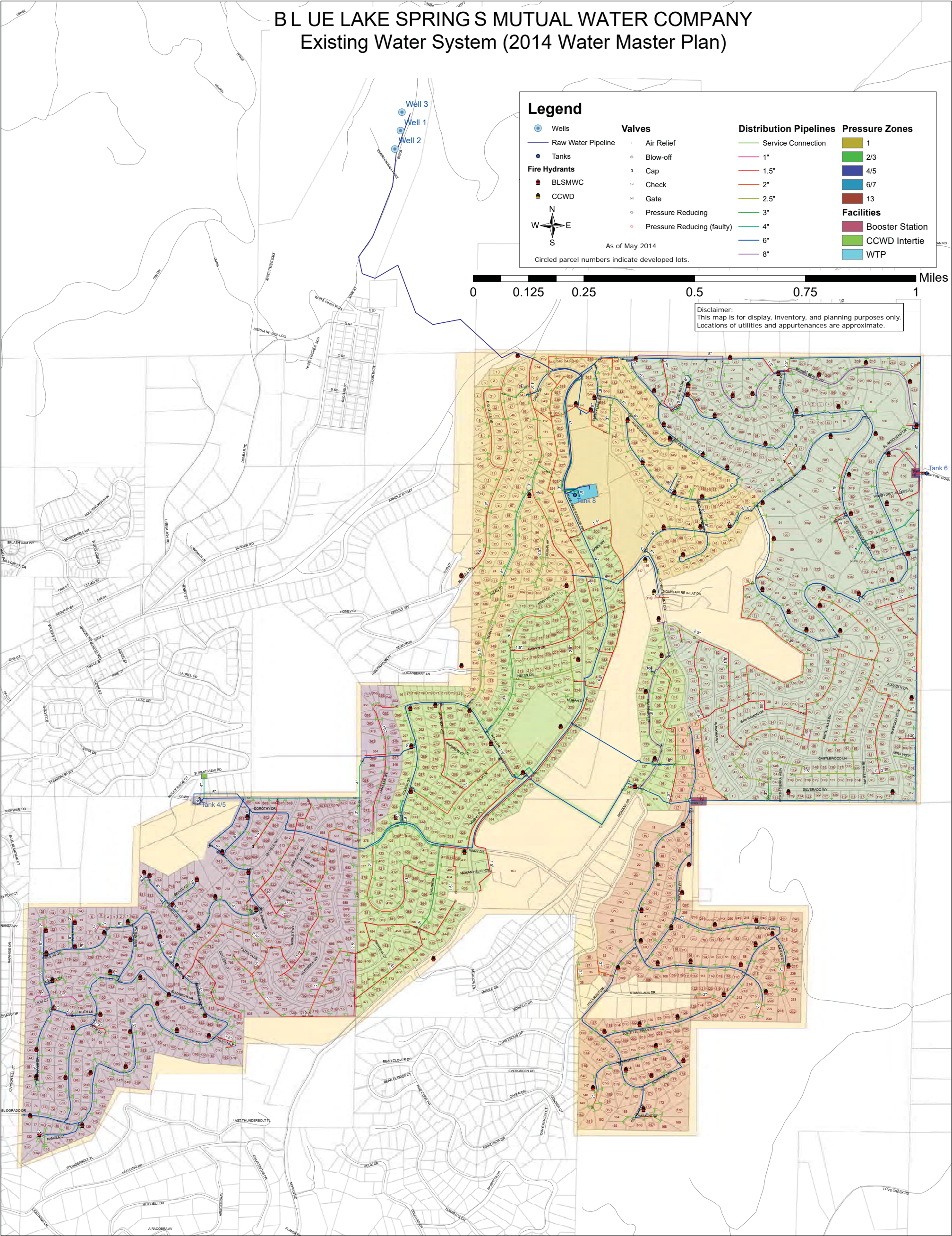
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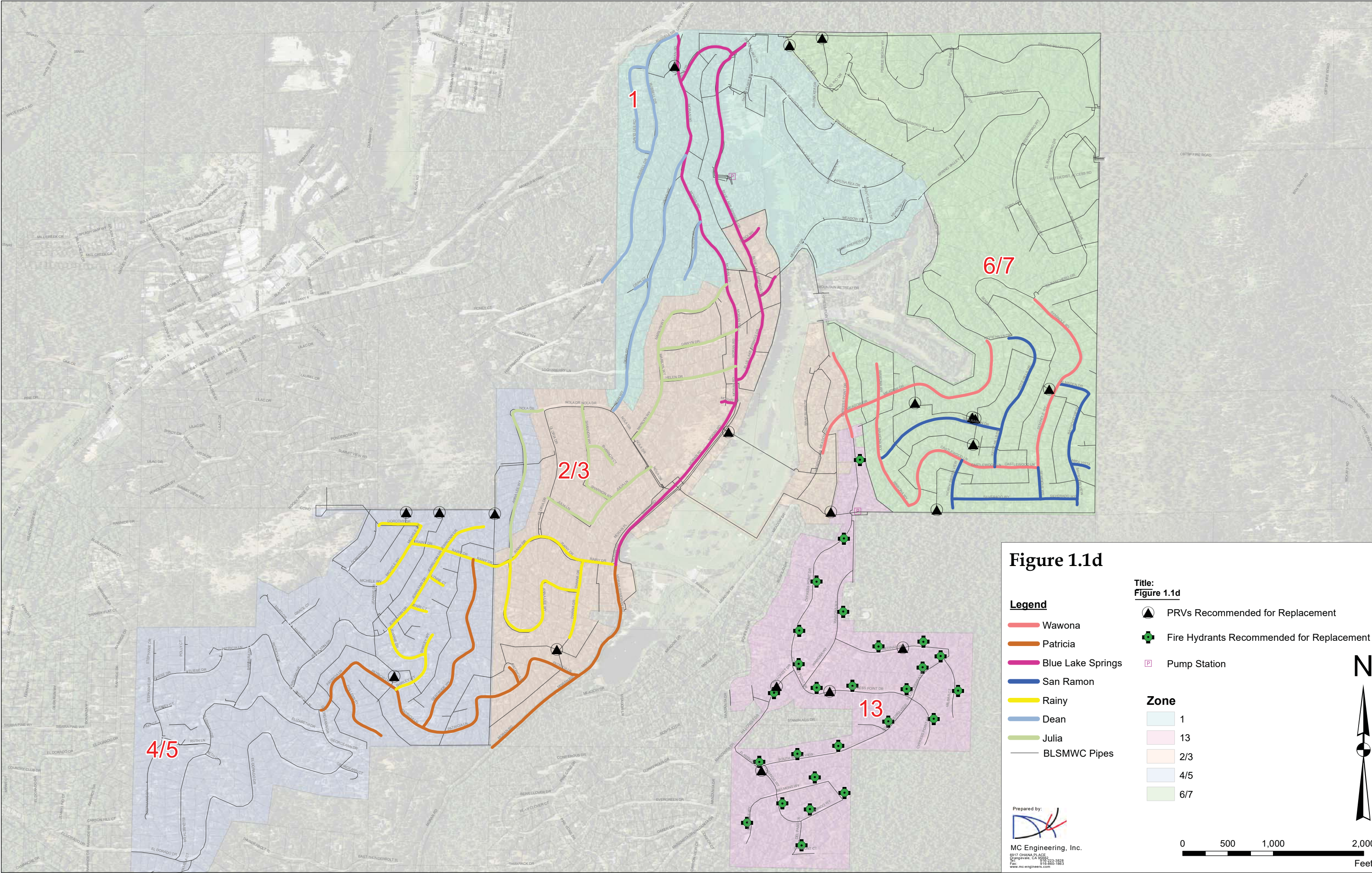
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Existing Water System (2014 Water Master Plan)





1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PRESENT

The BLSMWC, through MC Engineering, Inc., retained Analytical Environmental Services (AES), based in Sacramento, CA, to prepare the environmental documentation for the projects recommended in this report. Details regarding existing environmental resources and related environmental impacts can be found in related reports prepared by AES for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. These documents will be presented as part of the USDA application and will adhere to Federal Regulations 1970.

1.3 POPULATION TRENDS

According to the 2010 US Census, the Arnold Census Designated Place (CDP) had a population of 3,842 which represents a 1.5% increase since the 1990 census. (The population had increased 10% in the 1990's only to later decrease during the subsequent recession.) Growth in the actual BLSMWC service area is limited to the build-out of the remaining 312 unimproved lots, and connections have been added at a rate of approximately 0.6% per year."

Table 1.3a, below, details US Census data for the Arnold CDP.

| Table 1.3a | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| US Census Data for Arnold CDP | |
| US Census Year | Population |
| 2010 | 3,843 |
| 2000 | 4,218 |
| 1990 | 3,788 |

Median Household Income for the Arnold Area CDP, as reported by the 2008-2012 American Community Survey is \$55,625 (see **Appendix A-American Community Survey**)

Table 1.3b, below shows the current and future service connections.

Table 1.3b
Current and Future Service Connections

| Service Connection Type | Current | Growth | Build-Out ¹ |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|
| Total Residential Services | 1,708 | 312 | 2,023 |
| Commercial Services | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Irrigation Services | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Authority Services | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Service Connections | 1,710 | 312 | 2,025 |

NOTES: 1) There are a total of 2,025 lots within the BLSMWC subdivision, which is the build-out capacity of the development

1.4 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

This document has been prepared based on the recommendation(s) of the Board of Directors of the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company. The Board conducts monthly meetings which include public participation and comment every second Saturday of the month with minutes and agenda items posted regularly and made available electronically to the public via the Company's website. Public input is solicited and members of the public are encouraged to provide input at each monthly Board meeting.

This Preliminary Engineering Report is accompanied by Environmental Services performed in accordance with applicable requirements under the CEQA/NEPA guidelines. These guidelines include appropriate public notification and circulation of the draft and final CEQA/NEPA document(s) along with corresponding opportunities for public comment. Requirements under NEPA are addressed concurrent with the CEQA process including appropriate public notification, circulation of the draft NEPA specific findings, and corresponding opportunities for public review, comment, and participation.

2. EXISTING FACILITIES

2.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION MAP

The Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company was formed in 1962 and a majority of the water system was constructed in the 1960's through the 1970's to provide potable drinking water to its customers within the development with the primary water supply source being groundwater. Groundwater supply is currently acquired from three hard rock wells.

The water distribution system consists of 203,887 linear feet of water mains ranging in size from 1-inch to 8-inches in diameter. There are two 750,000-gallon storage tanks which service 5 pressure zones along with various booster pumps located within the service area (**Figure 1.1c**). There are approximately 325 homes with meters at the time of this PER. The BLSMWC is currently installing meters on an as needed basis.

System input volume is currently metered at the water treatment plant. The BLSMWC has been installing individual household water meters (over 300 to date), and has recently made a decision to install meters on every lot within their boundaries. The decision to meter all customers is a vital component of this USDA funding request.

In the past the BLSMWC had acquired emergency water from the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) to augment their groundwater supplies. On October 28, 2015, the BLSMWC entered into a twenty-year wholesale treated water agreement with the CCWD (see **Appendix B**). The agreement establishes terms and conditions by which CCWD will provide potable water to the BLSMWC through a dedicated source meter, with an amount not exceeding 100,000 gallons per day. There are provisions within the agreement to allow the BLSMWC to purchase 100% of their water from the CCWD with the required payment of capacity charges and miscellaneous plant improvements necessary to serve the BLSMWC in the future.

2.2 SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

The BLSMWC has operated the water system since 1967. It currently provides potable water service to 1,710 active customers on improved parcels. There are a total of 2,025 parcels within the BLS development, of which 315 parcels remain unimproved. The BLSMWC has installed over two hundred 5/8-inch water meters and will have over tree hundred meters installed within the next twelve months. Due to high system operating pressures, each home is required to maintain a pressure reducing valve between the house and the property line and/or meter.

A detailed description of a proposed new meter installation program can be found in **Appendix C - Technical Memo No. 1**.



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Table 2.2a, below, contains a brief construction history of the BLSMWC's facilities.

Table 2.2a
Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company
Water System Improvement Project History

| System Component | Date Constructed | Date Upgraded | ADWF Design Capacity (1) |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Wells | 1969-2016 | | |
| Well No. 1 (White Pines) | 1986 | No Information | NA |
| Well No. 2 (White Pines) | 1986 | | 70 GPM |
| Well No. 3 (White Pines) | 1986 | | 280 GPM |
| Well No.4 (Lucia) | 2016 | | 70 GPM |
| Raw Water Line | 1986 | On-going | Varies |
| Water Treatment Plant (3) | 1987 | On-going | 400 GPM |
| Booster Pump Stations | 1969-1987 | | |
| WTP (2 ea,75 HP) | 1987 | Minor | 200-350 GPM (ea.) |
| Cypress Point | 1969 | NA | Unknown |
| Distribution System | 1966-1980 | On-going | Varies |
| Storage System | 1969-2006 | | |
| Tank No. 4 | 1992 | 1992 | 1.5 MG |
| Tank No. 6 | 1992 | 1992 | 0.75 MG |
| Clearwell | 1970 | 2006 | 0.75 MG |
| CCWD Inter-tie Linda/Tank 4 (2) | 2016 | NA | 0.155 MG |
| | | | 0.1 MGD |

- 1) Data obtained from interviews, WMP, and various records as supplied to MC Engr. by staff
- 2) Refer to recently approved agreement between CCWD and the BLSMWC, dated 10/2015
- 3) Original WTP abandoned and fully upgrade in 1987



2.3 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE, REPORTING, AND HISTORIC USE

The water facilities are governed and monitored by various agencies and regulations; including and not limited to:

- The BLSMWC is regulated according to standards set in the State's Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) guidelines and applicable section under Titles 17 and 22 of the California Code of Regulations for surface water treatment facilities. (water system)
- California Water Resources Control Board-Division. of Drinking Water- (Title 17 and 22 and CA Waterworks Standards)
- California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23-hazardous/Title 27 non-hazardous (waste disposal)
- Calaveras County Department of Environmental Health (hazardous storage & risk assessment, septic systems)
- National Electrical Codes-NEC (electrical)
- California Code of Regulations-CCR's- Title 8-Cal/ OSHA (safety)
- Calaveras County Department of Public Works (R/W, encroachment permits)
- Calaveras County Building Department (building permits, structures)
- Us Forest Service (open space, R/W, environmental)
- California Public Utilities Commission- G.O. No. 103- (design standards-mutual water companies)
- Calaveras County Water District- (design standards, contractual use, and groundwater management)

The WTP operates under the authority of the California Water Resources Control Board-Division of Drinking Water, District 10 in Stockton, California. The BLSMWC provides monthly and yearly reports to District 10, formerly known as the California Department of Public Health. Periodically the DDW will conduct field inspections of the BLSMWC facilities. The last DDW inspection was conducted on July 11, 2014, and the BLSMWC was in compliance, except for some minor improvements that were required.

The BLSMWC's water distribution system currently contains 203,887 linear feet of mainline piping, forty- four (44) pressure reducing stations, two (2) storage tanks, ninety (90) fire hydrants, 2,025 service laterals (1,710 active), and other miscellaneous appurtenances which include isolation valves and blow-offs.

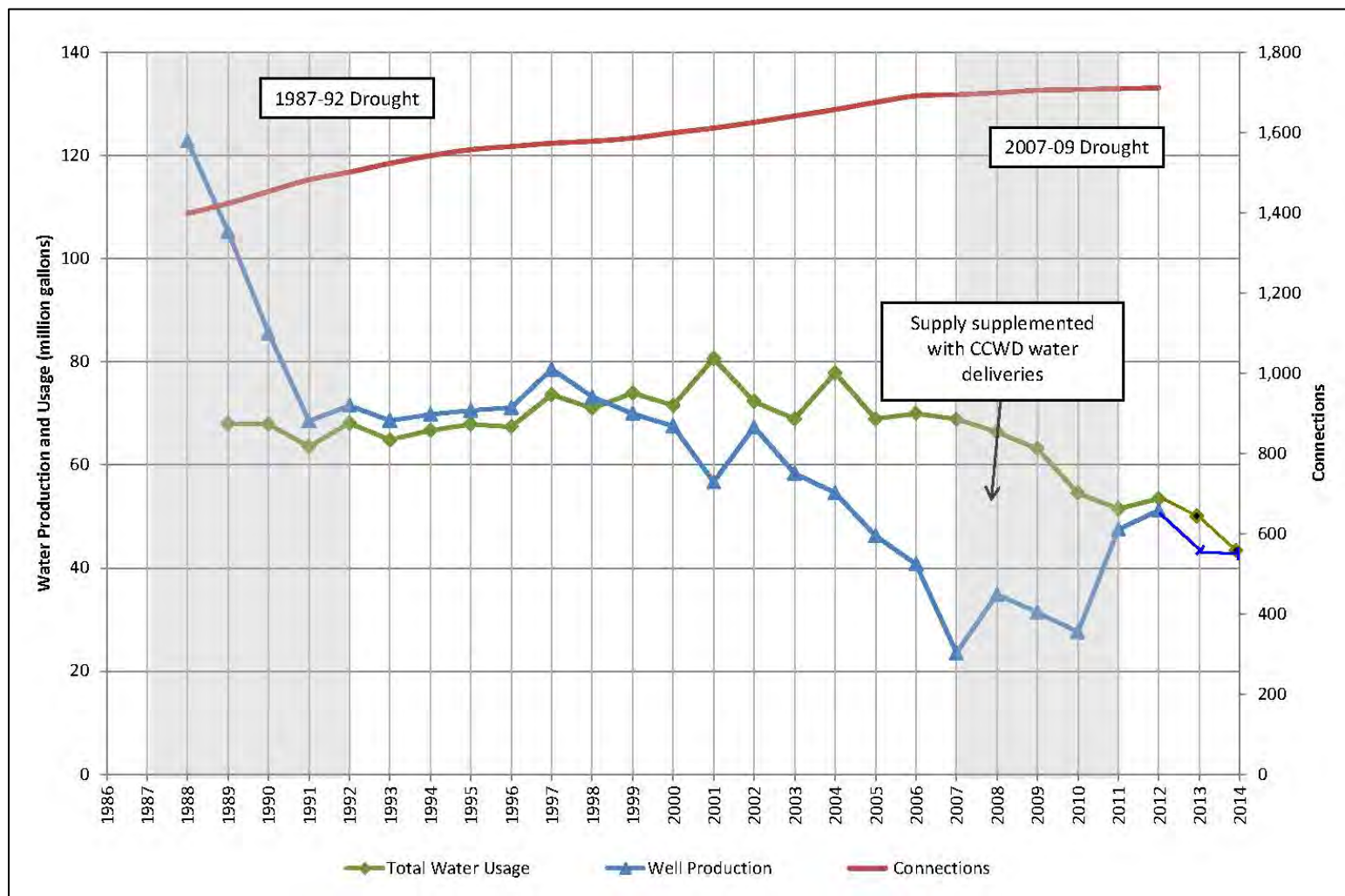
The lack of adequate water pressures and carrying capacity of the pipelines does not allow the BLSMWC to meet the minimum fire flow requirements as established by the California Fire Code. The fire code sets a minimum standard of 1000 GPM for a 2-hour period. Furthermore, the California Public Utilities Commission/ General Order 103, specifies that each water system must be operated in a manner to assure that the minimum operating pressure at each

house service connection is maintained at a level no less than 40 psi and no more than 125 psi. Order 103 also requires a minimum distribution mainline pipe diameter of 6-inches, primarily for fire protection.

Based on information provided to MC Engineering it appears that the BLSMWC has met Drinking water compliance standards. In addition to annual reports provided to each customer, monthly and quarterly reporting is provided to the California Department of Public Health. However, the distribution system has encountered more serious and ongoing health related water quality problems due to pressure issues, both low and high, along with disinfection related problems resulting from water main and service line leaks. Three of the most significant problems facing the BLSWMC operations staff are the size of the water mains, the ability of the staff to access both mains and services for maintenance and repair, and the old and deteriorated condition of water mains located throughout the BLSMWC leading to a relatively high failure rate and future risk.

The historical annual water use and number of service connections are depicted below in **Figure 2.3a**, for the period from 1989 to 2012. The BLSMWC added service connections at an average rate of 10 connections per year (or a growth rate of approximately 0.6 percent), with most service connections added prior to 1996. There was a higher rate of connections added between 2001 and 2007, but very few after 2007.

Figure 2.3a
Historic Water Production and Usage



The annual water demands and usage have been relatively consistent over the last 10 years. However, reductions were realized over the last 3 years as a result of the drought and reduced availability of water leading to more aggressive conservation efforts. The table below includes a six-year history of water use within the BLSMWC (**Table 2.3a**):

Table 2.3a
Historic Water Use (MG/YR)

| Water Supply Sources | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Groundwater (BLSMWC) | 54.51 | 51.48 | 53.48 | 49.58 | 46.26 | 34.60 |
| Surface Water (CCWD) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.59 | 0 | 3.04 |
| Total Supply | 54.51 | 51.48 | 53.48 | 56.17 | 46.26 | 37.64 |

Since 2013, due in part to the ongoing drought and water use restrictions imposed by the BLSMWC, water usage has decreased by 33%. The well production also decreased as a result of a drop in the groundwater table during the drought periods. As a result of the CCWD agreement, approved in October of 2015, the use of treated surface water has recently increased. This new treated surface source will be used on a daily basis to conjunctively supplement the existing groundwater sources (refer to **Section 2.4.1**). Additional information on well production and operational history can be found within the BLSMWC WMP (**Appendix D**).

