

# THE BUBBLER

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

August 2021

## A Message From the Accounts Manager...Kathy Powell

Starting in January 2022, the billing date will be changed to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Billing months will continue to be February, April, June, August, October and December.

The new payment due date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month, (i.e.: March, May, July, September, November and January). This will help with end of the month financial reports. Watermasters will read meters starting in 2022 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Those on autopay will have to change your payment date by January 2022 to fit into the new payment due date.

If you have not yet done so, please change the Water Company's mailing address to PO Box 6015, Arnold, CA 95223. Many of you, especially those on auto pay with their banking institution, are still mailing to the HOA mailing address of PO Box 712.

And lastly, for your information, the blue stakes in the ground by the meter boxes are to show the Water Masters where the service boxes are located during the snow season. Please do not remove them.

Thank you for your cooperation in these changes. If you have questions or concerns, please call the office at (209)795-7025.



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

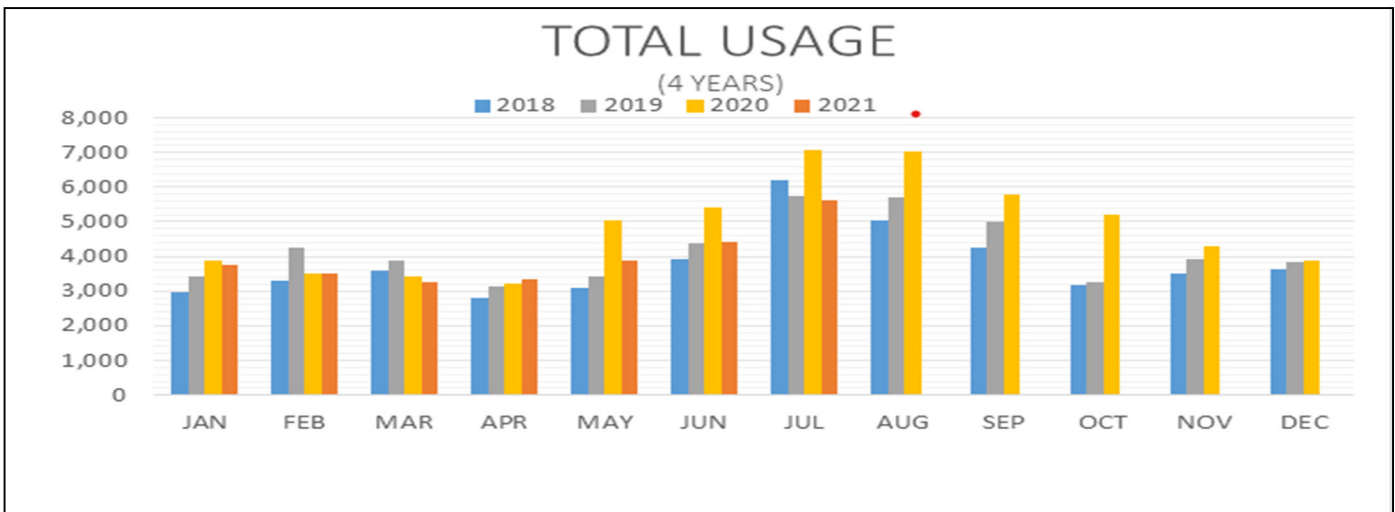
Calaveras County water conservation partnership has started again. This partnership is between our local water agencies to promote water conservation.

### HISTORY

Calaveras Conserves was formed in Spring, 2015 as an opportunity for agencies to provide a consistent outreach message to the community during droughts. All major water agencies in Calaveras County are members including, Union Public Utility District, Valley Springs Public Utility District, City of Angels, Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company, Utica Power and Water Authority, Calaveras Public Utility District and Calaveras County Water District. As a partnership, these agencies are meeting regularly during the current drought with the goal of providing the most up to date water conservation information for customers throughout the County. More info can be found on BLSMWC.com or CCWD.org.

### July Usage

Thank you for your conservation efforts, they're greatly appreciated. For the month of July, we saved 21% compared to July 2020. That's 1.4 million gallons saved which is similar to 10 days of usage in Blue Lake Springs.



Tyler Mayo  
General Manager  
Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company



## LRPC Report

## HAVE AN IDEA??

There have been no significant updates over the past month to the majority of on-going LRPC focus areas. We continue to work with BLSMWC management and staff to obtain firm cost estimates on potential liabilities against our reserves budget, as well as updates to the Asset Management Plan database and fixed versus variable costs. Much of this information is needed to update our multi-year cash flow analysis, and determining our variable costs will provide a basis for the income required in our metered usage rate structure. As we develop this information over the next couple months, it will be presented to the LRPC and Board to ensure all expense commitments are closely scrutinized and agreed to, with the focus remaining on our most critical system improvements.

During the past month, there were some discussions and data gathering pertaining to our water meter usage and potential updates to the future metered rate structure. The BLSMWC management & staff, as well as LRPC members, have provided a large sampling of examples of current rate structures from both local county and bay area water agencies, which show the combination of their base rates and single to multi-tier usage rates. Also being considered in our analysis is the average water use per person for indoor and both indoor and outdoor use as compiled by the USGS (water.usgs.gov). This data will be compared to our current water usage base allocation level. In addition, the BLSMWC staff has compiled detailed metered usage information at multiple usage levels above the 700 CF bi-monthly base allocation level, which segregates users from local (full timers) to part timers. Based on analysis thus far, the usage levels between full time and part time residences are very close. Based on analysis over the next couple months, rate structure options will be fully discussed with the LRPC and recommendations brought forward to the Board of Directors for consideration.

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### WATER CONSERVATION FACT OF THE WEEK

If the average sized lawn in the United States is watered for 20 minutes every day for 7 days, it's like running the shower constantly for 4 days or taking more than 800 showers. That's equivalent to the amount of water needed for the average family to take 1 year's worth of showers.

US EPA Facts & Statistics

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### WATER CONSERVATION FACT OF THE WEEK

Letting your faucet run for five minutes while washing dishes can waste 10 gallons of water and uses enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 18 hours.

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