# THE BUBBLER

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

# Important Shareholder Information

<u>Remember that your first Shareholder/water bill invoices will be mailed out February 25th</u> (refer to the calendar on page 3)

If you own a home on Shannon Way, Shannon Court, or Julia Lane, and still need to connect your service to your new service box, you have until February 7th. If you fail to connect by this date you may have an interruption in your water service.

The following are hook-up dates for the project:

Main Zone-letter went out 8/23/19 hook up due by 2/27/20

Marilyn, Dawn, Helen-letters went out 9/10/19 hook up by 3/10

Unit 3- letters went out 10/23/19. Hook up by 4/23/20

Units 5&7 letters went out 11/3/19. Hook up by 5/3/20

It is important to read ALL mail sent to you from BLSMWC. We make every effort to mail, email, and update our website with important information. If you have questions, refer to our website:

www.blsmwc.com.

If you do not find the answers to your questions there, call our office.

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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A comment on WINTERIZING .... Both a noun and a verb, it is important. Enjoy the continuing winter and remember to check our website: www.blsmwc.com

Thanking you for your continued efforts at CONSERVATION.

**Bob Maginnis** 

President, BLSMWC

# General Manager's Report

Dear Shareholders,

2019 was an exciting year for the Water Company. We completed a large portion of our Infrastructure Improvement Project, and changed our Rate Structure and billing process.

The weather for December and January has been good enough to allow contractors to work on making connections from cabins to the new mains we have installed. For those who have received a Notice to Connect letter, please get bids from contractors and plan to connect in the near future.

We would like to shut down the old mains as soon as possible, and have planned shutdown dates for each area.

#### Water Usage January

Water usage for January was higher than January, 2019 by 456,000 gallons continuing the upward trend of 2019.

We have plenty of water storage for 2020, but I ask that everyone be aware of your water use. Many more of you have water meters now and you can track your usage on your bi-monthly bills, which will come out in February.

So far this winter has been disappointing in precipitation amounts, and it's not far fetched to think that we could be going into another drought cycle.

Here are the numbers:

#### <u>January</u>

2015 3,329,000 gallons

2016 3,495,000

2017 4,223,000

2018 2,956,000

2019 3,417,000

2020 3,873,000

We saved 9% water compared to January 2013, the State Drought reporting year.

Thanks for using water wisely.

Dave

**David Hicks** 

General Manager

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# USAGE CHART FOR January 2020



# LRPC Report

Over the past month, the continuing emphasis of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has been to finalize the Asset Management Plan and Amendment 6 submittals from MC Engineering. There have been several additional discussions to ensure that the content is complete and accurate. This has resulted in further revisions to both documents received in the last couple weeks, which are currently under final fact-finding, and will result in reviews for concurrence by the LRPC members in the next month prior to presenting to the board of directors for approval at our March 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

As mentioned in previous Bubbler's, Amendment 6 is required to:

Address additional engineering, design, surveying and inspection required by MC Engineering for critical new scope tasks requested by BLSMWC, which are being added to the USDA base project and still within our approved funding

Cover an estimated 6 month schedule extension to July 2020 based on approved construction delays (primarily due to weather), change orders, and the above mentioned new scope tasks to be performed in 2020

Once the MC Engineering Asset Management Plan final draft submittal is approved, (as described in detail in the January 2020 Bubbler) there will still be extensive combined coordination and effort required from the LRPC and BLSMWC management and staff to fully analyze and implement the plan, which is estimated to take 2-3 months.

#### **IMPORTANT SHAREHOLDER DATES!!** 2020 February March January T W T T W T S M 18 12 12 23 24 18 23 19 22 29 August S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T T W T 13 15 16 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 13 20 21 22 23 23 24 25 26 19 20 21 16 18 19 20 October M T W T F T W T F S SMTWTF SMTWTF 2 3 8 15 16 17 18 19 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 15 16 17 19 14 15 16 17 18 21 22 23 24 26 18 10 21 22 23 24 22 23 20 22 23 28

# Have an idea?

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

The Bubbler is a "monthly" newsletter and comes out following a regular scheduled Board Meeting so that we can keep you up to date on the most current information.

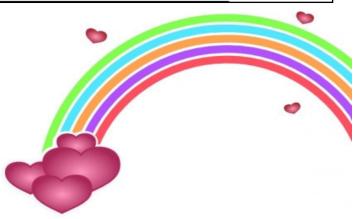
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