As a part of the WMP, calculations were made to project the water requirements for future years based on the development buildout assuming the maximum day demand only increases from 0.46 MGD to 0.54 MGD. This represents an increase of only 80,000 gallons annually. The projected increase assumes an additional 310 new improved parcels at buildout, as presented in **Table 2.3b**, below.

Table 2.3b
Existing and Future Water Demand ⁽⁴⁾

| Level of Service | Average Day Demand (ADD) ⁽¹⁾ | | Maximum Day Demand ⁽²⁾ | | Peak Hour Demand ⁽³⁾ |
|--|---|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| | MGD | gpm | MGD | gpm | gpm |
| Existing (1,714 connections) | 0.21 | 144 | 0.46 | 316 | 474 |
| Build-out | 0.24 | 170 | 0.54 | 375 | 560 |

Notes: (1) ADD = 121 GPD per Service Connection
(2) MDD = ADD x 2.2 (or 266 GPD per Service Connection)
(3) PHD = ADD x 3.3
(4) Per the BLSMWC 2014 WMP

2.4 CONDITION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

This section details the current conditions of the various components of the water system. These components include: wells, water treatment, distribution, storage, pumping, and operational management.

In 2014, a Water Master Plan (WMP) was prepared by Luhdorff and Scalmanini (LS), of Sacramento, CA, which included a system-wide evaluation of all water facilities and components. A list of improvement projects was recommended within the WMP. Since 2014, the BLSMWC has made various improvements to their wells and water treatment plant facilities. The main focus of this PER is on the water distribution system and household metering. The distribution system and meters make up a large cost component of the overall system needs. This PER also includes a re-evaluation and prioritization of problematic water facilities within the distribution system. Critical operations related information used in this PER were provided by the BLSMWC's office and field staff.

2.4.1 RAW (GROUNDWATER) AND WHOLESALE WATER SUPPLY

Raw (Groundwater) Water Supply

The BLSMWC operates and maintains a raw water supply from wells located approximately one mile west of the BLSMWC's service area. The wells pump groundwater to the water treatment plant for subsequent iron and manganese removal and disinfection. The two primary wells have a combined capacity 350 GPM. The third well, which is not dependable, is used as emergency backup and has a production rate of less than 100 GPM.

The original water supply operating permit, issued by the Department of Public Health in 1980, included four supply wells and a treatment system for the removal of iron and manganese. The original wells were replaced in 1985 due to declining capacity and water quality and the new replacement wells (White Pines No. 1, 2 and eventually 3) were found to have significantly different water quality than the four original wells which required major changes to the water treatment facility. The wells were drilled and completed using funding obtained through a combination grants and loans from CCWD. The wells are currently owned jointly by CCWD and the BLSMWC with the latter responsible for operations and maintenance (**see Figure 2.4.1a**).






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BLSMWC Well Locations

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The White Pines Wells reportedly meet all CDPH primary MCL standards currently. There have been anomalous minor detections of contaminants (such as aluminum, nitrate and arsenic), but all were far below the MCL. However, secondary MCLs are exceeded for iron and manganese. Iron levels range primarily between 0.2-0.5 mg/L, with one recent anomalous high of 1.2 mg/L (MCL is 0.3 mg/L). Manganese levels have ranged between 100-500 µg/L (MCL is 50 µg/L). Hydrogen sulfide, though not regulated by an MCL, is another contaminant that contributes to the taste and odor problems. Hydrogen sulfide levels are between 40-100 µg/L. The water tends to be slightly basic with pH ranges from 6.8-7.9.

In 2013, two new groundwater sources were explored by BLSMWC, referred to as the Borad and Lucia wells (refer to **Figure 2.4.1a**, above). Both were sampled for Title 22 constituents for consideration as new water sources. The wells exhibited a similar chemical makeup to the White Pines wells. General parameters in the new wells were lower than the White Pines wells. Specific conductance levels are approximately 200 µS/cm, hardness was approximately 50 mg/L, alkalinity was found to be 90 mg/L, and pH was measured at 7.5 for the Lucia well and 8.1 for the Borad well. In 2015/16, the Lucia well became fully operational and productive.

The Lucia well had higher levels of iron (670 µg/L) and similar levels of manganese (170 µg/L) when compared to White Pines wells. Iron and manganese were non-detect in the Borad well. Arsenic, lead, and zinc were detected in the two wells, but all levels were less than half their respective MCLs. Additionally, both new wells had a detectable amount of toluene (8.1 and 3.5 µg/L), however, levels are much less than the MCL of 1000µg/L.

A detailed description of the wells and treatment systems can be found within the Water Master Plan, dated 2014. (see **Appendix D**) which is also summarized in **Table 2.4.1a**, below.

Table 2.4.1a
Wells and Treatment Systems

| Source Capacity | Well Capacity | Total Source Capacity | Capacity Less Largest Well | MDD at Build-out | Surplus / Deficit |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Existing Wells</u> | | | | | |
| White Pines #2 | 70 | | | | |
| White Pines #3 | 280 | | | | |
| Total of Existing | | 350 | 70 | 375 | -305 |
| <u>New Wells</u> | | | | | |
| Lucia #1(New) | 50 | 400 | 120 | 375 | -255 |
| Borad #1 (Future) | 50 | 450 | 170 | 375 | -205 |
| Future Wells ¹ | | | | | |
| Future Well 1 | 50 | 500 | 220 | 375 | -155 |
| Future Well 2 | 50 | 550 | 270 | 375 | -105 |
| Future Well 3 | 50 | 600 | 320 | 375 | -55 |
| Future Well 4 | 50 | 650 | 370 | 375 | -5 |
| Future Well 5 | 50 | 700 | 420 | 375 | 45 |
| Future Well 6 | 50 | 750 | 470 | 375 | 95 |
| Future Well 7 | 50 | 800 | 520 | 375 | 145 |

Within the last three years the BLSMWC has made various improvements to their wells and water treatment plant, including recent construction of a fully operational Well No. 4 (Lucia) at a cost of approximately \$ 700,000 (2016).

Wholesale Water Supply (CCWD)

As noted in **Section 2.1**, the BLSMWC and the Calaveras County Water District entered into a wholesale water agreement, approved, October 28, 2015, to supply a specified quantity of treated surface water from the CCWD's Ebbett's Pass Water System. In the past, the BLSMWC was served by the CCWD on an "emergency" basis only to augment the lack of water supply during times of emergencies as a result of diminished groundwater supplies or other system problems. With the addition of the recent "Wholesale Water Agreement" with CCWD, the BLSMWC now has a dependable water supply, a commendable achievement.

The CCWD Ebbett's Pass Water System has surface water rights on the North Fork Stanislaus River and diverts through a tunnel tap from Spicer and McKay Reservoirs. The CCWD system supplies water to its 5,280 services (2014) and has plans for expanding up to 7,371 services at full buildout.

CCWD has maintained supply reliability even through the recent drought conditions. The Hunter Lake surface water treatment plant, which provides water to the Arnold area, has a maximum day capacity of 4 MGD, whereas the maximum day demand (MDD) of the system is approximately 3.5 MGD. For comparison, BLSMWC has a MDD of 0.54 MGD (per the 2014 WMP) at full build-out. The CCWD system is considered highly reliable and will provide a high level of security and backup to the customers of the BLSMWC.

2.4.2 WATER TREATMENT

The quality of the groundwater produced from the BLSMWC's wells exceeds the secondary maximum contaminant level (MCL) for manganese and contains elevated iron and hydrogen sulfide content which can also contribute to taste and odor problems thus leading to the need for subsequent water treatment. The treatment facilities include, and are not limited to, the following components and processes:

- 7200 linear feet of raw water transmission mains with PRV
- Chemical addition with static mixers and reaction vessels
- Calcium hypochlorite for disinfection and oxidation
- Multi-media manganese and iron filter system
- 150,000-gallon disinfection contact basin (Clearwell)
- High service booster pumps
- 30,000-gallon backwash tank and reclaimed system
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)

Three remote telemetry/SCADA links control processes at the water treatment plant, the booster stations, and the well system. The water treatment plant and Clearwell is located at 491 Blue Lake Springs Drive (**Figures 2.4.2a and 2.4.2b, below**)

Figure 2.4.2a
BLSMWC Water Treatment Plant



Figure 2.4.2b
BLSMWC Clearwell



It is important to note that proposed WTP projects, as described in the WMP are **not a part of this PER.**

2.4.3 WATER STORAGE

In addition to the 203,887 linear feet of water mains making up the distribution system. There are two 750,000 storage tanks which service 5 pressure zones as described below:

Table 2.4.3a
Water Storage Tank Description

| Status | Zone | Site | Tank Type | Total Capacity (gallons) | Tank Height (ft) | Inside Diameter (ft) | Tank Elevation (ft) |
|--------|------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| In Use | 4/5 | Tank No. 4 | Bolted Steel-Glass | 734,000 | 33.01 | 61.54 | 4361 |
| In Use | 6/7 | Tank No. 6 | Bolted Steel-Glass | 734,000 | 33.01 | 61.53 | 4550 |
| In Use | All | Clearwell | Bolted Steel-Glass | 155,000 | 24.52 | 33.57 | 1580 |
| In Use | NA | Backwash | Bolted Steel | 30,000 | 0.77 | 22.38 | WTP |

The water storage system was evaluated for available storage and deficiencies as a part of the 2014 WMP. The prior evaluation was completed before the inter-connection agreement with the CCWD system was completed. The CCWD agreement now provides firm contractual treated water to the BLSMWC. The treated water from the CCWD could help provide an additional backup/redundancy for future and emergency water needs to other parts of the system not currently covered in the agreement. It is unknown at this point if the CCWD system can provide and/or enhance and improve the need for additional storage. The available storage design criteria, as utilized for the 2014 hydraulic model, takes into consideration the following four (4) storage components:

- **Operational Storage**- Operational storage is required to equalize supply and demand over periods of short-term high consumer demand
- **Fire Storage**- This requirement, as per the California Fire Code, recommends a flow rate of 1500 gpm over a two (2) hour period.
- **Emergency Storage**- Emergency storage is the volume of water held in residence to accommodate demand requirements in the event of prolonged power outages, mainline breaks, or other interruptions in supply.
- **Non-useable/dead Storage**- This typically includes storage found within the tanks that can cannot be easily utilized due to the location of inlet and outlet piping structures.

Table 2.4.3b below, is a summary of the storage evaluation as presented in the 2014 WMP, which evaluates available capacity based on current and future buildout. Based on the WMP criteria, currently there is adequate storage to meet existing growth, and ultimate buildout requirements.

Table 2.4.3b
BLSMWC Existing/Future Storage Requirements (1)

| Storage Requirement | Existing Storage | Build-Out |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Operational Storage Requirement | 30,000 | 40,000 |
| Fire Storage Requirement (1500 gpm x 2 hr.) | 180,000 | 180,000 |
| Emergency Storage Requirement | 455,000 | 540,000 |
| Unusable Storage Requirement 5% nominal tank size | 35,000 | 40,000 |
| Total Storage Requirement | 700,000 | 800,000 |

(1) Data obtained from interviews, WMP, and various records as supplied to MC Engr., by staff

The water storage tanks are bolted steel and glass fused and are relatively new (1992). The tanks will have to be maintained through standard maintenance procedures including periodic tank inspections (internal and external). The last tank inspections were conducted in November of 2013 (Tank No.4) and in October of 2012 (Tanks No.6). The Clearwell tank was last inspected in January of 2015. It is not known if the tanks have cathodic protection systems, but at a minimum, the BLSMWC staff should provide necessary reserves to maintain tanks, including painting/coating. The recommended painting/coating should be at a minimum every 25 years, depending on the levels of corrosion encountered.

It is important to note that the proposed storage projects, as noted within the WMP, are **not a part of this PER**.

2.4.4 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

As described above, the BLSMWC's water distribution system currently includes 203,887 linear feet of mainline piping, forty-four (44) pressure reducing stations, two (2) storage tanks, ninety (90) fire hydrants, 2025 parcels and service laterals (1,710 active), and other appurtenances including isolation valves and blow-offs.

A majority of the main distribution pipelines were installed over 40 years ago, of which there are 111,144 linear feet of 6 and 8 inch mains and 92,743 linear feet of 1.5 to 4 inch and smaller mains. These undersized mains (4-inch or less) have created water pressure problems and do not meet industry standards. Most are not able to convey adequate and required fire flows to their respective service area(s). Furthermore, the California Public Utilities Commission, in

General Order 103, requires that each water system be operated in a manner to assure that the minimum operating pressure at each house service connection is not less than 40 psi and no more than 125 psi. General Order 103 also requires mains that are a minimum of 6-inches in diameter, primarily for public safety. **Over 45% of the BLSMWC's water mains are four-inch diameter or less** (see **Table 2.4.4c**, below).

Table 2.4.4c

Approximate Length (feet) of Water Mains by Pressure Zone

| Zone | 1"-1.5" | 2" | 2.5" | 3" | 4" | 6" | 8" | Total |
|---------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| Zone 1 | 3,738 | 7,494 | 2,788 | 1,550 | 1,160 | 11,868 | 735 | 29,333 |
| Zone 2/3 | 17,359 | 6,086 | 1,963 | 2,094 | 1,490 | 6,824 | 2,306 | 38,123 |
| Zone 4/5 | 10,231 | 5,635 | 2,064 | 639 | 1,832 | 26,607 | - | 47,008 |
| Zone 6/7 | 9,701 | 9,637 | 3,738 | 210 | 1,147 | 40,193 | 5,427 | 70,053 |
| Zone 13 | - | 2,078 | - | - | 109 | 17,183 | - | 19,370 |
| Total by Size | 41,029 | 30,930 | 10,553 | 4,493 | 5,739 | 102,676 | 8,468 | 203,887 |

There is currently a total of 2,025 parcels (lots) and service laterals, of which, 1,710 of those are improved lots, and are currently active. The service laterals were originally installed with polyethylene and polybutylene tubing. The BLSMWC has been repairing services with polyethylene tubing. All services reportedly include a service box with a shut-off valve and some services that include pressure regulators to control high system pressures (refer to **Appendix E - TM No. 2**). The absence of water meters in most of the system makes it extremely difficult for staff to monitor water usage, track inefficiencies, and monitor suspected water losses.

An updated pipe condition assessment matrix, prepared by MC Engineering, represents a current desk top evaluation of critical water system pipelines, along with offering additional information as to the importance and need to replace and upgrade specific main-line distribution system pipes, including house services and other various components and appurtenances. The distribution main-line condition matrix includes evaluation criteria presented below in **Table 2.4.4d**. This matrix also provides the BLSMWC with a method of prioritizing the most important water pipelines that pose potentially serious health and safety risks. The matrix provides the basis for immediate and future upgrades and replacements. Additional importance was placed on pipe location, size (dia.), and condition, with a significant amount of input and data provided by the field and office staff.

Table 2.4.4d

| Pipeline Evaluation Criteria | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Criteria | Rating (1=Best 5-Worst) | Weighted Factor (additional importance) |
| Pipe size (Q's/pressures/fire flows) | 1 - 5 | 7 |
| Pipe Age (Deterioration/leaks) | 1 - 5 | 4 |
| Pipe Type (OPTIONAL) | 1 - 5 | 3 |
| Leaks/Complaints (Leak pattern/complaints) | 1 - 5 | 5 |
| Mainline Location (Access/dependability) | 1 - 5 | 7 |
| System Pressure (Modeling results) | 1 - 5 | 3 |
| Fire Coverage (see pipe size, spacing/ customers affected, flows) | 1 - 5 | 2 |
| NOTE: The evaluation criteria have been modified to place more importance on the overall pipe line condition, age, and overall reliability | | |

As mentioned above, all water distribution system pipelines were re-assessed for the PER with significant input provided by the operational staff including consideration of more recent changes as to the pipe(s) condition along with other trends, **not evaluated** within the 2014 WMP. It is important to note, that at the time this PER was prepared, a new and updated water modeling program was being completed. The more recent modeling includes a system-wide calibration of the existing 2014 model, along with operational changes, including the more recent bi-furcation of the BLSMWC's water system. This bi-furcation separates the existing water distribution system into two new water supply zones. One zone now includes treated water provided by the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) inter-tie (see **Section 2.1**) and the other includes the existing well supply zones. Ideally, the hydraulic modeling update will take

into consideration the CCWD water inter-ties and provide the BLSMWC with a list of other priority projects and/or confirm system upgrades and improvements that will take into consideration the separate supply points.

Table 2.4.4e below shows the main-line distribution system priority matrix, using ranking criteria as noted above.

| Table 2.4.4e Existing Conditions | | | | | | | | | | | Ranking System | | | | | | | Project Priority Ranking Comparison | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---|-------|--|--|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | Category and Rank | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Pipe Size 1 - 5 (WF = 7) | Pipe Age 1 - 5 (WF = 4) | Leaks/ Complaints 1 - 5 (WF = 5) | Mainline Location/ Access | System Pressure ¹ 1 - 5 (WF = 3) | Fire Coverage 1 - 5 (WF = 2) | | | | |
| 1 - 5 (WF = 7) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MP Project | Road | Existing Condition Description | From | To | Pressure Zone | Existing Pipe Size (inch) | Pipe Age | ~New Pipe Length (Feet) | Customer Complaints (LS) | Staff Leak Markup | 7 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 2 | Rank | PER | | Master Plan Priority |
| Wawona | Wawona Way | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Castlewood | End of Line | 6/7 | (2.5), (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1928 | 8 | Yes | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 121.0 | High | | High |
| Wawona | Castlewood | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Wawona | Seminole | 6/7 | (2.5), (2) | 1962-1970 | 1972 | 4 | Yes-Multiple | 4.5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 112.5 | High | | High |
| Wawona | Seminole | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Silverado | El Ranchero | 6/7 | (2), (1) | 1962-1970 | 2673 | 5 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 108.0 | High | | High |
| Wawona | Meadow | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Brae Burn | Kiote Hills | 6/7 | (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 2805 | 3 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 108.0 | High | | High |
| Wawona | Cypress Point | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Brae Burn | End of Line | 6/7 | 1.5 | 1962-1971 | 1052 | 0 | No | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 90.0 | Med | | Low |
| Patricia | Gertrude | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Rainy | Patricia | 4/5 | (2.5), (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 2147 | 8 | Yes, Multiple | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 123.0 | High | | High |
| Patricia | Patricia (E) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Moran | Gertrude | 4/5,2/3 | (2), (1.5), (1) | 1962-1970 | 2191 | 2 | Yes | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 118.0 | High | | High |
| Patricia | Colleen | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Patricia | End of Line-Court | 4/5 | (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 964 | 4 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 108.0 | High | | Med |
| Patricia | Moran (S) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Rainy | End of Line | 2/3 | 1.5 | 1962-1970 | 2849 | 1 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 106.0 | High | | Med |
| Patricia | Patricia (W) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Getrude | George Ann | 4/5 | (2.5), (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1972 | 1 | No | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 96.0 | Med | | High |
| Blue Lake Springs | Blue Lake Springs (N) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road - 4" Pipe in the Street | Linda | Meadow Dr | 1 | 2 | 1962-1970 | 2410 | 4-5 | Yes | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 123.0 | High | | High |
| Blue Lake Springs | Blue Lake Springs (S) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Meadow Ct | Moran | 2/3 | (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1753 | 8 | Yes | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 118.0 | High | | Med |
| Blue Lake Springs | Moran (M) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road and in Street | Marilynn | Rainy | 2/3 | (2.5), (1.5), 1.5 | 1962-1970 | 3725 | 3 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 99.0 | Med | | Low |
| Blue Lake Springs | Moran (N) | Mains in Street | Hwy 4 | Marilyn | 1 | (3), (2.5), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 3068 | 7 | Yes | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 88.0 | Med | | Med |
| Blue Lake Springs | Linda | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Moran | Blue Lake Springs | 1 | 2 | 1962-1970 | 745 | 2 | No | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 89.0 | Med | | Low |
| San Ramon | San Ramon | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Wawona | Kiote Hills | 6/7 | (2), (1.5), (1) | 1962-1970 | 1578 | 2 | Yes | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 118.0 | High | | High |
| San Ramon | Kiote Hills | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Castlewood | Seminole | 6/7 | 2 | 1962-1970 | 1841 | 5 | No | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 113.0 | High | | Med |
| San Ramon | Baywood View | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Almaden | End of Line End of Boundary | 6/7 | (2.5), (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1797 | 4 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 108.0 | High | | Med |
| San Ramon | Almaden | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Seminole | Baywood view | 6/7 | (2) | 1962-1970 | 438 | 1 | No | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 103.0 | High | | Low |
| San Ramon | North Sierra | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Castlewood | End of Line Dead End | 6/7 | (2.5) | 1962-1970 | 657 | 2 | Yes | 3.5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 97.5 | Med | | Low |
| San Ramon | Silverado | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | North Sierra | Baywood view | 6/7 | (6), (2) | 1962-1970 | 1534 | 0 | No | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 89.0 | Med | | Low |
| | Notes: 1' Pending | | | | | | | | | | >=6-inch: 1 4-inch: 2 3-inch: 3 2-inch: 4 <=2-inch: 5 | 0-5 years: 1 5-10 years: 2 10-15 years: 3 15-20 years: 4 >20 years: 5 | Number of Leak Reports/Complain ts/Recent Leak Information | Back: 5 Street: 1 | <=80 psi: 1 <=120 psi: 3 >120 psi: 5 | Covered: 1 Not Covered: 5 | | | | |

