

THE BUBBLER



Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2021 SNOW



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General Manager Report

Dear Shareholders,

The week of January 24th brought a major storm to our area. The storm caused widespread damage to Arnold and Blue Lake Springs, with power outages lasting several days. Your water company was working hard to keep the water flowing. Using our portable emergency generator, we were able to pump water from Tank 4 at Lilac Park, to Tank 6 at El Rancho using our new booster pump station at Cypress Pt.

We had some water leaks that took some time to find due to the amount of snow, but we were able to shut them all down, and maintain an adequate level in our Tanks until power was restored to our Wells and Treatment Plant on February 4. I commend Bill Heinle, and Tyler Mayo, our Watermasters, and our new employee Cody DeCoste for going the extra mile during this event.

Water Usage for January

Water usage has dropped a little after the very high usage in 2020, the highest usage in the last 10 years.

More residents used their cabins because of the stay at home order caused by COVID-19. Many homes were sold in 2020 and we think water usage will increase slowly after the pandemic has settled down.

Here are the numbers for January.

January

2021 3,768,000 gallons

2020 3,873,000

2019 3,417,000

2018 2,956,000

2017 4,223,000

We saved 12% water compared to January 2013 the State Drought Reporting Year.

Stay safe and enjoy our winter wonderland!

Dave Hicks
General Manager
BLSMWC



President's Report

Now THAT was a snowstorm. I hope everyone got through it ok. The Water Company's generators insured that water was deliverable and we were able to keep our office emergency lines open (intermittently) to serve any customer needs.

I have a couple of words for the month:

#1 WINTERIZING

Winterizing is a fancy word for turning your water supply to your residence **OFF** when you are gone more than 24 hours and draining the access pipes. Resting water in the pipes will **FREEZE** and **EXPAND** causing the pipe to split and then leak. There is nothing more heart-breaking than opening the cabin to find your dogs toys frozen to the living room rug.

Remember, that any pipe related rupture on the homeowner side of the meter is the responsibility of the homeowner.

WINTERIZING is the cheapest and easiest type of protection against broken or leaky pipes.

If you are new to Blue Lake Springs and are unsure of WINTERIZING feel free to go to our website: www.blsmwc.com for more details.

The recent completion of the infrastructure improvement saw the major supply pipes buried deep in the utility rights-of-way, ensuring that they survived the massive number of falling trees and utility poles. Currently we have found no storm damage to our properties or equipment.

There is already a protocol in place, if there were any disruption to our water supply to secure water from CCWD.

#2 CONSERVATION

While I feel it is a wee bit early to declare "drought-disaster", we do subscribe to CONSERVATION!! The population of residents has increased in BLS driven by home sales, property change overs and working from home opportunities. So far, the consumption of water has not increased dramatically for this year.

With that being said, CONSERVATION is still IN!

Enjoy the rest of the Winter, snow and all ...

Bob Maginnis

Board President, BLSMWC

Have an idea?

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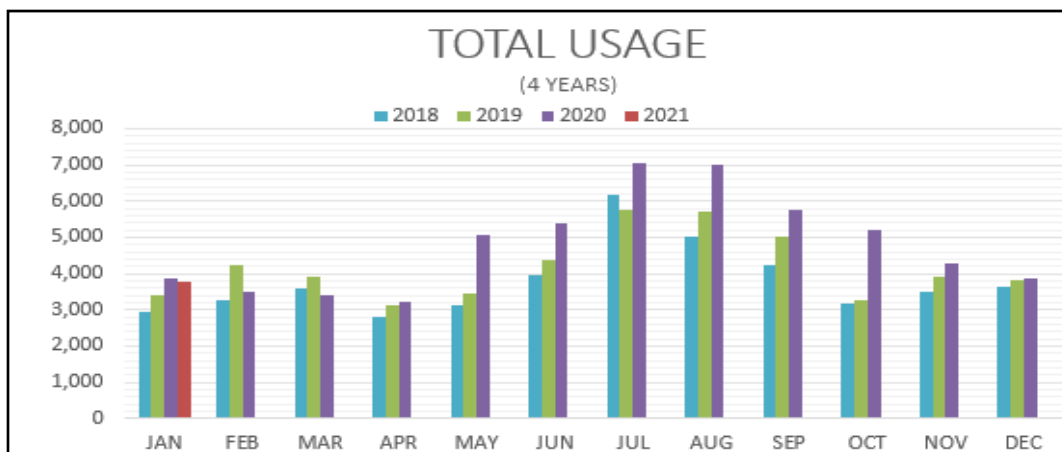
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