| Existing Conditions | | | | | | | | | | | Ranking System | | | | | | | Project Priority Ranking Comparison | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | Category and Rank | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Pipe Size | Pipe Age | Leaks/ Complaints | Mainline Location/ Access | System Pressure ¹ | Fire Coverage | | | | |
| 1 - 5 (WF = 7) | 1 - 5 (WF = 4) | 1 - 5 (WF = 5) | 1 - 5 (WF = 7) | 1 - 5 (WF = 3) | 1 - 5 (WF = 2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MP Project | Road | Existing Condition Description | From | To | Pressure Zone | Existing Pipe Size (inch) | Pipe Age | ~New Pipe Length (Feet) | Customer Complaints (LS) | Staff Leak Markup | 7 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 2 | Rank | PER | | Master Plan Priority |
| Rainy | Shirley | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Patrica | End of Line-Court | 4/5 | (1), (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 833 | 5 | No | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 113.0 | High | | Med |
| Rainy | Jearrilynn | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Jeannie | End of Line-Court | 4/5 | (1.5), (1) | 1962-1970 | 1227 | 3 | No | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 111.0 | High | | Med |
| Rainy | Rainy (W) | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road - 6" and 4" in Street | Michelle | Anna Lee | 4/5 | (2), (1.5) | 1962-1970 1994-1999 (6") | 1740 | 0 | No | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 98.0 | Med | | Med |
| Rainy | Dianna | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road - 3" in Street | Rainy | End of Line-Court | 2/3 | (3) | 1962-1970 | 1052 | 1 | No | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 92.0 | Med | | Low |
| Rainy | Jeannie | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Jerrilynn | Shirly | 4/5 | (2.5),(1.5) | 1962-1970 | 650 | 0 | No | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 89.0 | Med | | Low |
| Rainy | Michele | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road | Rainy | Jeannie | 4/5 | -1.5 | 1962-1970 | 657 | 4 | No | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 87.0 | Med | | Low |
| Rainy | Anna Lee (S) | 1.5" and 2.0" mains in Street | Rainy | Diana | 2/3 | (2),(1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1972 | 2 | No | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 75.0 | Low | | Low |
| Rainy | Rainy (E) | 4.0" mains in Street | Anna Lee | Moran | 2/3 | (4) | 1962-1970 | 1400 | 3 | No | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 59.0 | Low | | Low |
| Dean | Russell | 2.0" mains in Street | Moran | End of Line End of Boundary | 1 | (2),(1.5) | 1962-1970 | 3068 | 2 | Yes-Multiple | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 90.0 | Med | | Low |
| Dean | Dean | 4" and 2.5" mains in Street | Moran | Nola | 1 | (4), (2.5) | 1962-1970 | 3068 | 7 | 2.5" Main High Leak Area | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 91.0 | Med | | Med |
| Dean | David Lee | 2.0" mains in Street | Russel (N) | Russel (S) | 1 | (2) | 1962-1970 | 1315 | 0 | Yes-Multiple | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 90.0 | Med | | Low |
| Dean | Kuehn | 2.5" mains in Street | Moran | End of Line-Court | 1 | (2.5) | 1962-1970 | 701 | 3 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 80.0 | Low | | Low |
| Julia | Julia | 2" Main in Street | Nola | Gloria | 2/3 | (2) | 1962-1970 | 1534 | 4 | 2.5" Main High Leak Area | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 93.0 | Med | | Med |
| Julia | Helen | Backyard Mains Adjacent/Parallel to Road - 2.5" in Street | Moran | Marilyn | 2/3 | (2.5) | 1962-1970 | 920 | 1 | Yes | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 89.0 | Med | | Low |
| Julia | Anna Lee (N) | Mains in Street | Nola | Rainy | 4/5 | (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1972 | 4 | No | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 80.0 | Low | | Med |
| Julia | Dawyn | 2.0" mains in Street | Moran | Marilyn | 2/3 | (2) | 1962-1970 | 964 | 4 | Yes | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 80.0 | Low | | Low |
| Julia | Shannon | 1.5" mains in Street | Nola | Julia | | (1.5) | 1962-1970 | 1753 | 1 | No | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 75.0 | Low | | Low |
| Julia | Marilynn | 3.0" and 2.0" mains in Street | Moran | Nola | 2/3 | (2),(3) | 1962-1970 | 2367 | 4 | No | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 73.0 | Low | | Low |
| | Notes: | | | | | | | | | | >=6-inch: 1 4-inch: 2 3-inch: 3 2-inch: 4 <=2-inch: 5 | 0-5 years: 1 5-10 years: 2 10-15 years: 3 15-20 years: 4 >20 years: 5 | Number of Leak Reports/Compla ints/Recent Leak Information | Back: 5 Street: 1 | <=80 psi: 1 <=120 psi: 3 >120 psi: 5 | Covered: 1 Not Covered: 5 | | | | |

The project priority list for distribution system pipelines, services, and appurtenances was prepared as a result of the evaluation matrix including current and up-to-date input from the BLSMWC staff. The updated evaluation includes the following system components:

- Water mains (1-inch to 12-inch)
- Water services (single or double)
- Valves, PRV's, hydrants, blow-offs and other appurtenances (**Section 2.4.5**)
- Water Meters (**Section 2.4.6**)
- Booster Pumps (**Section 2.4.7**)

Also included are various photographs of distribution deficiencies (**Figure 2.4.4a**)

Table 2.4.4a
Water Distribution Deficiency (Photos)



2.4.5 PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES (>1.5-INCH DIA.), VALVES AND HYDRANTS

The BLSMWC has 44 pressure reducing stations of various sizes and conditions located throughout the service area. There are nineteen (19) PRV Stations (PRVs) that are considered problematic and in some cases non-operational. The BLSMWC staff provided MC Engineering with a list of those PRV Stations that require upgrades due to operational issues. Other considerations used in determining station condition was location, accessibility (confined space), and age. For the purposes of this report all PRV's (1.5-inch and greater) were included that require replacement and/or upgrading. It is also understood that as a result of the pending modeling and pressure study as performed by LS Consulting, certain PRV's may not be needed and/or additional PRV's may be required. The following (**Table 2.4.5a**) is a list of those PRV Stations that are recommended for replacement and or rehabilitation:



Table 2.4.5a

| PRV Recommended Replacement | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Type | Functions (BLSMWC-MP) | Functions (Staff) | Staff Comment | Associated Street | BLSMWC MP Project Name | Existing PRV Size |
| PRV | y | No | Turned Off-Broken Open | Patricia | Patricia | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Small Leak-P Gauge Broken | Michele | Rainy | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Broken Open | Dorothy | Rainy | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Bypass off-corroded-Broken open | Jerrilynn | Rainy | 3-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Broken Open | Patricia | Patricia | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Old PRV | Del Rio Dr | Additional | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Very High Pressure - 285 PSI | Moran | Patricia | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | PRV Broken Closed-Leaks when Main Break | Cypress Point | Additional | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | (Check to make sure not just valve) | Castlewood | Wawona | 3-inch |
| PRV | y | No | (Check to make sure not just valve) | Meadow | Wawona | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Check to see if refers to Valve | San Ramon | San Ramon | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Broken | Seminole | Wawona | 2-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Closed | Medinah | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Open-Very Deep | South Sierra | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Open | Cypress Point | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Open | Hillcrest | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Old PRV, has leaked many times | Moran | Blue Lake Springs Drive | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Vault no drain full water after rain corroded | Del Rio Drive | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | Not Shown | No | Not shown originally-added by Billy -not working | Castlewood | Wawona but not in MP list | 2-inch |

Below (Figure 2.4.5a) is a photograph of an old and deteriorated PRV that needs to be replaced.



Figure 2.4.5a
Deteriorated PRV Station Located on Dorothy Drive



It became evident during this evaluation that a large number of fire hydrants were in need of replacement as a result of age and condition. The BLSMWC has various types of hydrants located throughout the service area. Some hydrants are working properly and have been continuously exercised while other are lacking street valves and cannot be exercised due to their old and deteriorated state. A majority of these deficient hydrants are located within Pressure Zone 13. Many hydrants are over 50 years old and have been problematic, in some cases non-operational, and many are leaking. Staff provided MC Engineering with a list of those hydrants located within Unit 13., that are considered old and deteriorated. The following (**Table 2.4.5b**) is a list and location of those hydrants and valves that are highly recommended for replacement and/or rehabilitation:

Table 2.4.5b
Proposed Fire Hydrant Replacements

| Associated Street | Existing Hydrant Size | Project Zone | Type-Age | Functional MP | Functional Staff | Staff Comment Condition |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Cypress Pt | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open- no GV/leak |
| Cypress Pt | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Cypress Pt | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
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| Cypress Pt | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| So. Sierra View | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Wawona Way | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Wawona Way | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |



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|---------------------|----|---------|---------|-----|----|----------------------------|
| Medinah Dr | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Medinah Dr | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Milbar Ct | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Belmont/Flamingo Wy | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Belmont/Flamingo Wy | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Belmont/Flamingo Wy | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Belmont/Flamingo Wy | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Belmont/Flamingo Wy | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |
| Del Paso Lane | 6" | ZONE 13 | Iowa-50 | Yes | No | Hard to open/no GV/leak |

2.4.6 WATER METERS

The BLSMWC currently maintains approximately 100 household water meters and meter boxes within the BLSMWC service area. These installed meters include various “typical” configurations. Representations for each typical existing water service connection are depicted in **Figure 2.4.6a** and **Figure 2.4.6b**.



Figure 2.4.6a
Existing Meter Configuration

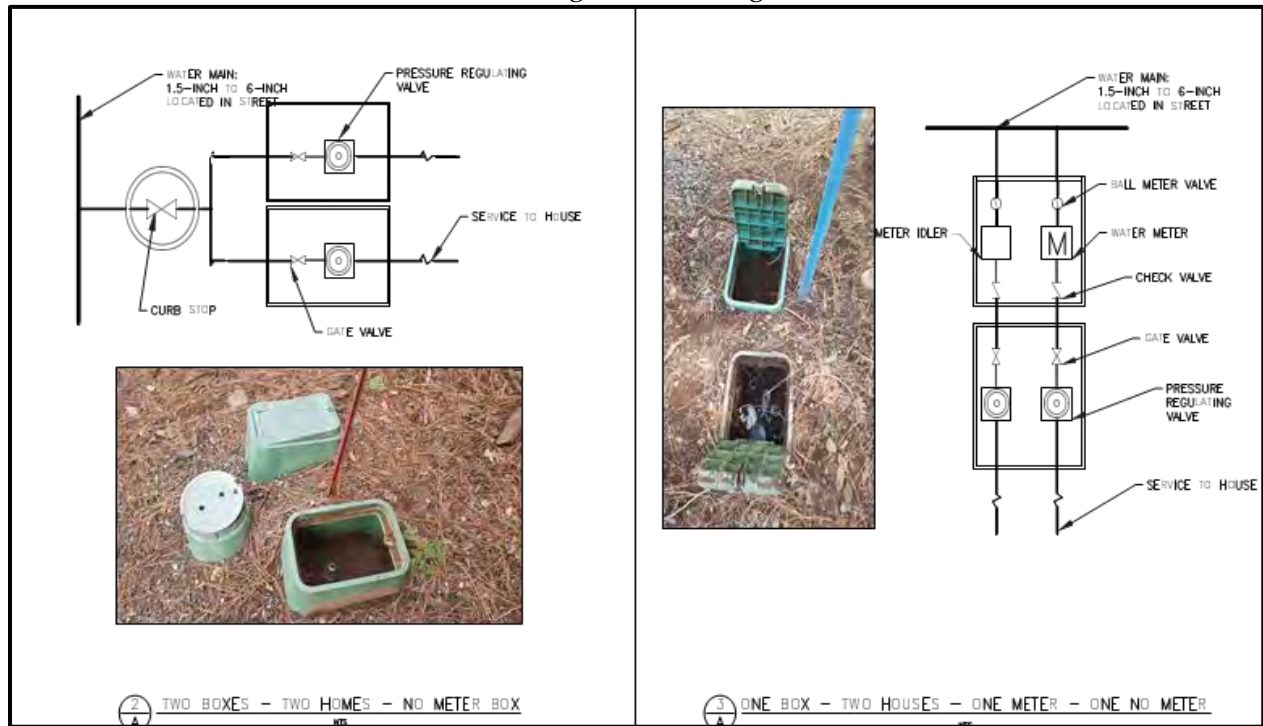
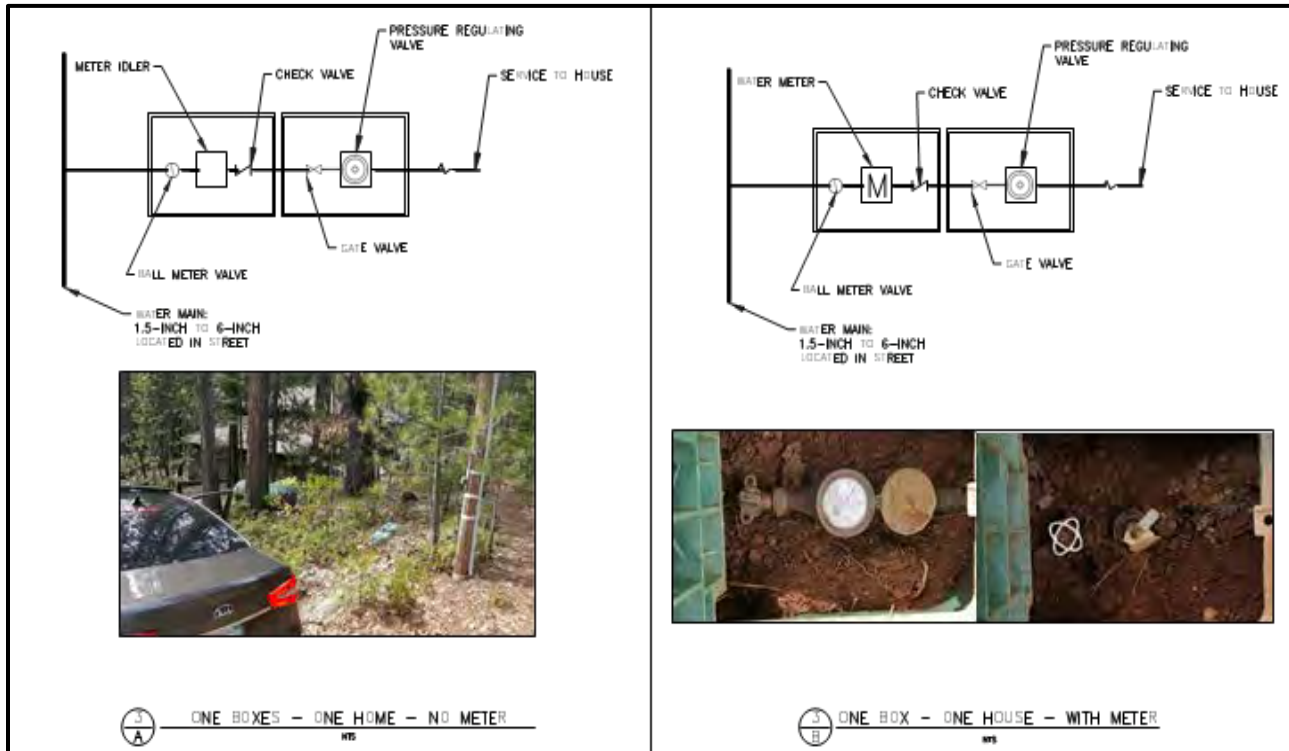


Figure 2.4.6b
Existing Meter Configuration



The installation of water meters throughout the distribution system is a very important and necessary infrastructure component for the efficient operation of the water system. Water meters provide an accurate method of quantifying all water usage within the service area. Metering, combined with periodic leak detection, are necessary to monitor and, ultimately, reduce the amount of non-revenue water.

In January 2014, the Governor declared a State of Emergency and directed agencies to take numerous actions in response to the drought, including stepping up conservation programs to encourage Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent while enacting measures to protect water supplies and water quality. Since then, the BLSMWC wells have experienced serious declines in production, forcing them to put into action plans that would increase their reliance on surface water supplies. The proposed project is consistent with more recent mandates issued by the State Water Resources Control Board in response to the drought as well as the following State Water Action Plan Activities including:

Action 1-Make Conservation a California Way of Life

Action 2 -Increase Regional Self-reliance and Integrated Water Management across all
Levels of Government

Action 5 -Manage and Prepare for Dry Periods

Action 9 -Increase Operational and Regulatory Efficiency

Metering, combined with commodity rates and retrofit of existing connections with meters, is required under the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) BMP 1.3 and will facilitate compliance with CUWCC BMPs 1.1, Operations Practices, BMP 1.2 Water Loss Control, and ultimately BMP 1.4 related to Conservation Pricing.

Water metering is the foundation of managing existing groundwater resources and enforcing these policies effectively. Meters help to offset the need to expand the use of surface water and installing meters on all services is consistent with each of the above policies in the State of California's 2013 Water Action Plan and CUWCC BMPs. This proposed metering project will enable the BLSMWC to properly enforce pre-existing local drought response programs.

2.4.7 BOOSTER PUMP STATIONS

The elevations in Blue Lake Springs vary over 700 feet throughout the system, requiring the use of booster pumps, primarily at the WTP. There are currently three (3) booster pump stations located throughout the BLSMWC water system. Two of the booster pumps are located at the WTP and other two are located at Cypress Point Drive. These booster pumps rely on the SCADA system and provide water to upper zones and storage facilities. The booster pump stations include:

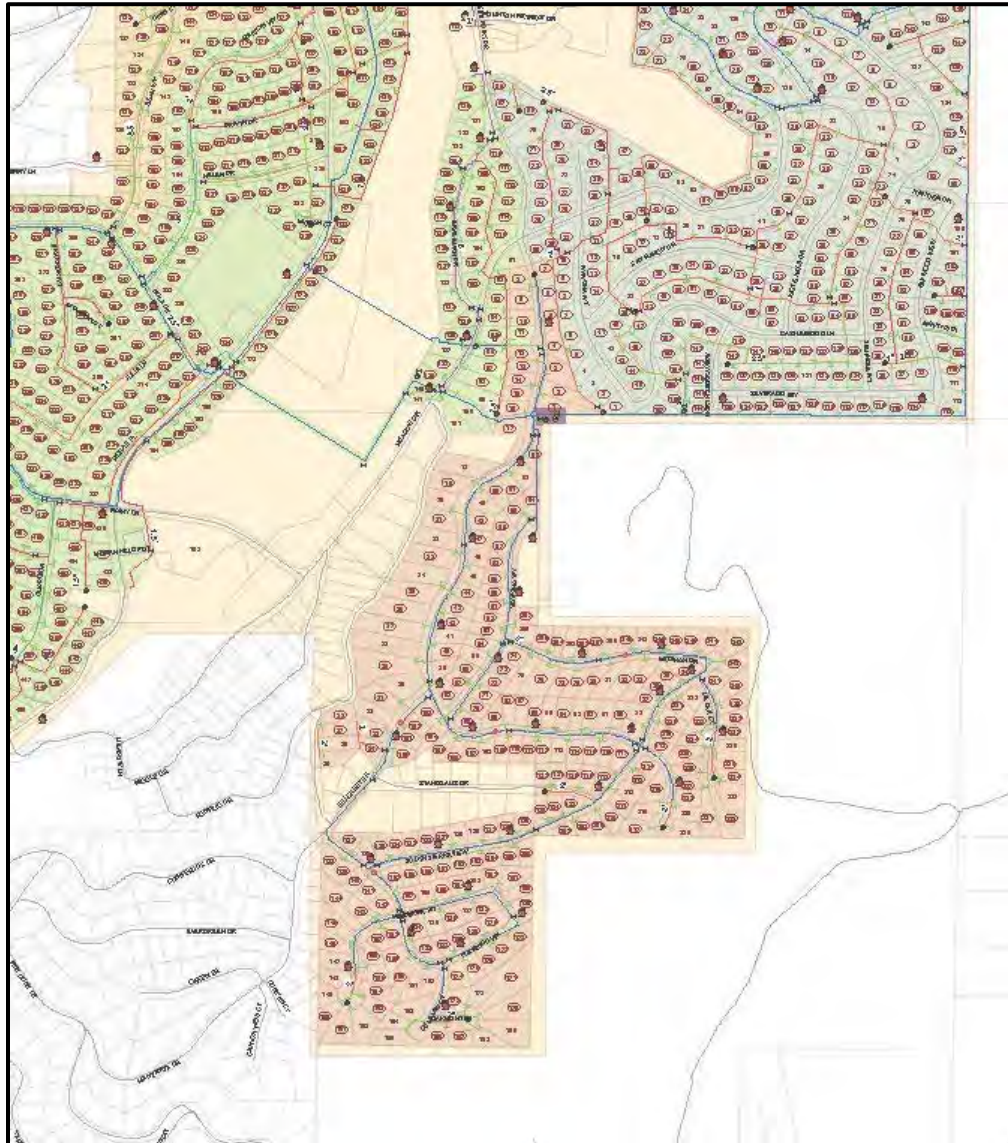
- 20 HP Backwash Pump at WTP
- 75 HP Booster Pumps (2 ea.) at WTP
- Cypress Point Booster Station (not operational)

BLSMWC currently has two high service booster pumps (75 HP, each), located at the WTP, that are used to provide pressure to the distribution system directly and by filling elevated storage tanks that feed the various zones in the system. Each booster pump operates at a flow rate of approximately 300 to 400 gpm, based on the system head curves provided by staff. According to the operators, the pumps are never operated at the same time. In general, the purpose of booster pumps is to provide the required flow rates and maintain pressures in the system at all times, including the most extreme situations such as peak hourly flows and fire flows on the day of maximum demand. These demands are met by a combination of the booster pumps and water held in storage. The booster pumps, distribution system, and the performance of the storage tanks during various water demand scenarios was evaluated as a part of the 2014 WMP.



As discussed in the WMP, the Cypress Booster station is not currently operational. It was intended to provide water to Tank No. 6 in the event that the WTP Booster station fails. Providing water to Tank No 6 from the Cypress booster pump station is considered a very important system component. Recent actions by the BLSMWC to acquire water from CCWD also places a higher level of significance on the operability of the Cypress Point Booster Station, since it could provide treated water from the newly created CCWD zone to feed Tank No. 6, through an existing 6-inch AC pipe, along the eastern boundaries of the BLSMWC service area. It should be noted that the effectiveness and need for the Cypress booster pump station is also currently being evaluated by LS, as a part of the updated system hydraulic modeling.

Figure 2.4.6c
Cypress Point Drive Booster Pump Station



2.5 OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT DESCRIPTION AND NEEDS

The BLSMWC staffing is relatively small when compared to other similar agencies. However, the staff is very qualified to maintain and operate the water facilities. **Table 2.5a** is a list of all employees assigned to the operation and maintenance of the BLSMWC water facilities. Due to the number of employees and the age and condition of the facilities, it is important that any recommendations for improvements, based on needs identified in this report, be implemented in order to avoid overloading the relatively lean staff. Currently, the water facilities are staffed by the following personnel:

Table 2.5a
Certified Operators and Employees (Water)

| Contact | Position/Grade |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dave Hicks | General Manager-T3/D2 |
| William (Bill) Heinle | Chief OP- T2/D2 |
| Tyler Mayo | Field Ops- T1/D2 |
| Matt Jarnagin | Field Ops- T2/D2 |

The operations staff is supported by two administrative office personnel. The daily operations consist of a WTP, PRV's, booster pumps and the distribution system including the monthly reading of over 200 water meters. Both the field and office staff handle customer complaints on a daily basis. These complaints consist of, and are not limited to; mainline and service line leaks, taste and odor complaints, high and low pressures, outages, and other miscellaneous complaints and problems encountered during the daily operations. It should be noted that water quality testing and lab work is contracted out.

The high costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the aging infrastructure poses a threat to the BLSMWC, requiring more manpower and repair/replacement over time. To augment the lack of available staffing, recommendations are included in this report for upgrading the water distribution system, including the installation of water meters and other appurtenances. These potential upgrades will improve the overall efficiency of the operations while allowing the staff to allocate more of their time to required preventative maintenance including system flushing, valve exercising programs, and other routine and necessary maintenance programs.

The Operations staff maintains various equipment items for the wastewater treatment plant, collection system, and lift stations to handle emergencies. The equipment includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Backhoe
- (1) Dump Truck
- (1) Snow Plow
- (2) service Trucks
- (1) Trailer mounted generator
- Miscellaneous Power Tools



A more detailed equipment list is presented in Short Term Asset Evaluation (**Section 6**) of this report. Revenues are to be set-aside each year to cover replacement of these “short Term” assets.

2.6 FINANCIAL STATUS OF EXISTING FACILITIES

2.6.1 WATER CONNECTIONS

The total number of water connections in the BLSMWC water distribution system is 2,025, of which approximately 1710 are currently active. The majority of these are single family dwelling (SFD) accounts. There are only 2 commercial accounts, both for the Blue Lake Springs Clubhouse.

2.6.2 CURRENT ANNUAL INCOME AND RATE STRUCTURE

The annual income for fiscal year (FY) 2014 and 2015 is summarized below. Current operating budgets may be found in **Appendix F** of this report.

Table 2.6.2a
FY 2014 and 2015 Water System Revenue
– Audited Amount(1)

| Fiscal Year Budget | Net Year End Water Customer Revenue | Net Year End Other Income | Total Year End Revenue |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FY 2015 | \$ 1,348,586 | \$ 72,847 | \$ 1,421,433 |
| FY 2014 | \$ 1,327,462 | \$ 85,871 | \$ 1,413,333 |

Notes: (1) Year Ending Audits by Sandra Vaughan, CPA of Ebbetts Pass Accounting

Per the approved By-laws, the BLSMWC currently collects its water revenues on a yearly basis, with invoices due and payable by the 15th of February. The revenue is typically collected in January and February of each year. All Property owners are considered “shareholders” and if yearly payments are delinquent, the BLSMWC may take the following measures as prescribed within their by-laws (**Appendix G**):

- Charge late fees
- Shut-off water service
- Place liens on parcels and file with the County

The ability to collect this revenue has been successful in the past and typically, only 10-20 properties, are delinquent every year. **Table 2.6.2b**, below, indicates the amount of yearly revenue provided to the BLSMWC to operate and maintain its water facilities. The table below also includes rate increases that have been implemented over the last 6 years.



Table 2.6.2b
Yearly Water Rates with Fee Increases

| Year | Improved Property w/Meter Cost (\$) | % Inc | Improved Property w/out Meter Cost (\$) | % Inc | Unimproved Property Cost (\$) | % Inc |
|------|---|----------|---|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 2011 | \$585.00 | 0 | \$590.00 | 0 | 340 | 0 |
| 2012 | \$643.50 | 10 | 649.00 | 10 | 374 | 10 |
| 2013 | \$612.00 | -10 | 669.00 | 3 | 384 | 3 |
| 2014 | \$649.00 | 6 | 709.00 | 6 | 407 | 6 |
| 2015 | \$662.00 | 2 | 723.00 | 2 | 415 | 2 |
| 2016 | \$728.00 | 10 | 795.00 | 10 | 457 | 10 |

2.6.3 EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS

“There are 2,025 lots in the BLSMWC subdivision. Of these, there are 1,710 connections that are billed as residential services and 312 unimproved residential lots. The 2014 Water Master Plan determined the Average Daily Demand to be 121 gallons per day (3,630 gallons/month) per EDU.”

2.6.4 WATER SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

System operating and maintenance costs for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 are as noted below in **Table 2.6.4a**.

Table 2.6.4a
Total Operation Budget w/ Administration (1)

| Year | Year Ending Expenses | Year Ending Revenue | Year Ending Other Income | Reserve Balance |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 2015 | \$ 1,099,578 | \$ 1,348,586 | \$ 72, 847 | \$ 321,855 |
| 2014 | \$ 1,233,999 | \$ 1,325,421 | \$ 85,871 | \$ 179,334 |

Notes: (1) Per Year Ending Audits by Sandra Vaughan, CPA of Ebbetts Pass Accounting



Based on FY 2016 budget, the BLSMWC is projecting expenditures in excess of **\$900,000** in 2016. A FY 2016 Budget Breakdown is presented below in **Table 2.6.4b**. The complete FY 2016 budget can be found in in **Appendix H**.

Table 2.6.4b
Fiscal Year 2016 Budget (Excerpt)

| EXPENSE DETAIL: | |
|---|----------------|
| Salaries & Taxes | 406,650 |
| Benefits (insurance & IRA) | 141,650 |
| Property / Liability Insurance | 25,000 |
| Workers Comp Insurance | 20,000 |
| Power (wells, treatment plant & system pumps) | 30,000 |
| CCWD Water Purchase | 92,000 |
| Water Test (State requirements) ... | 8,000 |
| Operating Supplies | 15,000 |
| Standby Power Generation (fuel and maintenance) | 2,000 |
| Telephone / Communications | 10,000 |
| Vehicle / Operating | 11,000 |
| Vehicle / Maintenance | 5,000 |
| System Maintenance | 64,000 |
| Legal, Contractual, Professional Services | 19,000 |
| Meeting & Membership | 9,500 |
| Drought | 2,500 |
| Postage | 1,000 |
| Office Rental | 14,000 |
| Income Tax | 1,500 |
| Depreciation / Amortization | 7,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 5,000 |
| Education & Training | 2,000 |
| Office Equipment Repairs | 500 |
| State Water System Fees | 12,000 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 904,300 |

Existing debt and reserve accounts for water, based on the 2014 and 2015 data, are summarized below in **Table 2.6.4c**.

Table 2.4.6c
Water-Related Debt and Reserve Accounts

| Year | Cash/Cash Equivalent | Fixed Assets | Intangible Assets | Current Liabilities | Shareholders' Equity |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2015 | \$ 6,378,489 | \$ 4,567,434 | \$ 820,417 | \$ 267,896 | \$ 6,378,489 |
| 2014 | \$ 5,845,901 | \$ 4,592,742 | 0 | \$ 97,576 | \$ 5,845,901 |

Note: Per Year Ending Audits by Sandra Vaughan, CPA of Ebbett's Pass Accounting

The 2015 budget included approximately \$ 1,617,000 in capital improvement expenditures, of which \$961,000 was budgeted for the new Lucia Well (Well No. 4), construction project. The 2015 budget also included a \$156,300 reserve fund set-aside (**refer to Appendix H**). The current year (FY 2016) capital improvement reserve is \$613,056.

2.7 WATER AND ENERGY AUDITS

2.7.1 WATER AUDIT

Not included due to the lack of water meters

2.7.2 HYDRAULIC MODELING

A hydraulic model was prepared by Luhdorff and Scalmanini, in 2014. This hydraulic model included a system-wide evaluation. LS currently re-evaluating and calibrating the hydraulic model.

2.7.4 ENERGY AUDITS

There were no energy audits conducted within the last ten years within the BLSMWC. It is recommended that the BLSMWC conduct an energy audit that would analyze the overall water treatment plant power consumption, including the booster pump stations and wells. The proposed energy audits should include an evaluation of the power consumption of each pumped system, the cost to deliver power at various times of the day, an analysis of solar power options and alternate rate structure(s), and the ability to rely on storage to offset pumping during peak periods in order to develop the most energy efficient methods for the operation of the water facilities. The proposed energy efficiency programs would likely provide a cost-effective method of reducing overall power costs.

2.7.4 WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE

The BLSMWC staff provides required monthly, quarterly and yearly reports to the SWRCB DDW (DPH). These reports are followed up with annual inspections conducted by the DDW.

Typical field sampling is conducted by the staff and lab testing is provided by outside sources. Some of the constituents that are tested, at various required intervals, include and are not limited to: chlorine residuals, bacteriological testing (1/month), raw and treated water iron and manganese levels, disinfection byproducts, nitrate levels (in wells), arsenic (in wells), inorganics, VOCs and SOCs with coliform testing (for the wells).

The most recent yearly inspection was conducted on June 11, 2014, by Dave Remick, Sanitary Engineer, for the Division of Drinking Water in the Stockton District Office. As found in the inspection summary, the DDW inspector noted, "that the water system is well maintained and operated." There were, however, a few deficiencies found requiring follow-up (**Appendix I**).

3. PROJECT NEED

This section outlines system components that are currently posing a threat to the on-going ability of BLSMWC to provide safe and reliable drinking water to its customers in the greater Arnold Area. The intent of this report is to identify improvements needed to maintain compliance with the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water Rules and Regulations (Titles 17 and 22 of the California Code of Regulations) and other regulatory agency criteria while meeting industry standard levels of service. The overall goal of the proposed improvements is to help provide safe and reliable drinking water while helping to minimize risks related to the health and safety of the environment, residents, staff and the community of the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Service Area.

The BLSMWC's water distribution system currently contains 203,887 linear feet of mainline piping, forty-four (44) pressure reducing stations, two (2) storage tanks, ninety (90) fire hydrants, 2025 service laterals (1710 active), and other appurtenances including isolation valves and blow-offs. A majority of the mainline pipelines were installed over 40 years ago, of which there are 111,144 linear feet of 6 and 8 inch mains and 92,744 linear feet of 4 inch and smaller mains. These undersized mains have created water pressure problems and many are not able to provide the necessary fire flows at various locations within the service area. Other potential health and safety issues within the distribution system include the location of the existing water mains. Many of the water mains are located in the back of lots making access very difficult, and in some cases, virtually impossible. The limited access inhibits the use of large equipment, including back-hoes and other heavy equipment typically needed to repair and maintain the mains, services and meters. Recently, and in the past, considerable property damage has occurred as a result of mainline blow-outs/breaks.

The lack of adequately sized pipelines limits the carrying capacity of the various mains and does not allow the BLSMWC to meet the minimum fire flow requirements, as established by the California Fire Code. The fire code sets a minimum standard of 1,000 gpm for a 2-hour period. The water distribution system matrix prepared during this evaluation outlines the inadequacy of the distribution system with respect to the ability to provide adequate system pressures and fire flows for the BLSMWC customers. Furthermore, the California Public Utilities Commission, in General Order 103, requires that each water system must be operated in a manner to assure a minimum operating pressure at each house service connection of not less than 40 psi and no more than 125 psi. General Order 103 also requires that a minimum pipe diameter of 6-inches be installed for mainlines, primarily for fire protection.

3.1 RAW AND WHOLESALE WATER SUPPLY

This section currently requires no additional analysis. The BLSMWC, as discussed in **Section 2** of this report, has acquired a much needed backup source of water to augment their current groundwater supply. The 2015 Wholesale Water Agreement with the CCWD provides the BLSMWC with an

adequate supply of treated water. There are provisions within the CCWD Agreement to purchase 100% of its required water from the CCWD.

An additional well (Well No 4-Lucia) has just been put into service with the addition of new pumps, controls, and building (well pump house). This well will provide an additional 70 gpm of treated groundwater.

No current needs required

3.2 WATER TREATMENT

This section currently requires no additional analysis. As described in **Section 2.4.2**, above, the BLSMWC operates a water filter plant that produces drinking water meeting all State and Federal requirements, with funding being provided on a yearly basis to upgrade and improve its operating capabilities.

No current needs required.

3.3 WATER STORAGE

This section currently requires no additional analysis. As described in **Section 2.4.3**, above, the BLSMWC has two (2) 750,000-gallon storage tanks that were constructed in 1992. These storage facilities have been properly maintained and require no further evaluation.

No current needs required.

3.4 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

To properly evaluate and prioritize the water distribution system, an updated condition assessment matrix was prepared by MC Engineering. The matrix provided an accurate and updated list of pipeline deficiencies which were ranked according to relative need. The intent of this prioritization was to develop a detailed list of cost-effective projects that are “within the reach” of the BLSMWC customers to fund.

The water distribution main-line evaluation and matrix, as found in **Table 2.4.4e**, evaluates each pipeline segment utilizing the criteria listed below with emphasis being placed on the health and safety of the BLSMWC’s customers:

- **Pipe Size-** This criterion evaluates and places importance on the size of the water mains. Federal, State, and local standards typically require a distribution pipeline to be a minimum of 6-inch in diameter, with exceptions being given to very short pipeline runs. The size of the pipeline dictates the amount of water that can properly flow through any given section of pipe, at specified minimum operating pressures.

Typically, velocities are limited to 7-8 fps with acceptable operating pressures typically ranging from 70-110 psi. The pipe size can also have a detrimental effect on providing adequate fire flows. Within the BLSMWC, the highest ranked (worst) pipelines were the mainline pipes with diameters of 4-inches or less.

- **Pipe Age-** Typically pipes have a life expectancy of 50 years. The age of pipe and its condition can also be impacted by its material makeup. Most segments of the water mains are either asbestos concrete (AC) or PVC. The condition can vary based on the thickness and the pipe pressure rating. These factors were taken into consideration during the evaluation with information supplied by the BLSMWC staff. These old and deteriorated sections of pipe can cause significant property damage, water loss, and health and safety concerns when broken or cracked.
- **Pipe Type-** The type of installed pipe played an important role in this evaluation. Metallic pipe can be problematic due to corrosion and quality of all pipes can often vary by manufacturer. Some pipe types include various irregularities that inhibit their ability to handle high system pressures. The BLSMWC distribution mains were mostly either PVC or AC pipe.
- **Leaks-** Water leaks played a significant role in the evaluation matrix. Information was accumulated over a period of 5 years. This information was then plotted on the system maps and taken into consideration when ranking pipes due to leak history. Pipeline leaks are a good indication of deteriorated sections of pipe, either due to age, condition, type, and/or system pressures. In 2015 alone, the BLSMWC had over 50 customer complaints, several of which were due to leaks. It is important to note that some of the leaks were service line leaks and/or service saddle leaks and breaks. Multiple leaks in the same area are a very good indicator of a pipeline rapidly deteriorating, thus requiring serious attention in order to avoid catastrophic failure.
- **Mainline Location-** This evaluation criterion was of significant importance during the evaluation. Quick and immediate access for addressing mainline pipeline problems is required since large main failures can create serious public health and safety issues, including high water losses, if not attended to and repaired promptly. A high weight factor was placed on these evaluation criteria because it was noted that a large number of the BLSMWC's mains are located along the back of many lots.
- **System Pressures-** The system-wide hydraulic modeling provided a good representation of system pressures under various operating conditions. The BLSMWC has consistently high water pressures throughout its service area creating the need to

place large PRVs at strategic locations. Individual homeowner PRVs are also required on all of the improved parcels throughout the service area. The high system pressure also creates the need for the District to place higher importance on the type, age, and condition of the distribution system pipelines.

Current needs are described in **Table 3.4a**, below:



Table 3.4a
Required and Prioritized Water Distribution System Needs

| Summary of Project Needs | | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------|-------------|
| MP Project | Road | PER Rank | PER Ranking |
| Wawona | Wawona Way | 121.0 | High |
| | Castlewood | 112.5 | High |
| | Seminole | 108.0 | High |
| | Meadow | 108.0 | High |
| | Cypress Point | 90.0 | Med |
| Patricia | Gertrude | 123.0 | High |
| | Patricia (E) | 118.0 | High |
| | Colleen | 108.0 | High |
| | Moran (S) | 106.0 | High |
| | Patricia (W)* | 96.0 | Med |
| Blue Lake Springs | Blue Lake Springs (N) | 123.0 | High |
| | Blue Lake Springs (S) | 118.0 | High |
| | Moran (M) | 99.0 | Med |
| | Moran (N) | 88.0 | Med |
| | Linda | 89.0 | Med |
| San Ramon | San Ramon | 118.0 | High |
| | Kiote Hills | 113.0 | High |
| | Baywood View | 108.0 | High |
| | North Sierra | 103.0 | High |
| | Silverado | 97.5 | Med |
| | Almaden | 89.0 | Med |
| Rainy | Shirley | 113.0 | High |
| | Jearrilynn | 111.0 | High |
| | Rainy (W) | 98.0 | Med |
| | Dianna | 92.0 | Med |
| | Jeannie | 89.0 | Med |
| | Michele | 87.0 | Med |
| | Anna Lee (S) | 75.0 | Low |
| | Rainy (E) | 59.0 | Low |
| Dean | Russell | 90.0 | Med |
| | David Lee | 90.0 | Med |
| | Dean | 91.0 | Med |
| | Kuehn | 80.0 | Low |
| Julia | Julia | 93.0 | Med |
| | Helen | 89.0 | Med |
| | Anna Lee (N) | 80.0 | Low |
| | Dawyn | 80.0 | Low |
| | Shannon | 75.0 | Low |
| | Marilynn | 73.0 | Low |
| High | Extreme High Priority | | |
| Med | High Priority | | |
| Low | Low Priority (Still Funded - Interconnecte | | |

Please refer to **Appendix J** for a detailed breakdown of distribution lines and footages, including miscellaneous appurtenances, such as house services, valves, hydrants, blow-offs, meter boxes, and ARVs.

3.5 PRVs (>1.5-INCH DIA.), VALVES AND HYDRANTS

The BLSMWC has 44 pressure reducing stations of various sizes and conditions located throughout the service area. There are nineteen (19) PRV Stations (PRVs) that are considered problematic, and in some cases, non-operational. BLSMWC staff provided MC Engineering with a list of those PRV Stations that require upgrades due to operational issues. Other considerations used in determining station condition was location, accessibility (including confined space considerations), and age. For the purposes of this report all PRV's that are 1.5 inches and greater require replacement and/or upgrading. It is also understood that as a result of the pending modeling and pressure study, certain PRV's may not be needed and/or additional PRV's maybe required.

Table 3.5a, below, includes a list of the PRV's stations requiring upgrades.

Table 3.5a
PRV (1.5-inch and Larger) Requiring Replacement

| PRV Needs and Recommended Replacement | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Type | Functions (BLSMWC-MP) | Functions (Staff) | Staff Comment | Associated Street | BLSMWC MP Project Name | Existing PRV Size |
| PRV | y | No | Turned Off-Broken Open | Patricia | Patricia | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Small Leak-P Gauge Broken | Michele | Rainy | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Broken Open | Dorothy | Rainy | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Bypass off-corroded-Broken open | Jerrilynn | Rainy | 3-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Broken Open | Patricia | Patricia | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Old PRV | Del Rio Dr | Additional | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Very High Pressure - 285 PSI | Moran | Patricia | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | PRV Broken Closed-Leaks when Main Break | Cypress Point | Additional | 1.5-inch |
| PRV | y | No | (Check to make sure not just valve) | Castlewood | Wawona | 3-inch |
| PRV | y | No | (Check to make sure not just valve) | Meadow | Wawona | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Check to see if refers to Valve | San Ramon | San Ramon | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Broken | Seminole | Wawona | 2-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Closed | Medinah | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Open-Very Deep | South Sierra | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Open | Cypress Point | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | n | No | Broken Open | Hillcrest | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Old PRV, has leaked many times | Moran | Blue Lake Springs Drive | 2-inch |
| PRV | y | No | Vault no drain full water after rain corroded | Del Rio Drive | Additional | 6-inch |
| PRV | Not Shown | No | Not shown originally-added by Billy -not working | Castlewood | Wawona but not in MP list | 2-inch |

During the system needs evaluation, the BLSMWC's operation staff identified various fire hydrants that were in a very deteriorated state. These hydrants were approaching 50 years in age and were located in an area known as Zone 13 (see **Figure 3.5a** below). There are a total of 26 hydrants identified for replacement including the addition of new street gate valves, which currently are not installed. Most of the hydrants in this specific area are leaking. A typical leaky hydrant is presented below in **Figure 3.5b**.

Figure 3.5a
Specific Location(s) of Deficient Hydrants

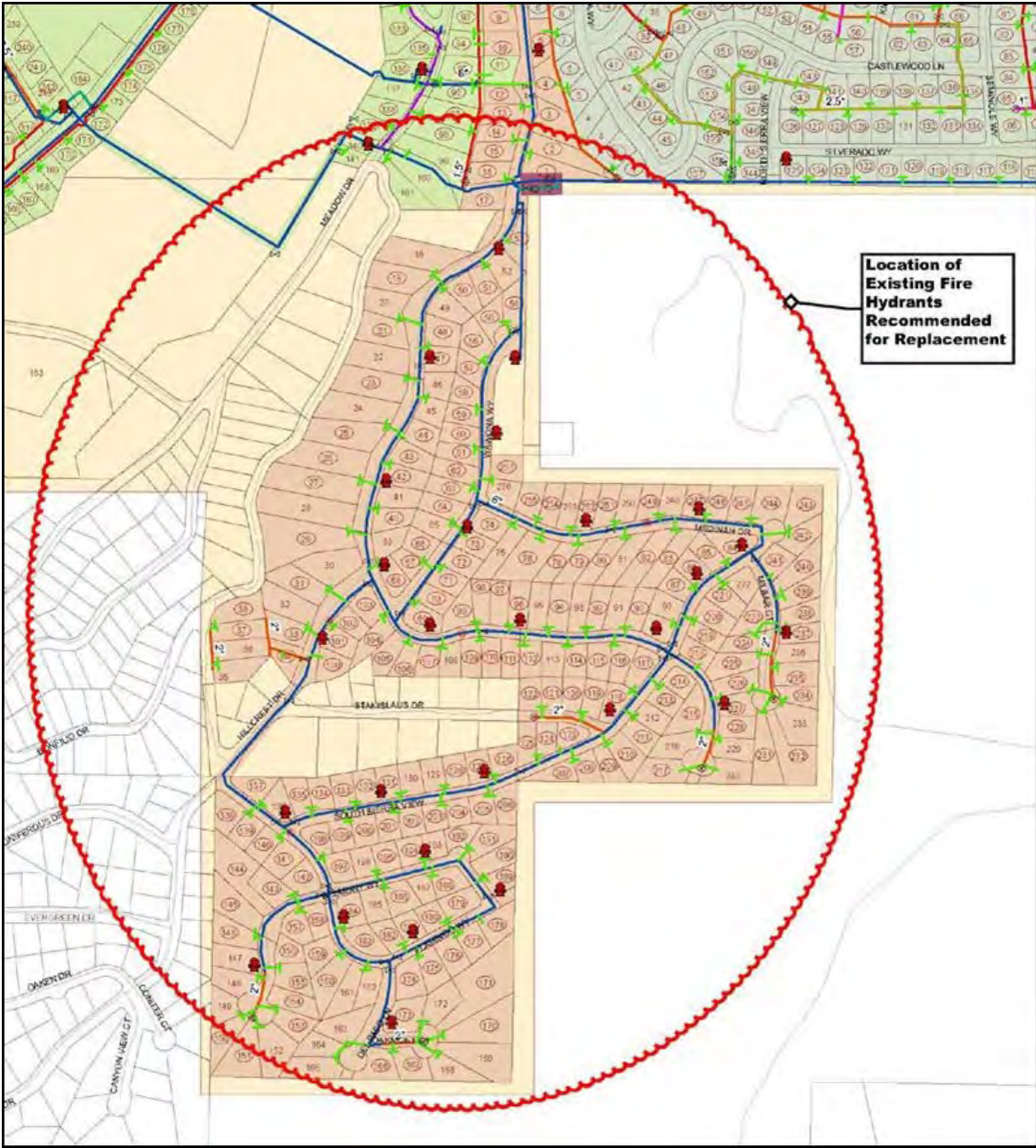


Figure 3.5b
Leaking Hydrant



3.6 WATER METERS

As noted in **Section 2.4.6**, above, water meters are a very important component of any water system. In recent years a high level of importance has been placed on the need for metered water. This is now a requirement under California Statute as a result of past and more recent droughts effecting California combined with the State's limited water storage. The BLSMWC currently has 1,710 active customers in the service area with over 300 meters installed. are. The installation of water meters is extremely critical to cost-effectively maintain and operate the BLSMWC's water system. As noted in prior sections, the ability to quantify and locate leaks, including those found within mains and service lines, is predicated on the ability to account for water being used by the customers. Conducting water audits on a periodic basis is very important and without water meters, it cannot be accurately or easily accomplished. The following information was provided within Technical Memo No 1 (**Appendix C**). It is a list of various conditions and alternatives needed to develop the most cost-effective approach for the installation of new water meters. **Figure 3.6a** includes a summary of proposed meter installations.

Table 3.6a

| Summary of Meter Installation/Replacement Project | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Alternative (1) | Number of Meters (Conditions) | Total Meter Installation | Description of Condition | Total PRV Installation | Total Cost | Cost Per Meter |
| 3 | 860 New Construction 504 Existing Retrofit | 1,364 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 860 New Construction Meters/Enclosures 504 Existing Retrofit Meters/Enclosures 200 (estimated), Driveway Installations | NA | \$1,094,271 | \$802.25 |

Notes: (1) An alternative evaluation was performed per Technical Memo No. 1 as found within Appendix C

3.7 BOOSTER PUMP STATIONS

The BLSMWC has three (3) booster pump stations located throughout the service area. Two (2) 75 HP booster pumps are located at the WTP and boost potable water to Tanks No.4 and No.6. The third booster pump, located along Cypress Point Drive, has been non-operational for approximately five years.

These booster pump stations are currently being evaluated as a part of the updated water system modeling program. It was recommended, by the staff, that the booster pump station located at Cypress Point Drive, be upgraded. This station is old and deteriorated and, for both safety and operational considerations, it needs to be upgraded/replaced. This station, which is not being used on a regular basis, is used to boost/lift flows from Tank 4 to water storage Tank No. 6. This booster station will play an important role as a back-up and emergency conveyance system providing water to Tank No. 6. It should be noted that this pump station may be an integral part of the new bifurcated system created with the addition of CCWD surface water.

Figure 3.7a, below, is a photo of the Cypress Point Booster Station that will require a complete upgrade to provide system reliability. This station, if upgraded, will require new valving, pumps, yard piping, structural improvements, and miscellaneous site improvements.

Figure 3.7a
Cypress Point Booster Pump Station



The Cypress Point Booster Station currently houses an old in-line pump (non-operable). The booster station has old and deteriorated pump house/building, control panel, check valves, piping, and other appurtenances.

3.8 REASONABLE GROWTH

As described within **Section 2** of this report, the future growth within the system is considered to be relatively minimal. There are a total of 2,025 lots within the project area, of which 1,710 are improved. The growth rate is currently less than 1% per year. Any future project planning will take into consideration the ultimate build-out of the remaining 315 lots and impacts they may have on the overall water system. The 2014 WMP analyzes the effect of ultimate buildout on the water system.

A reassuring element for the ability to provide treated water to the BLSMWC existing and future customers is the recent agreement between the Calaveras County Water District and the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company, dated October 28, 2015 which solidifies terms for the purchase of wholesale treated water. This agreement, provides a relatively high level of source reliability for the water customers of the BLSMWC. It also has a provision, as found in **Section 3.2.3** of the “Wholesale Agreement”, that provides an opportunity for the BLSMWC to purchase 100 percent of its water supply by paying the current connection/capacity fee of \$7,131 for the remaining EDUs. This may also include any required expansion/upgrade cost(s) associated with the Hunter’s Water Treatment Plant.

4. ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERATION

4.1 DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVES

Alternative projects to address the issues noted above, that have been identified for each component of the water treatment and distribution system, are discussed below. Each alternative has been evaluated in terms of the design requirements, possible environmental impacts, economic feasibility, and the project's long term sustainability. Each of the alternatives considered are listed in **Table 4.1a** below. Additional detail related to each of the listed alternatives can be found in subsequent sections of this report.

Table 4.1a
Project Alternative Analysis

| Project Component | Need | Projects | Not Selected |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1) Water Distribution (Section 3.4) | Improve Supply/ Process Efficiency | Relocate and Replace Old and deteriorated Water Mains No Project | X |
| | Provide Safe and Reliable Drinking Water | No Project will not eliminate the ongoing water leaks and associated water loss. It will fail to provide the ability of the BLSMWC to provide safe and reliable drinking water to its customers. The cost to properly operate the water system will continue to increase over time. Access to certain mainlines cannot be provide due to back lot locations. | |
| | Eliminate Leaks | | |
| | Reduce Operations Costs | | |
| | Provide Access to Mains for O & M | | |
| 2) PRVs and Hydrants (Section 3.5) | PRVs- Provide Controls on System Pressures | Construct nineteen (19) new at specified locations No Project | X |
| | PRVs- Ability to Distribute Water Throughout System | No Project will not provide the level of protection to the BLSMWC customers, as required by Federal, State and local regulations to meet water quality standards and provide allowable working system pressures. | |
| | Lack of Safe Access for Repairs | | |
| | Hydrants - Provide Fire Fighting Capabilities | | Construct new twenty-six (26) new hydrants at specified locations No Project |
| | 3) Water Meters (Section 3.6) | Water Loss Reduction | Install 1364 new water using existing technology currently being implemented by BLSMWC No Project |
| Improve Process Efficiency | | No Project will not allow the BLSMWC to properly account for its water use and not meet the goals and laws for water conservation within California | |
| 4) Booster Pump Station (Section 3.7) | Improve Emergency Backup to Storage | Construct and upgrade existing booster pump station No Project | X |
| | | A no project will not provide the necessary flexibility for transporting treated water from lower pressure zones to Storage Tank 6 | |

The data and information used for preparing cost estimates includes input and analysis from the following sources:

- Office and field staff input
- Historic and recent operational records and data
- Data and information from the BLSMWC Water Master Plan by LS.
- Updated unit price and lump sum cost estimates for similar projects acquired from local contractors
- Project eligibility and input from the USDA
- Meter installation data and costs from Golden State Flow Measurements

Updated cost-estimates were developed for all proposed projects with estimates and related opinions of cost based on current bid prices from water system projects within the “Mother Lode” region. The actual number of mainline valves, air-relief valves, water quality sampling stations, and blow-offs are only approximated at this planning level.

4.1.1 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM COST ANALYSIS

Main line relocations are identified at a preliminary level and some modifications and re-alignments will likely be required during the design phase. USDA allows for some deviation during the design phase of the project. Contingencies are intended to account for potential design modifications that may be required. The related distribution system upgrades identified in this report include water mains, services (single or double), air relief valves, PRV stations, meter boxes, valves, and other necessary appurtenances.

Total project cost estimates for the distribution system improvements can be found in **Appendix J**. A cost summary for the distribution system pipeline upgrade/relocation project is shown on **Figure 4.1.1a**, below. It should be noted that some of the pipelines were not ranked high, but their inclusion into the overall recommended project list are needed to provide necessary connectivity and continuity for system operation.

Table 4.1.1a

| PER Funded Project Options | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| MP Project | Road | PER Rank | Fundable Cost | PER Ranking | PER Funding Options | |
| | | | | | Option 1 | Option 2 |
| Wawona | Wawona Way | 121.0 | \$281,660 | High | \$281,660 | \$281,660 |
| | Castlewood | 112.5 | \$288,740 | High | \$288,740 | \$288,740 |
| | Seminole | 108.0 | \$317,210 | High | \$317,210 | \$317,210 |
| | Meadow | 108.0 | \$377,275 | High | \$377,275 | \$377,275 |
| | Cypress Point | 90.0 | \$105,020 | Med | \$105,020 | \$105,020 |
| Patricia | Gertrude | 123.0 | \$252,625 | High | \$252,625 | \$252,625 |
| | Patricia (E) | 118.0 | \$303,048 | High | \$303,048 | \$303,048 |
| | Colleen | 108.0 | \$95,780 | High | \$95,780 | \$95,780 |
| | Moran (S) | 106.0 | \$268,253 | High | \$268,253 | \$268,253 |
| | Patricia (W)* | 96.0 | \$300,300 | Med | \$300,300 | \$300,300 |
| Blue Lake Springs | Blue Lake Springs (N) | 123.0 | \$294,150 | High | \$294,150 | \$294,150 |
| | Blue Lake Springs (S) | 118.0 | \$197,775 | High | \$197,775 | \$197,775 |
| | Moran (M) | 99.0 | \$458,375 | Med | \$458,375 | \$458,375 |
| | Moran (N) | 88.0 | \$380,954 | Med | \$380,954 | \$380,954 |
| | Linda | 89.0 | \$94,025 | Med | \$94,025 | \$94,025 |
| San Ramon | San Ramon | 118.0 | \$213,060 | High | \$213,060 | \$213,060 |
| | Kiote Hills | 113.0 | \$188,070 | High | \$188,070 | \$188,070 |
| | Baywood View | 108.0 | \$171,690 | High | \$171,690 | \$171,690 |
| | North Sierra | 103.0 | \$66,190 | High | \$66,190 | \$66,190 |
| | Silverado | 97.5 | \$201,380 | Med | \$201,380 | \$201,380 |
| Rainy | Almaden | 89.0 | \$50,260 | Med | \$50,260 | \$50,260 |
| | Shirley | 113.0 | \$90,310 | High | \$90,310 | \$90,310 |
| | Jearrilynn | 111.0 | \$134,590 | High | \$134,590 | \$134,590 |
| | Rainy (W) | 98.0 | \$182,100 | Med | \$182,100 | \$182,100 |
| | Dianna | 92.0 | \$110,240 | Med | \$110,240 | \$110,240 |
| | Jeannie | 89.0 | \$99,690 | Med | \$99,690 | \$99,690 |
| | Michele | 87.0 | \$71,990 | Med | \$71,990 | \$71,990 |
| | Anna Lee (S) | 75.0 | \$199,140 | Low | | \$199,140 |
| Dean | Rainy (E) | 59.0 | \$137,400 | Low | | \$137,400 |
| | Russell | 90.0 | \$337,430 | Med | \$337,430 | \$337,430 |
| | David Lee | 90.0 | \$132,950 | Med | \$132,950 | \$132,950 |
| | Dean | 91.0 | \$337,430 | Med | \$337,430 | \$337,430 |
| Julia | Kuehn | 80.0 | \$75,070 | Low | | \$75,070 |
| | Julia | 93.0 | \$167,679 | Med | \$167,680 | \$167,679 |
| | Helen | 89.0 | \$95,700 | Med | \$95,700 | \$95,700 |
| | Anna Lee (N) | 80.0 | \$228,340 | Low | | \$228,340 |
| | Dawyn | 80.0 | \$129,780 | Low | | \$129,780 |
| | Shannon | 75.0 | \$164,310 | Low | | \$164,310 |
| Manlynn | | 73.0 | \$242,890 | Low | | \$242,890 |
| Construction Cost | | | \$7,842,879 | | \$6,665,950 | \$7,842,879 |

A project summary with quantities for proposed project improvements and is as shown below in **Table 4.1.1b**

Table 4.1.1b
Recommended Project Mainline Improvements

| Mainline Replacement | | House Services | | Valve Replacement | PRV(1) Replacement | Hydrant(1) Replacement | Air Relief Valve Replacement |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mainline Rep (LF) | Rep Size (inch) | Single | Double | Gate Valves | PRVs (1.5-6-inch) | Hydrant | ARVs |
| 67,299 | 6,8,10,12 | 257 | 345 | 215 | 17 | 81 | 72 |

Note: 1) These PRVs and hydrants are independent of those shown in Figure 4.1.2a and Figure 4.1.2b, below and are a part of the mainline improvement project component, only.

4.1.2 PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES (>1.5-INCH DIA.), VALVES AND HYDRANTS

The construction cost for the proposed pressure reducing valve stations and hydrants are presented in **Table 4.1.2a** and **Table 4.1.2b**, below.

Table 4.1.2a

| PRV Recommended Replacement Cost | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| Type | Existing PRV Size | MP Project Name | Associated Street | New PRV Size | Unit Price | Sub-total |
| PRV | 2-inch | Patricia | Patricia | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 1.5-inch | Rainy | Michele | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 1.5-inch | Rainy | Dorothy | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 3-inch | Rainy | Jerrilynn | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 1.5-inch | Patricia | Patricia | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 1.5-inch | In-place/No relocate | Del Rio Dr | 1.5" | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| PRV | 1.5-inch | Patricia | Moran | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 1.5-inch | In-place/No relocate | Cypress Pt | 1.5' | \$10,000 | NA |
| PRV | 3-inch | Wawona | Castlewood | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 2-inch | Wawona | Meadow | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 2-inch | San Ramon | San Ramon | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 2-inch | Wawona | Seminole | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 6-inch | In-place/No relocate | Medinah | 6" | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| PRV | 6-inch | In-place/No relocate | South Sierra | 6" | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| PRV | 6-inch | In-place/No relocate | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| PRV | 6-inch | In-place/No relocate | Hillcrest | 6" | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| PRV | 2-inch | Blue Lake Springs Dr | Moran | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| PRV | 6-inch | In-place/No relocate | Del Rio Dr | 6" | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| PRV | 2-inch | Wawona but not in MP list | Castlewood | 6" | | (ML Relocation) |
| Total Cost | | | | | | \$160,000 |



Table 4.1.2b

| Fire Hydrant Replacement Cost | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Type-Age | Existing Hydrant Size | Project Name | Associated Street | New Size | Unit Price Sub-total |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Cypress Pt | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | So. Sierra View | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Wawona Way | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Wawona Way | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Medinah Dr | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Medinah Dr | 6' | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Milbar Ct | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Belmont/Flamingo | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Belmont/Flamingo | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Belmont/Flamingo | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Belmont/Flamingo | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Belmont/Flamingo | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Iowa-50 | 6" | ZONE 13 | Del Paso Lane | 6" | \$5,800 |
| Total | | | | \$150,000 | |

The construction cost for the PRV stations is estimated at **\$160,000** and the total hydrant replacement cost is estimated at **\$150,000**.

The construction costs were based on information and data supplied by local contractors. There may be site conditions that could affect the costs.

4.1.3 WATER METERS

The estimate for meters takes into consideration a system-wide meter implementation program. During the 10% design, and prior to final plans and specifications, a "parcel-by-parcel" evaluation must be completed for all new meters and upgraded meter installations.



As noted in TM No. 1 (**Appendix C**) there are various conditions and alternatives for a system-wide water meter installation program. The new meter installation program includes two considerably different conditions:

- *Condition One (New Main Construction-860 Meters)*
- *Condition Two (Existing System-504 Meter Retrofits)*

It is assumed that 474 meters will be installed prior to the start of construction of the proposed USDA project by District staff.

Whenever and wherever possible the new construction will include double services (two meters served off of one service lateral) which will reduce the overall project costs. Details of double and single services can be found within TM No. 1. Other operational considerations were identified in the meter tech memo which included the addition of new individual PRV's/regulators and/or upgraded PRV's with new boxes for homeowners. **Table 4.1.3a**, below presents the cost estimate for the installation of the new water meters, taking into consideration existing meter boxes and services, new main construction, and general retro-fitting of existing installations.

Table 4.1.3a

| BLSMWC Meter Installation Cost Analysis (With 200 Driveway Installations) | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bid Item | Specification | Quantity (EA.) | Unit Price | | Cost |
| | | | Materials | Installation | |
| Scenario A1 - New Construction - | | | | | |
| Single Service - One Home | | | | | |
| Meter | 5/8-inch Sensus iPERL Meter | 288 | \$129 | | \$37,008 |
| SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | 288 | \$156 | | \$44,928 |
| Meter Box | Carson 1419-12 Meter box W/Lid | 288 | \$35 | | \$10,080 |
| Meter Valve | Ford Ball Meter Valve B-13 | 288 | \$67 | | \$19,296 |
| Check Valve | Watts 3/4" Check Valve #600 with #2 spring | 288 | \$17 | | \$4,896 |
| Gate Valve | Gate Valve | 288 | \$15 | | \$4,320 |
| Installation | | 288 | | \$350 | \$100,800 |
| Scenario A1 Sub-Total | | | | | \$221,328 |
| Scenario A2 - New Construction - | | | | | |
| Single Service - One Home - Driveway Installation | | | | | |
| Meter | 5/8-inch Sensus iPERL Meter | 200 | \$129 | | \$25,700 |

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|---|--|-----|-------|---------|------------------|
| Transceiver | SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | 200 | \$156 | | \$31,200 |
| Meter Box | Christy B16 Meter Box w/lid | 200 | \$75 | | \$15,000 |
| Meter Valve | Ford Ball Meter Valve B-13 | 200 | \$67 | | \$13,400 |
| Check Valve | Watts 3/4" Check Valve #600 with #2 spring | 200 | \$17 | | \$3,400 |
| Gate Valve | Gate Valve | 200 | \$15 | | \$3,000 |
| Installation | | 200 | | \$1,200 | \$240,000 |
| Scenario A2 Sub-total | | | | | \$331,700 |
| Scenario A3 - New Construction - | | | | | |
| Double Service | | | | | |
| Meter | 5/8-inch Sensus iPERL Meter | 330 | \$129 | | \$42,405 |
| Transceiver | SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | 115 | \$166 | | \$19,090 |
| Meter Box | Christy B16 Meter Box | 330 | \$75 | | \$24,750 |
| Meter Valve | Ford Ball Meter Valve B-13 | 330 | \$67 | | \$22,110 |
| Check Valve | Watts 3/4" Check Valve #600 with #2 spring | 330 | \$17 | | \$5,610 |
| Gate Valve | Gate Valve | 330 | \$15 | | \$4,950 |
| Installation | | 330 | | \$350 | \$115,500 |
| Scenario A3 Sub-Total | | | | | \$234,415 |
| Scenario B1 - Existing/Retrofit | | | | | |
| Single Service - One Home | | | | | |
| Meter | 5/8-inch Sensus iPERL Meter | 210 | \$129 | | \$26,985 |
| SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | 210 | \$156 | | \$32,760 |
| Meter Box | Carson 1419-12 Meter box W/Lid | 210 | \$35 | | \$7,350 |
| Meter Valve | Ford Ball Meter Valve B-13 | 210 | \$67 | | \$14,070 |
| Check Valve | Watts 3/4" Check Valve #600 with #2 spring | 210 | \$17 | | \$3,570 |
| Gate Valve | Gate Valve | 210 | \$15 | | \$3,150 |
| Installation | | 210 | | \$350 | \$73,500 |
| Scenario B1 Sub-Total | | | | | \$161,385 |
| Scenario B2 - Existing/Retrofit | | | | | |
| Double Service | | | | | |
| Meter | 5/8-inch Sensus iPERL Meter | 209 | \$129 | | \$26,857 |
| SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | SmartPoint AMR Transceiver | 105 | \$166 | | \$17,430 |
| Meter Box | Carson 1419-12 Meter box W/Lid | 209 | \$35 | | \$7,315 |
| Meter Valve | Ford Ball Meter Valve B-13 | 209 | \$67 | | \$14,003 |



| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----|------|-------|--------------------|
| Check Valve | Watts 3/4" Check Valve #600 with #2 spring | 209 | \$17 | | \$3,553 |
| Gate Valve | Gate Valve | 209 | \$15 | | \$3,135 |
| Installation | | 209 | | \$350 | \$73,150 |
| Scenario B2 Sub-Total | | | | | \$145,443 |
| Sub-Total Cost - Scenario A | | | | | \$787,443 |
| Sub-Total Cost - Scenario B | | | | | \$306,828 |
| Sub-Total Cost | | | | | \$1,094,271 |

The construction cost for the water meter installation project is estimated at **\$1,094,271** which takes into consideration various components, such as retrofitting existing installations, backyard re-locations, new main construction, and other factors.

4.1.4 BOOSTER PUMP STATIONS

A cost estimate is provided below in **Table 4.1.4a** for the booster station requiring replacement/upgrading:

Table 4.1.4a

| Booster Pump Station | | | |
|---|--------|------|---------------------|
| Item | Quant. | Unit | Material/Labor |
| Concrete Slab 6" | 5 | CY | \$3,200.00 |
| Building Modifications | 1 | LS | \$17,500.00 |
| Electrical Modifications | 1 | LS | \$10,000.00 |
| Fencing (8' chain link) | 120 | FT | \$3600.00 |
| Access/paving | 600 | SF | \$3000.00 |
| Yard Piping | 1 | LS | \$18,000.00 |
| Skid Mounted Booster Station/ PLC Control | 1 | LS | \$60,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$115,300.00 |

The estimated construction cost for the upgraded booster pump station is \$115,300.00. The construction cost is based on information and data supplied by local contractors. There may be site and bidding conditions that could increase the costs.

4.1.5 TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE

The total construction cost estimate is **\$9,456,075**, as noted in **Table 4.1.5a**, below. These costs do not include design, CM, administration and other associated costs.

Table 4.1.5a
Total Construction Project Cost Estimate (Option 2)

| Item | Component | Description | Estimated Cost |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1. | Mainline Replacement | See Table 4.1.1a for Description | \$7,842,879 |
| 2. | PRV Station(s) | See Table 4.1.2a for Description | \$ 160,000 |
| 3. | Fire Hydrant(s) | See Table 4.1.3a for Description | \$ 150,000 |
| 4. | Water Meters(1) | See Table 4.1.4a for Description | \$1,094,271 |
| 5. | Booster PS Upgrade | See Table 4.1.5a for Description | \$ 115,300 |
| Sub-Total Construction | | | \$9,362,450 |
| 6. | Mobilization (1%) | | \$ 93,625 |
| Total Cost for All Projects | | | \$9,456,075 |

4.2 DESIGN CRITERIA

4.2.1 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DESIGN CRITERIA

Table 4.2.1a below show a basis of design for the distribution system pipeline:

Table 4.2.1a
Pipelines Design Criteria

| Need | Basis of Design |
|---|---|
| Construct 6-inch and 8-inch mains with house services and meter boxes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide pipeline installation that will be able to meet the operating under dynamic and static conditions |
| Construct new hydrants and ARVs and relocated PRVs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide minimum fire-flow of 1000 gpm at less than 10 fps velocity and a 30 psi residual pressure based on water model results and water loss data from improved metering • Use C 900-CL 200 PVC pipe to meet operation conditions • Use polyethylene pipe for services • Restraint joints and ARVs to be installed per design • ¾-inch or 1-inch services with corporation stops |

4.2.2 PRVs (>1.5-INCH DIA.), VALVES AND HYDRANTS DESIGN CRITERIA

Table 4.2.2a below show a basis of design for the pressure reducing valves and hydrants:

Table 4.2.2a
Pressure Reducing Valves and Hydrants

| Need | Basis of Design |
|---|--|
| Construct new hydrants to meet fire flow requirements and eliminate old and deteriorated leaking hydrants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide minimum fire-flow of 1000 gpm at less than 10 fps velocity and a 30 psi residual pressure based on water model results and water loss data from improved metering. |
| Construct new PRVs at specified locations to properly address system pressure differentials and reduce health and safety concerns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide materials as per AWWA PRVs to include vaults with traffic approved lids in roadways PRVs to be accessible for access to perform maintenance |
| Construct new street valves for proper operation of hydrants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRV locations based on modeling results |

4.2.3 WATER METER DESIGN CRITERIA

Table 4.2.3a below show a basis of design for the water meters:

Table 4.2.3a
Water Meter Design Criteria

| Need | Basis of Design |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Improve supply/process efficiency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry standards for data management and meter reading combined with BLSMWC Metered Areas for water loss management. Installation of new meters to be consistent with the existing technology currently being implemented by BLSMWC to minimize spare parts requirements Maintain industry standard for meter reading and meter data management including relying on a licensed primary frequency for related endpoints |
| Water Loss Reduction | |
| AWWA Water Audit ILI target of 1.0 | |
| Minimize staff time for meter reading | |

4.2.4 BOOSTER PUMP STATION DESIGN CRITERIA

Calculations will be performed during design for the proposed Cypress Point project with a maximum total dynamic head (TDH) that might be incurred by a fire pump at this site while relying on the existing 6" diameter pipe to boost water flows to Tank No. 6. The calculation for pump sizing and control strategy will be completed during the 10% design phase based on updated water model results and recommendations and as noted on **Table 4.2.4a**:

Table 4.2.4a
Pump Station Design Criteria

| Need | Basis of Design |
|---|--|
| No pump redundancy for existing booster stations located at WTP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• California Waterworks Standards Section 64554 – Peak Hourly Demand,• Minimum 1000 gpm fire-flow. [1] |
| Provide alternate alignment for boosted water to tank No. 6 and take full advantage of the CCWD Inter-tie | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and Safety Standards for power at critical sites in the event of a power outage• Operational efficiency and SCADA controls |
| Provide backup supply in the event that Tank No. 6 requires emergency or routine maintenance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AWWA M42 – Minimum of 1-day emergency supply, 20% Diurnal Average Daily, fire-flow requirements |

4.3 UNFEASIBLE PROJECTS

There were no reasonable project alternatives for any of the proposed projects. Whereas new systems will often require a higher level of evaluation before choosing the most cost-effective project, upgrades and replacements do not typically allow for any significant deviation from the standard design and construction of existing facilities. Due to the lack of viable alternatives, no mapping showing alternatives or related discussions on land requirements and environmental comparisons was required. However, the required CEQA and NEPA documents will address the no project alternative.

4.4 SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Water Efficiency

Because many of the accounts are currently un-metered, the BLSMWC has limited ability to monitor and control water usage for specific accounts. In 2015 the BLSMWC issued Stage 3 drought related directives in an effort to reduce customer water consumption in response to State mandates coupled with dangerously low levels in the BLSMWC's wells. After the rainfall that occurred during the winter of 2015/2016 the BLSMWC was able to drop to a Stage 2 level status. The BLSMWC's drought response measures are summarized below in **Table 4.4a**.

Table 4.4a
Drought Response Stages

| Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Drought Action Plan | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Summarization of drought stage water use reduction targets, triggering supply conditions, objectives and response actions. | | | |
| Table 1. Drought Plan Summary | | | |
| Water Supply Conditions | Drought Stage | Objective | Response Actions |
| Slightly Restricted Water Supplies (below normal) Asking shareholders for up to 10% Supply Reduction | Drought Stage 1 – Voluntary reductions in use. NO watering of forest trees (Bark Beetle). Voluntary Odd/Even outside watering. | Initiate public awareness of predicted water shortage and encourage conservation. Flyers to Realtors for vacation rentals. | Encourage voluntary measures to decrease "normal" demand up to 10%. Voluntary: Odd/Even watering based on addresses during specific times of day. NO WATERING ON MONDAYS Shareholder Awareness through flyers and website. Waste Water Fines – 1 st - written warning; 2 nd - \$100 fine and install meter at shareholder's expense; 3 rd - \$1,000 fine. |
| Moderately Restricted Water Supplies Necessary 20% Total Supply Reduction | Drought Stage 2 – Mandatory stage with restrictions on use. Odd/Even days watering based on addresses. NO watering of forest trees (Bark Beetle). No unnecessary watering (decks, driveways, cars, etc.) | Increase public understanding of worsening water supply conditions and enforce mandatory conservation measures. | Enforce mandatory measures and implement water rationing to decrease "normal" demand by 20%. Mandatory: Odd/Even watering based on addresses during specific times of day. NO watering on Mondays. Fines are the same as in Stage 1. |
| Severely Restricted Water Supplies Necessary 50% Total Supply Reduction | Drought Stage 3 – Mandatory restrictions (severe prohibitions) on use. NO OUTSIDE WATERING | Ensure that water use is limited to health and safety purposes. | Enforce extensive restrictions on water use and implement water rationing to decrease demand up to 50% of "normal" demand. NO OUTSIDE WATERING Fines are DOUBLED those listed in Stage 1. |

Customers were prohibited from outdoor watering, car washing, and similar activities throughout 2015. As a result, annual consumption for 2015 was reduced by 33% over previous years.

In addition to an aggressive drought response plan to encourage water efficiency, the BLSMWC also maintains a rebate program for water efficient toilets, however, participation in this program has been somewhat limited in the past. Nonetheless, the BLSMWC elected to continue to offer a \$50.00 rebate for 2016 as part of this program.

In general, the lack of complete metering not only creates inequities throughout the BLSMWC, it makes it very difficult for the BLSMWC to enforce drought response measures or track leaks and excessive use for subsequent notification and/or enforcement activities. However, by monitoring production rates, the BLSMWC has identified new leaks in the past based on spikes at the production sources. Once meters are installed, a water audit followed by a system-wide leak survey is recommended in the future to aid in identifying water losses. New meters will greatly improve the ability to monitor losses and will allow the BLSMWC to complete an accurate AWWA spreadsheet based water audit of the system on an annual basis, thereby greatly improving overall water efficiency through awareness and the ability to measure the effectiveness of programs and related customer and BLSMWC responses.

With the introduction of system-wide drive-by meter reading, the BLSMWC will realize savings in labor and vehicle usage for reading meters. This will result in a reduction in green-house gas emissions while providing extensive data on customer usage for each account to facilitate future rate programs aimed at encouraging conservation.

Detailed usage data within select BLSMWC metered areas can assist in identifying leaking mains and aid in prioritizing future main replacements and related capital improvements.

Energy Efficiency

The total budget for energy usage within the BLSMWC was \$40,000. This includes purchased energy for wells, water treatment, booster pumping and BLSMWC offices. Of this total, an estimated 80% (\$30,000 annually) is associated with pumping at the following facilities:

Supply Wells:

- White Pines Well #1
- White Pines Well #2
- White Pines Well #3
- 20 HP Backwash Pump at WTP
- 75 HP Booster Pumps (2 ea.) at WTP

- Cypress Point Booster Pump Station (non-operational)
- Borad Well (pending)
- Lucia Well (completed 2016)

Currently the three permitted wells and the booster pumps at the WTP create most of the demand for electrical power. With the introduction of new sources from CCWD, the opportunity exists to optimize use of both groundwater and surface water sources.

Considerations for energy efficiency include:

- ❖ Optimizing surface water from CCWD to limit the use of groundwater while minimizing drawdown and maximizing efficiency in existing wells
- ❖ Relying on new meters and knowledge of system-wide demands to optimize water supply sources at various times throughout the year to minimize energy and operating costs
- ❖ Considering the utilization of distribution booster pumping to augment areas currently served by groundwater with surface water
- ❖ Leveraging existing storage to optimize time-of-use pumping and minimize energy costs

4.5 PROJECTS IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The BLSMWC has enlisted the service of Analytical Environmental Services (AES), based in Sacramento, CA, to prepare the environmental documentation for the projects recommended in this report. Details regarding environmental impacts can be found in related reports prepared by AES for CEQA and NEPA compliance.

5. SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE

The scope of this project is limited to the replacement of substandard waterlines, pressure reducing valves, and fire hydrants; along with completing the on-going water meter installation program. The only alternative to not doing this required work would be a “No Project” alternative that would in effect only defer the construction of these much needed improvements to a later date at a higher cost. A Life Cycle Cost Analysis was therefore not completed being that there are no actual alternatives to compare.



6. PROJECT PLANNING

6.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND COSTS

The proposed project(s) locations are shown in **Figure 6.1a** and total construction costs in **Table 6.1a**, below.



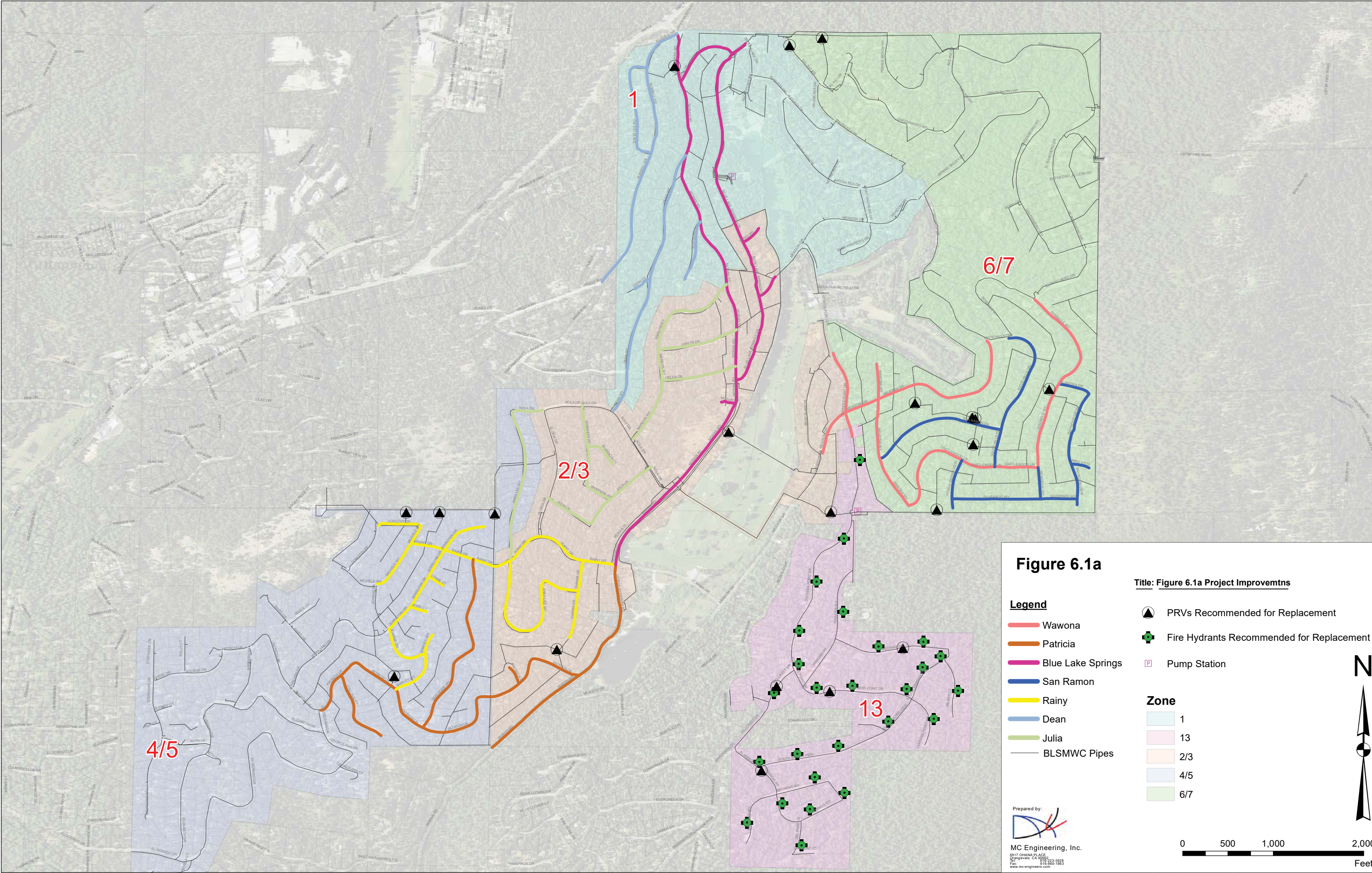


Table 6.1a
Total Construction Project Cost Estimate (Option 2)

| Item | Projects | Project Description | Estimated Cost |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1. | Mainline Replacement | Refer to Figure 6.1a for location map and Section 6.1.1 for detailed description. | \$7,842,879 |
| 2. | PRV Station Replacement(s) | Refer to Figure 6.1a for location map and Section 6.1.2 for detailed description. | \$ 160,000 |
| 3. | Fire Hydrant Replacements(s) | Refer to Figure 6.1a for location map and Section 6.1.3 for detailed description. | \$ 150,000 |
| 4. | Water Meters (1) Installation | Refer to Figure 6.1a for location map and Section 6.1.4 for detailed description. | \$1,094,271 |
| 5. | Booster PS Upgrade | Refer to Figure 6.1a for location map and Section 6.1.5 for detailed description. | \$ 115,300 |
| Sub-Total Construction | | | \$9,362,450 |
| 6. | Mobilization (1%) | | \$ 93,625 |
| Total Cost for All Projects | | | \$9,456,075 |

Notes: (1) Total meter installation is \$ 1,094,271 for 1278 new meters (retro-fit and main relocation construction meters).
This does not include 432 existing installed meters and 315 un-metered vacant lots.

Land Requirements

Based on current land development information including subdivision, parcel maps, lot line adjustments, easements and R/W's the existing BLSMWC facilities are shown to be installed within the public right-of-way. There may be conflicts as to the location of existing meters and or meter boxes. It is not known whether the meter and meter boxes were located within the utility R/W. There have been some conflicts, as noted by the BLSMWC staff, with the location of the property corners during installation of hydrants and water meters. These errors or discrepancies in the line locations made be due to mapping, and/or the field staking of the parcels or the property corners may have been moved. This potential will be rectified during the design phase of the project. It is also recognized that any work on private property is considered non-eligible under the USDA guideline.

Potential Construction Problems

A typical trench detail, per **Figure 6.1.1a**, above will be utilized. The typical trench depth will be a minimum of 36-inches of cover, and is subject to deferring and variable site conditions including and limited to; existing dry and wet utilities, culverts, ditches, and other sub-surface native materials and as noted in procedural protocols below;

- USA locations, permits, and field staking.
- Pre-notification to customers regarding construction efforts, including new meter boxes, meters, and services. Due to the construction of new water meters, close coordination with all customers will be required (1364 customers).
- Periodic water system shut-offs will be required and include pre-notification to all customers affected by shut-offs.
- Standard dust and noise controls.
- Removal of some trees.
- Signage and other encroachment permit requirements.

The two most serious construction related issues will be water shut-offs and road closures and/or detours.

6.1.1 WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

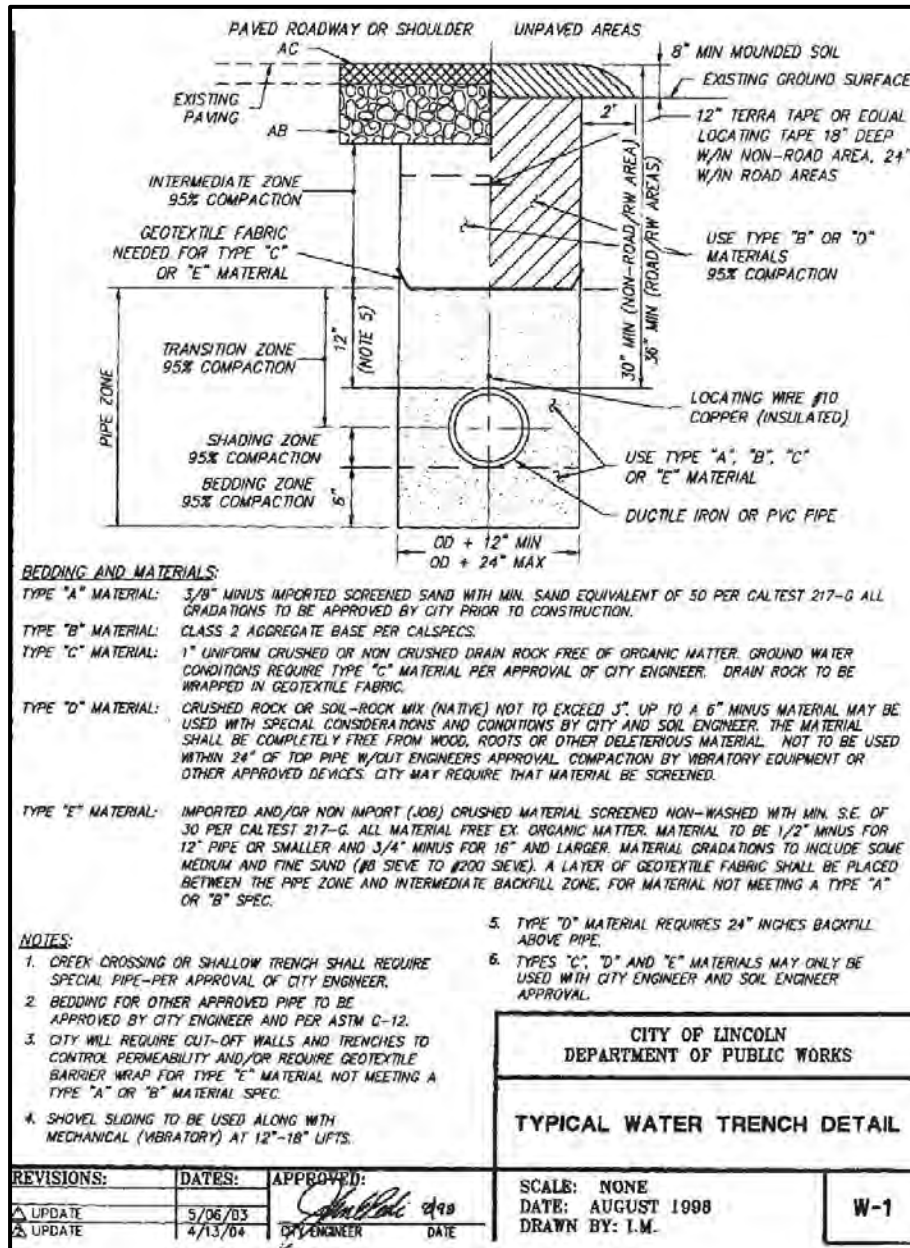
The Distribution mainline relocation project consists of abandoning in-place, old and deteriorated mains within the back-of-lots and in some cases within the streets (**Figure 6.1**). The mainline construction will consist of new water mains ranging in size from 6-inch to 10-inch in diameter. The total cost estimate for the mains also includes miscellaneous appurtenances including and not limited to air relief valves (ARV), fire hydrants, large relocated PRVs, gate valves, and ¾ or 1-inch house services, and meter boxes and meters. A detailed cost-estimate for



each mainline project is shown in **Appendix J**. This cost estimate was developed by acquiring recent bid and construction costs from local contractor(s) (Sierra Nevada) on similar size and type water main projects. A summary of the total mainline replacement project(s) is as noted in **Table 4.1.1a**, above. **The mainline distribution cost is estimated to be \$7,842,879 and a typical trench detail is located below in Figure 6.1.1a.**



Figure 6.1.1a
Typical Trench Detail

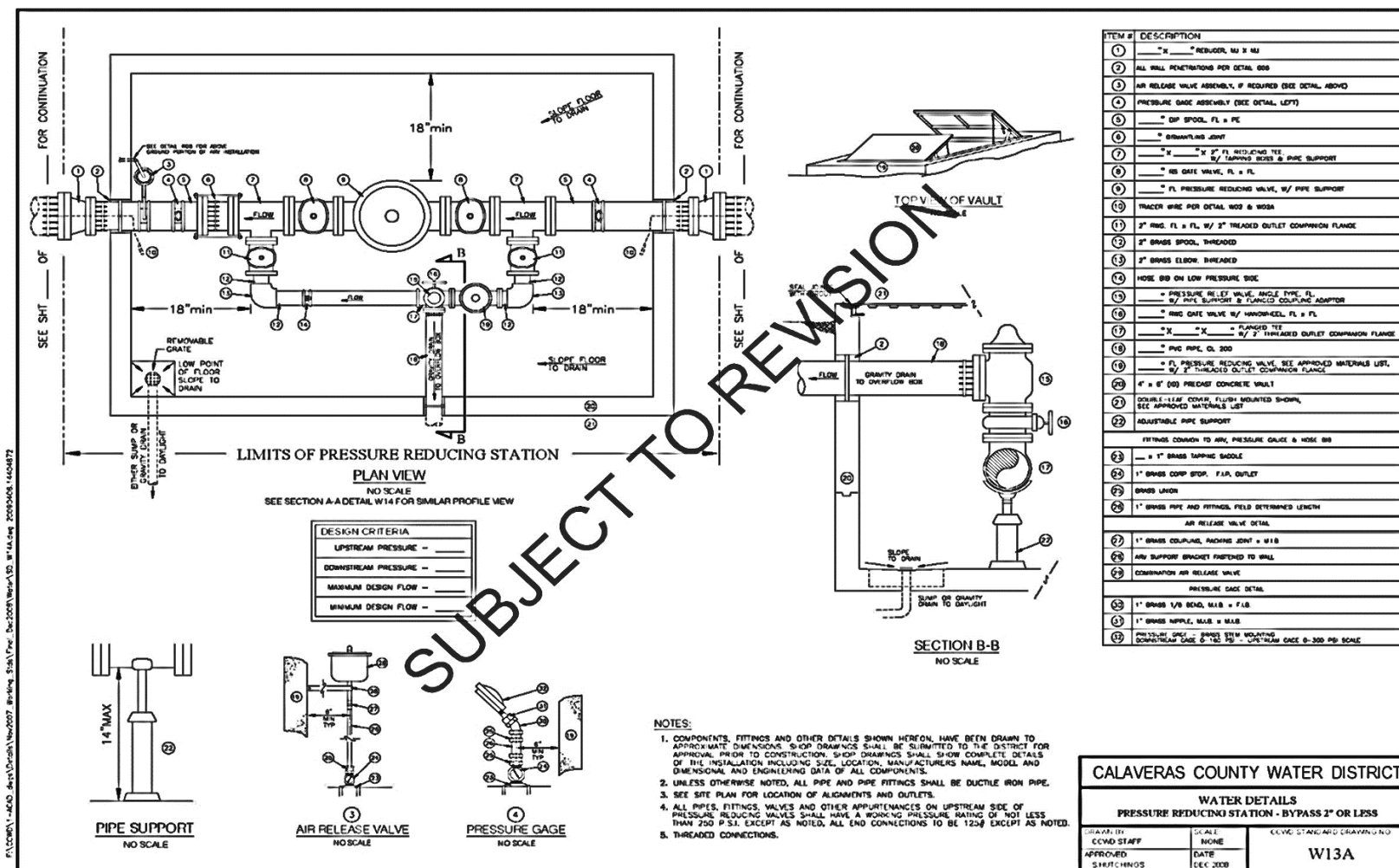


6.1.2 PRV STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The PRV Station consists of installing five (5) new 6-inch and one (1) new 1.5-inch PRVs throughout the service area (**Figure 6.1**). The new relocated PRV stations will require a cut-in to the existing main, vault with traffic rated cover/lid, and pressure reducing valve and appurtenances. The vaults will require double access doors to meet CA OSHA requirements with additional details to be developed at the 10% design stage. A preliminary cost-estimate for the PRV station project is shown in **Section 4**, above. A typical detail for a PRV is noted below in **Figure 6.1.2a**. **The PRV station improvements are estimated to be \$160,000.**



Figure 6.1.2a
Typical PRV Station Detail

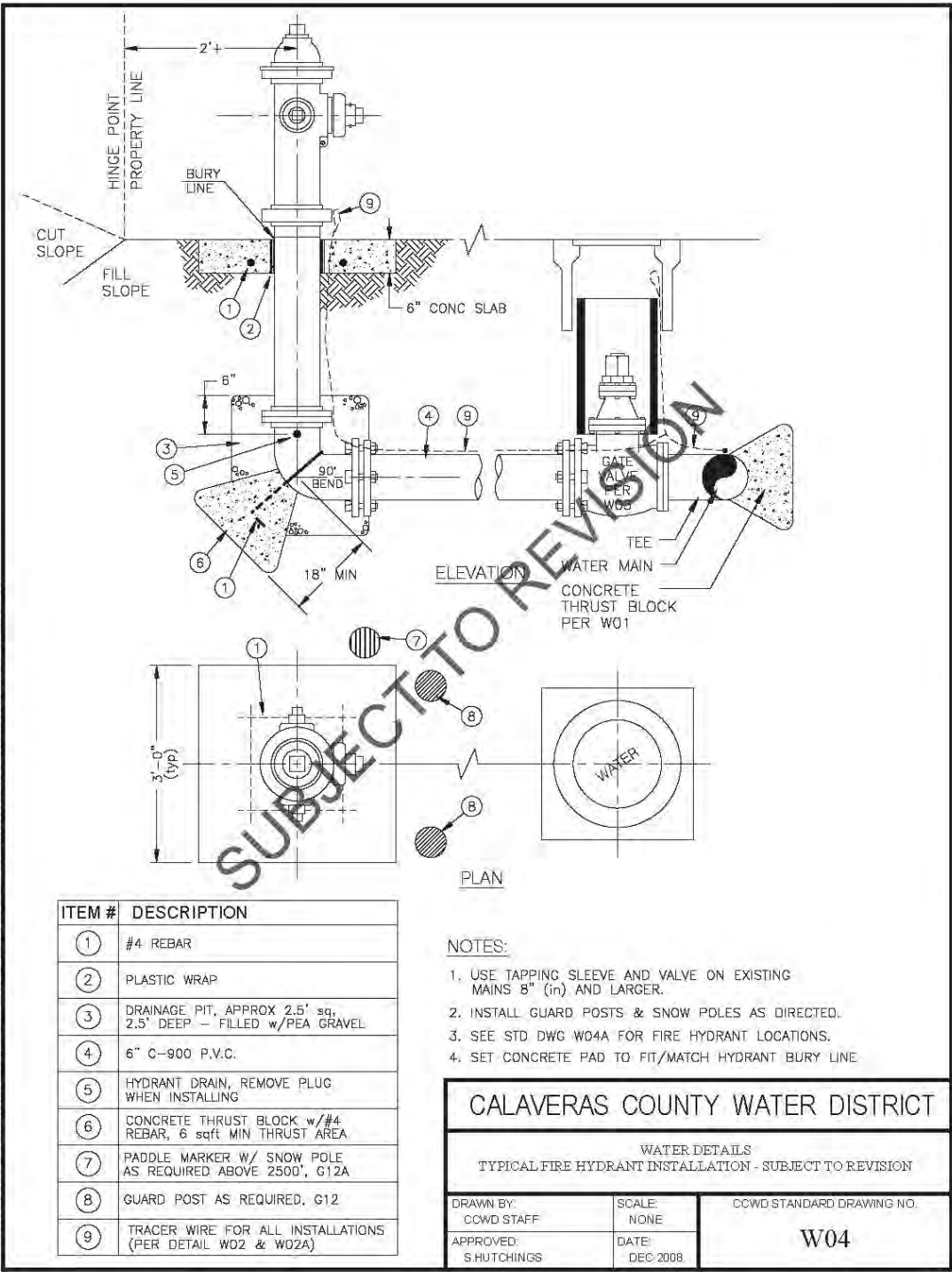


6.1.3 FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The fire hydrant project consists of installing 26 new 6-inch fire hydrants, specifically in Village 13 (**Figure 6.1**). The new hydrants will require a cut-in to the existing main, street gate valve and appurtenances. A preliminary cost-estimate for the hydrant replacement project **Section 4**, above. A typical detail for a Hydrant is noted below in **Figure 6.1.3a**. **The fire hydrant replacement cost is estimated to be \$150,000.**



Figure 6.1.3a
Typical Hydrant Detail

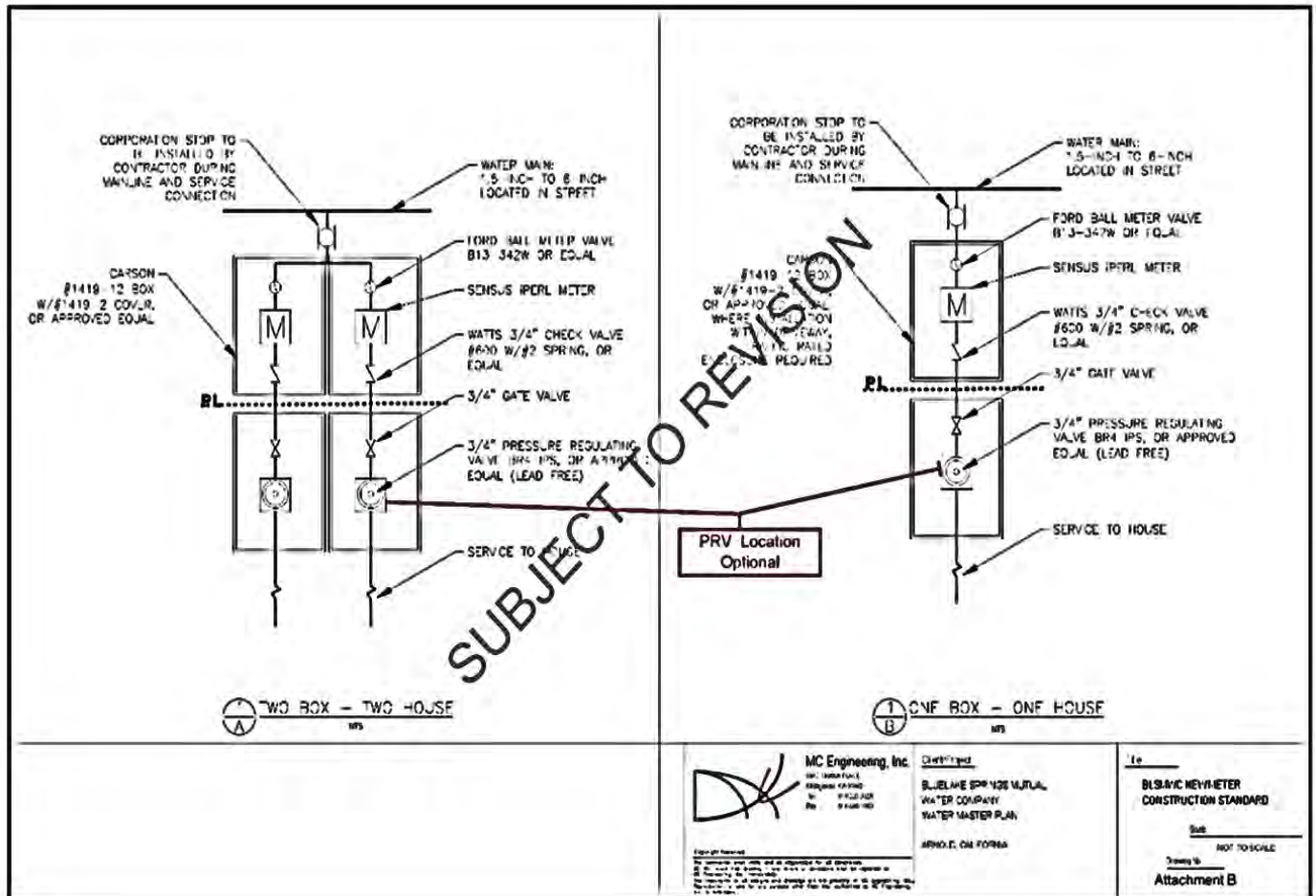


6.1.4 WATER METER INSTALLATION PROJECT

The water meter replacement project consists of two types (scenarios) of installations; 1) installation of 860 meters within the water main relocation/replacement areas and 2) 504 retro-fit meter installations where services have already been constructed in prior years. The *new construction* meter installations will include services, corporation stops, iPERL meter, SmartPoint AMR Transceiver, meter box (with or without traffic approved lid), curb, meter valve, check and gate valve. The *retro-fit* meters will include iPERL meter, SmartPoint AMR Transceiver, meter box (optional), meter valve, check and gate valve. Unimproved parcels, in the new construction areas, will only have a service line and box installed, with the meter being installed at the time of occupancy following construction of new home. It is assumed that services have already been provided to vacant lots not affected by new construction.

A serious and important design consideration will be the location and placement of the meter box and meter in those areas where an existing meter box does not exist. Lot by lot evaluations will be conducted to locate each new meter installation within the R/W and where feasible, the cost-effective installation of a double meter service will be designed and constructed. A preliminary cost-estimate for the meter installation project is shown in **Section 4**, above. A typical detail for a new meter connection is shown below in **Figure 6.1.4a**. **The meter installation improvement project is estimated to be \$1,094,271.**

Figure 6.1.4a
New Meter Installation Typical Detail

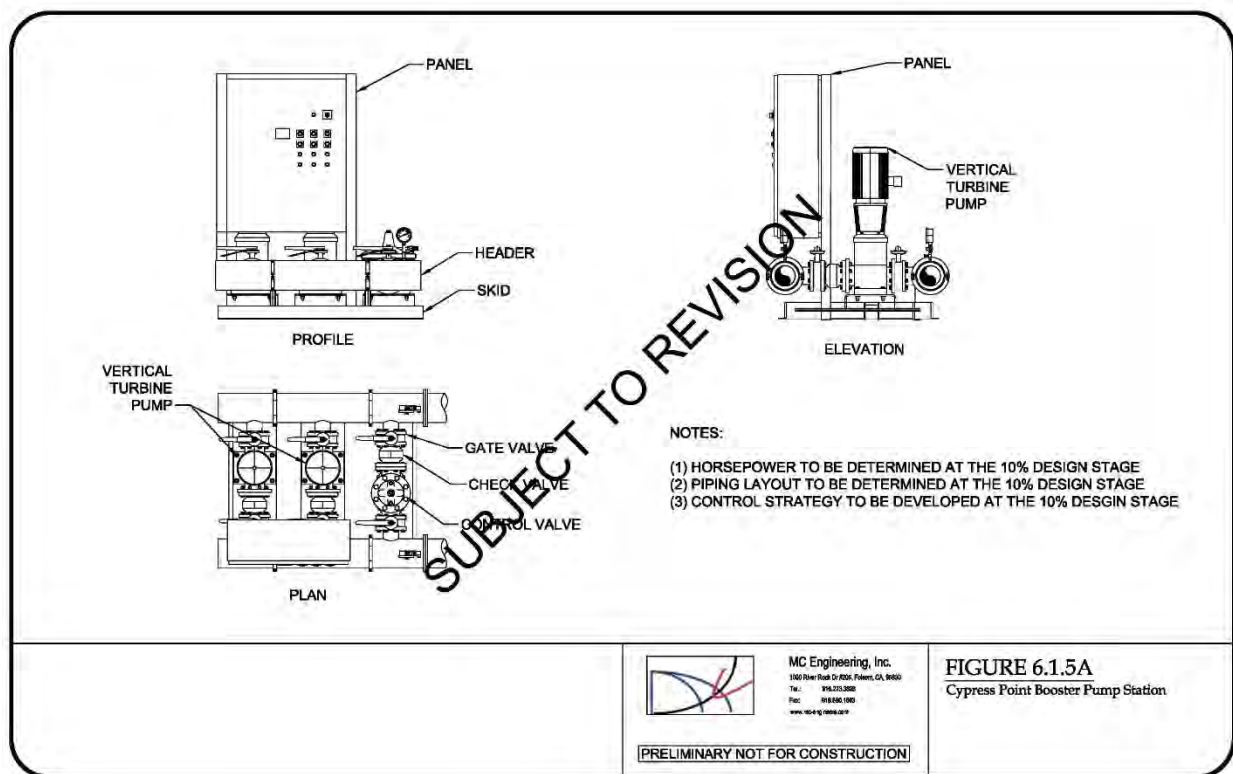


6.1.5 BOOSTER PUMP STATION PROJECT

The booster pump station upgrade project consists of the installation of two (2) booster pumps (skid mounted), building modifications, electrical and control modification, fencing, paving, and yard piping. The location is noted in **(Figure 6.1)**. A thorough evaluation of the required improvement at the existing booster pump station (Cypress), will be evaluated at the 10% design stage. A preliminary cost-estimate for the upgraded booster pump station is noted in **Section 4**, above. A typical detail for a skid mount booster pump is shown below in **Figure 6.1.5a**. The booster pump station improvement cost are estimated to be \$115,300.



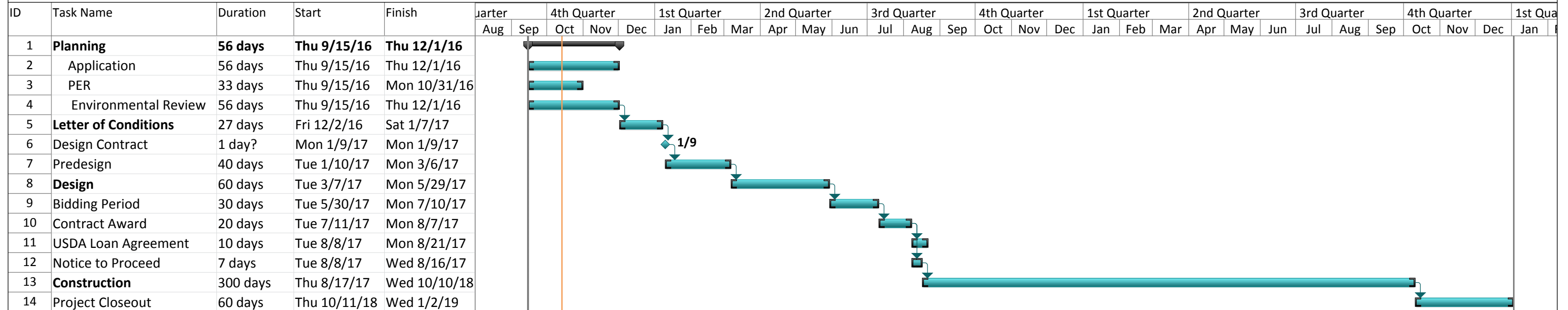
Figure 6.1.5a
Cypress Point Booster Pump Station





















6.2 PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project schedule below anticipates a 16-18-month construction schedule, including downtime due to in-climate weather during the winter (December-March). Another important consideration is the design schedule. It may be difficult to establish ground control and field design during the winter months of January-March of 2017. Other consideration effecting the schedule are the establishment of a fair and equitable rate structure to provide the necessary debt service to repay the USDA loan and the requirement, due to the amount of the loan (> than \$5,000,000) request, which requires the submittal of the PERs and application to the "National" office for review and approval. See **Table 6.2a**, below.

Table 6.2.a
Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company
USDA Funded Water System Improvements
Preliminary Project Schedule



| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------|---|
| Project: Project1 Date: Fri 10/14/16 | Task |  | Project Summary |  | Inactive Milestone |  | Manual Summary Rollup |  | Deadline |  |
| | Split |  | External Tasks |  | Inactive Summary |  | Manual Summary |  | Progress |  |
| | Milestone |  | External Milestone |  | Manual Task |  | Start-only |  | | |
| | Summary |  | Inactive Task |  | Duration-only |  | Finish-only |  | | |

6.3 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Project permits may include and not be limited to the following:

- Stream alteration permit possible (CDFG)
- Encroachment permit with Calaveras County
- CRWQCB Stormwater Permit
- Other minor permits may be required, such as building permit for upgrades to booster station

6.4 TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

The total project cost estimate is **\$12,225,744**, including a 10% project contingency. It also assumes a 14-16 month construction schedule. The construction period will be limited by wet-weather and winter weather conditions, between the months of December through March. Other project unknowns will include subsurface conditions due to rock and groundwater. All pipeline design will provide allowable trench depths to avoid rock, where possible. Location of water service lines maybe problematic due to various site conditions such as, trees, cut-banks, county road-side ditches, and property corners (exact locations).



Table 6.4a
Total Project Cost Estimate

| USDA Total Cost Spreadsheet | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|------------|
| Item | Subtotal | Total | |
| Miscellaneous Land and Environmental | | | |
| Property Purchase / Lease Agreements (Indirect Costs) | | \$0 | |
| Easement Acquisition / Right of Way / Water Rights | | \$0 | |
| Environmental Services | | | |
| a- CEQA/NEPA Environmental Report | \$36,000 | | |
| b- Environmental Mitigation Contract (See Eng. Services) | \$0 | | |
| Total – Environmental Services | | \$36,000 | (A) |
| Engineering Services | | | |
| Basic Services: | | | |
| Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) | \$62,250 | | |
| Preliminary/Final Design Phase Services (8.0%) | \$701,227 | | |
| Bidding / Contract Award Phase Services | \$25,000 | | |
| Assistance with Environmental Permits | \$10,000 | | |
| As-Built Record Drawing | \$25,000 | | |
| Resident Project Rep (Resident Inspector 4.5%) | \$419,164.00 | | |
| Total – Engineering Services | | \$1,242,641 | (B) |
| Additional Services (Indirect Costs) | | | |
| Permitting (Right-of-Way and Easements) | \$20,000 | | |
| Regulatory Compliance Reports (Construction Phase) | \$15,000 | | |
| Environmental Mitigation Services (Construction Phase) | \$30,000 | | |
| Easement Acquisition/ROW Services (Construction Phase) | \$15,000 | | |
| Surveying Services (Construction Phase) | \$68,000 | | |
| Operation & Maintenance Manuals | \$5,000 | | |
| Geotechnical Services | \$40,000 | | |
| Materials Testing Services (Construction Phase) | \$41,597 | | |
| Administration/Project Management | \$125,000 | | |
| Legal Counsel | \$20,000 | | |
| Total – Additional Services | | \$379,597 | (C) |
| Equipment/Materials (Direct Purchases) | | \$0 | |
| Construction Cost Estimate | | \$9,456,075 | (D) |
| Subtotal (Without Contingencies) (A+B+C+D) | | \$11,114,313 | |
| 10% Contingency (Total Project) (A+B+C+D) * 10% | | \$1,111,431 | |
| TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE: \$12,225,744 | | | |

6.5 ANNUAL OPERATING COST AND REVENUE

Table 6.5a is a breakdown of the FY 2016 annual budget broken down into system components. Also included within the table is the projected 2018 budget, which is based on a 10% increase over 10 years or 5% per year.



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Table 6.5a
FY 2016 Operations Budget
And Projected 2018 Budget After Improvements (1)

| EXPENSE DETAIL: | Total Annual Cost (2016) | Operations and Maintenance System Components | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | Meters (10%) | Distribution (45%) | Wells / WTP (45%) | 2016 Total | 2018 Proposed Budget (10%) |
| Salaries & Taxes | 406,650 | 40,665 | 182,993 | 182,993 | 406,650 | 40,665 |
| Benefits (insurance & IRA) | 141,650 | 14,165 | 63,743 | 63,743 | 141,650 | 14,165 |
| Property / Liability Insurance | 25,000 | 2,500 | 11,250 | 11,250 | 25,000 | 2,500 |
| Workers Comp Insurance | 20,000 | 2,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 20,000 | 2,000 |
| Power (WTP, wells, pumps) | 30,000 | 3,000 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 30,000 | 3,000 |
| CCWD Water Purchas | 92,000 | na | na | 92,000 | 92,000 | 9,200 |
| Water Test (State requirements) | 8,000 | na | na | 8,000 | 8,000 | 800 |
| Operating Supplies | 15,000 | 1,500 | 6,750 | 6,750 | 15,000 | 150 |
| Standby Power Generation (fuel & O&M) | 2,000 | na | na | 2,000 | 2,000 | 200 |
| Telephone / Communications | 10,000 | 1,000 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 10,000 | 100 |
| Vehicle / Operating | 11,000 | 1,100 | 4,950 | 4,950 | 11,000 | 110 |
| Vehicle / Maintenance | 5,000 | 500 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 5,000 | 500 |
| System Maintenance | 64,000 | 6,400 | 28,800 | 28,800 | 64,000 | 6,400 |
| Legal, Contractual, Professional Services | 19,000 | 1,900 | 8,550 | 8,550 | 19,000 | 1,900 |
| Meeting & Membership | 9,500 | 950 | 4,275 | 4,275 | 9,500 | 950 |
| Drought | 2,500 | na | na | 2,500 | 2,500 | 250 |
| Postage | 1,000 | 100 | 450 | 450 | 1,000 | 100 |
| Office Rental | 14,000 | 1,400 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 14,000 | 140 |
| Income Tax | 1,500 | 150 | 675 | 675 | 1,500 | 150 |
| Depreciation / Amortization | 7,000 | 700 | 3,150 | 3,150 | 7,000 | 700 |
| Miscellaneous | 5,000 | 500 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 5,000 | 500 |
| Education & Training | 2,000 | 200 | 900 | 900 | 2,000 | 200 |
| Office Equipment Repairs | 500 | 50 | 225 | 225 | 500 | 50 |
| State Water System Fees | 12,000 | 1,200 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 12,000 | 120 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 904,300 | 79,980 | 359,910 | 464,410 | 904,300 | 84,850 |
| NET O&M Costs After Construction | | | | | | 84,850 |

Note: (1) This proposed budget is based on existing increases and is projected to 5% per year for two years. The proposed improvements will have no negative impacts to the budgets as proposed.

The revenue for the 2016 budget is based on a total of 2025 parcels, which are billed once per year. Parcel owners are billed in November of the prior year with payment due by March of the following year. Each parcel/customer is required to pay in full the yearly assessment. If payments are late or delinquent the BLSMWC will take various actions, including and not limited to placing liens on delinquent and unpaid properties. **Table 6.5b** below is a breakdown of the current and projected revenue received for FY 2015 and FY 2016 budgets, respectively.



Table 6.5b
FY 2015 and FY 2016 Projected Revenues
Per Customer Type
(w/out Debt service)

| Year: 2015 | Fee | Count | Total |
|--|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Improved Parcel Without Meter (Home) | \$723 | 1008 | \$ 728,784 |
| Improved Parcel w/out Meter (Home) w/ Hose | \$760 (1) w/ \$37 | 430 | \$ 326,800 |
| Improved Parcel w/ Meter (Home Meter) | \$662 | 272 | \$ 180,064 |
| Unimproved Parcel (Lot) | \$415 | 311 | \$ 129,065 |
| Unimproved Parcel (Combined Lot) | \$104 | 4 | \$ 416 |
| Total | | 2025 | \$1,365,129 |

| Year: 2016 | Fee | Count | Total |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Improved Parcel Without Meter (Home) | \$795 | 994 | \$ 790,230 |
| Improved Parcel w/out Meter (Home w/ Hose) | \$ 836 (1) w/ \$41 | 416 | \$ 347,776 |
| Improved Parcel w/ Meter (Home Meter) | \$728 | 297 | \$ 216,216 |
| Unimproved Parcel (Lot) | \$457 | 295 | \$ 134,815 |
| Unimproved Parcel (Combined Lot) | \$114 | 23 | \$ 2,622 |
| Total | | 2025 | \$1,491,659 |

Note: (1) These parcels are charged a hose fee of \$37/yr and \$41/yr for FY 2015 and FY 2016, respectively

6.6 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST (O&M)

The yearly operation and maintenance cost(s) for the BLSMWC will increase slightly as a result of the proposed USDA construction improvements. The current staff will be sufficient to operate and maintain the additional improved facilities.

As a result of the proposed mainline replacements, the current level of effort required to repair old and deteriorated mains will be reduced and will enable the field and office personnel to allocate more time to the routine and necessary operation and maintenance programs which provide safe and reliable drinking water to all service area customers. This includes allocating more time (labor) and effort for performing the daily operation and maintenance of the WTP, booster pump stations, water meter and reads, miscellaneous customer complaints and inquiries, purchase of operating supplies, and working closely with the Calaveras County Water District in the purchase and "wheeling" of potable water within the service area. There may be a slight increase in the meter reading labor efforts as a result of the installation of over 1200 new meters. The office and field labor required to read and maintain water meters will be

minimal as a result of the installation of new radio read meters and appurtenances, which allows the staff to instantaneously acquire meter data with “drive-by” technology.

Other benefits may include the reduction in the purchase of supplies to repair old and deteriorated pipelines and services within the service area. This also includes a non-monetary and safety benefits to the field staff as a result of the construction of new PRV stations which provide safe access to perform required operation and maintenance.

A significant annual cost benefit with the installation of new meters will be realized by the BLSMWC. This will allow the staff to audit and/or bill each customer for the use of water through accurate and quantifiable data. This will ultimately reduce water treatment and wholesale water purchase costs and allow staff to better pin-point their water leaks within pressure zones.

6.7 DEBT REPAYMENTS

As per the FY 2016 Budget and past audits, the BLSMWC has no outstanding debt repayments. To finance the proposed USDA loan project, the BLSMWC will generate the necessary debt service revenue through increases in the annual shareholder’s charges. This proposed debt/loan repayment will be assessed on a yearly basis and be applied to the existing shareholder’s annual payments. The proposed annual debt service is \$480,912 per year and is based on a total project cost of \$ **12,225,744** and is shown on **Table 6.7a**, below.

Table 6.7a
Total Calculated Yearly Debt Repayment

| Funding Description | Proposed Cost (\$) |
|--|-----------------------|
| Total Project Costs (See Tables 6.4a) | \$ 12,225,744 |
| Yearly Cost w/ USDA Loan (1.875%, i/40 years or \$35.76/\$1000 borrowed) | \$ 437,193 |
| Yearly Reserve Fund (10% of USDA Annual Loan Repayment) | \$ 43,719/yr |
| Total Debt Repayment/Year | \$ 480,912/ yr |

Table 6.7b, provides a summary of the required annual debt service per customer rate category.. This table also takes into consideration various rate categories, including *Schedule I - Unimproved Parcels*, *Schedule III- Improved and Unmetered*, and *Schedule IV- Improved and Metered* (Schedule IV and Schedule V, below pay same yearly assessment).

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Table 6.7b
Proposed Revenue and Rate Structure
Including New USDA Debt Service
(Based on 2016 Rates)

| Rate Schedule | Description of Customer Type | Existing and Proposed Yearly Charges/Fees | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|---|--|--|-----------|---------|
| | | FY 2016 Current Parcel Charge/ Year (\$) | No. of Parcels | Proposed Fees and Charges (Annual or One-time) | | | Current Charges and USDA Proposed Annual Debt Service Per Rate Schedule | | |
| | | | | Connection Fee (\$) | Other Annual By-in Costs Per Year (\$) for Unimproved Parcels | USDA Debt Service Per Parcel Per Year (\$) (\$480,912(5)/2025) | | | |
| | | | | | | | a | b | c |
| I | Base Unimproved Lot | \$ 457 | 315 | \$7131 \$129 (2) | \$271 (3) | \$ 233 (4) Exclude meter | \$ 233 | \$73,395 | \$ 961 |
| II (Temp) | Improved Parcel w/ Hose Surcharge | \$ 836 (Temp) | 183 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| III | Improved Parcel Unmetered | \$ 795 | 1278 | NA | NA | \$ 238 | \$ 238 | \$304,164 | \$ 1033 |
| IV | Improved Parcel Metered | \$ 728 | 353 | NA | NA | \$238 (5) | \$ 238 | \$84,014 | \$ 966 |
| V (Temp) | Improved Parcel w/ Meter Paid | \$ 728 Plus \$416.50 (1) | 69+10=79 79 (6) | NA | NA | \$238 | \$ 238 | \$18,802 | \$ 966 |
| TOTALS | | | 2025 (I, III, IV) | NA | NA | NA | | \$480,375 | |

Notes: (1) One-time meter charge @ \$ 416.50/Improved lot (2016) to be reimbursed by BLSMWC or \$ 32,904
(2) One-time meter charge @ \$ 129/Improved lot (2016), to be assessed @ building permit. This fee is currently based on \$129 meter only, cost and is **not** included w/in the PERs total cost.
(3) At the time of occupancy parcel owner is assessed annual fee of \$ 271 for improved parcel which will then equal the current shareholders fee of \$728 and will also be required to pay a one-time meter charge
(4) Parcel assessment based on total project cost amortized of **\$35.76/\$1000 for 40 years less the cost for new meter and fittings at \$129 or \$ 4.61 amortized** (Meter box only to be installed by USDA project contractor).
(5) Total construction cost is \$ 480,912 w/ annual debt service being \$ 238, based on an amortization of \$35.76/\$1000 for 40 years. **This also includes 10% reserve.**(6) No. of customers who have paid meter charge of 416.50 and will receive a one-time credit of \$ 416.50. This fee credit will cost \$32, 904 for the 79 pre-paid customers.



6.8 RESERVES AND SHORT-LIVED ASSET RESERVE

The BLSMWC currently has reserves available for projects and emergencies. The reserves are noted within the current FY 2016 Budget.

The proposed debt reserves, as required by the USDA Rural Development Loan, is calculated at 1/10th of the annual total debt service or \$ 43,719 per year and accrued over a 10-year period. This reserve fund will be funded through the annual assessments/charges per parcel.

The short-lived asset reserve is also a requirement of the USDA Rural Development. The asset reserve is separate from the 10% debt service reserve as described, above. The short-term asset reserve requires the BLSMWC to set-aside, on a yearly basis, necessary reserves to replace those short term assets, with a 15- year life or less. This asset reserve fund has been calculated and is shown within **Table 6.8a**, below:

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Table 6.8a
Short-Term Asset Reserve

| Asset | Qty | Value | Extension | Lifespan | Annual Reserve |
|--|-----|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| Permanganate Vessels | 2 | \$2,000 | \$4,000 | 15 | \$ 275 |
| Caustic Storage Tank (500 gallon) | 2 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 | 15 | \$ 400 |
| Chemical Feed Pump | 1 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | 10 | \$ 800 |
| Hach DR Chlorinator | 3 | \$2,000 | \$6,000 | 10 | \$ 600 |
| PC (TP Computer) | 1 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | 5 | \$ 200 |
| 75 HP Booster Pump | 3 | \$10,000 | \$30,000 | 15 | \$2,000 |
| 200 gpm Water Pump | 2 | \$10,000 | \$20,000 | 15 | \$1,333 |
| 3 HP 30-gal Air Compressor | 1 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | 15 | \$ 100 |
| 1.5 HP Reclaim Pump | 1 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | 15 | \$ 133 |
| Chlorination System | 1 | \$17,000 | \$17,000 | 15 | \$1,333 |
| k400 Kuntze Analyzer | 1 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | 15 | \$ 400 |
| CL17 Analyzer | 2 | \$3,500 | \$7,000 | 10 | \$ 700 |
| Chart Recorder | 3 | \$2,000 | \$6,000 | 15 | \$ 400 |
| Security System | 5 | \$2,000 | \$10,000 | 15 | \$ 666 |
| Handheld Radio | 2 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 | 10 | \$ 200 |
| 410 HP 275 kW Diesel Generator | 1 | | | 25 | |
| Small Hand Tools (wrenches, screwdrivers, | 10 | \$5,000 | \$50,000 | 10 | \$5,000 |
| Power Tools (chainsaw, weed-eater, blower, | 1 | \$500 | \$500 | 5 | \$ 100 |
| 8 x 5 Dump Bed Trailer | 1 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | 15 | \$ 666 |
| Snow Plow | 1 | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | 15 | \$ 600 |
| Med/Small Work Truck | 3 | \$20,000 | \$60,000 | 15 | \$4,000 |
| HD Work/Plow Truck | 1 | \$35,000 | \$35,000 | 15 | \$2,333 |
| Portable Generator | 2 | \$2,000 | \$4,000 | 15 | \$ 275 |
| Laptop and Handheld | 2 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 | 5 | \$1,200 |
| Sensus VGB | 1 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | 10 | \$2,000 |
| Flow Meter | 1 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | 15 | \$ 200 |
| Vertical Pump (20 HP) | 1 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | 15 | \$1,333 |
| Actuator and Valve | 5 | \$1,500 | \$7,500 | 10 | \$ 750 |
| SCADA PLC | 1 | | | 20 | |
| | | | | | \$37,597 |

It is recommended that the BLSMWC provide within their 2017 or 2018 FY budget a “line item” that includes a sum of \$40,000 for the future purchase(s) and replacement(s) of those items as noted above.

