

THE BUBBLER



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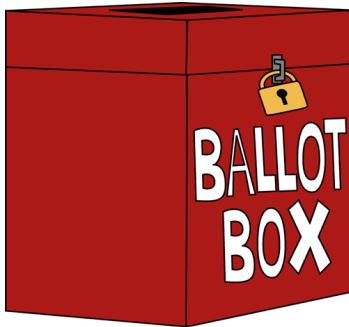


A Message From The President

Hello,

Spring has finally arrived in Arnold! I hope everybody had a great winter and is now enjoying the fabulous weather.

We have an upcoming election for the BLSMWC Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have 4 extremely qualified people running for 3 Director positions. By now, you have received the ballot information, biographies of the candidates running for the Board, as well as information regarding the annual shareholder meeting. Last year we added online voting, which was a success — you just need to go to our website at www.blsmwc.com, and there is a prompt for voting. (See the next page of this Newsletter for more details.)



Our annual Shareholders meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 2:00 pm, at our offices at 1011 Blagen Road. You can also attend via Zoom.

Lastly, after 8 years of service on the Board of Directors, Director Andy Rich resigned in March 2024. During Andy's service, he attended more than 50 Board meetings and 7 Shareholder meetings. Andy brought his extensive expertise in running a company efficiently and cost-effectively, and he provided invaluable advice and direction to the Board and the Water Company. His expertise will be missed.

I hope you enjoy your Memorial Day weekend and your summer in Arnold!

Thank you.

Sharon Tobias

President

BLSMWC Board of Directors

Voting Options

You can vote by returning the Proxy and Ballot card in the U.S. Mail, or you can now vote online! Just follow these steps:

Step 1: Go to **www.blsmwc.com**

Step 2: Click on the red **VOTE** button, located at the top, right-hand corner.

Step 3: Enter your 6-digit **WEB ID** number.

Step 4: Your **password** is your service address. This gives you access to the Proxy and the Ballot.

Step 5: Sign your Proxy by entering your last name, and then vote for the candidate(s) of your choice for Director.

Note: You don't have to vote, but we do need your Proxy.

Step 6: Click the **SUBMIT** button.

EVERY PROXY AND VOTE IS IMPORTANT.



BLSMWC Announcements

◆ The next BLSMWC Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, July 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m., at the BLSMWC offices, 1011 Blagen Road, Arnold. All are invited to attend.

◆ The State of California is requiring the Water Company to prepare an inventory of lead service lines in houses built before 1986. So you might see our guys this Summer doing work around your water meter box and the closest water spigot to the meter box. The BLSMWC staff will have proper identification on hand at all times, and they will not need access to the inside of your home.

More Announcements

- ◆ Has it been awhile since you've visited your house or cabin? You might want to flush your water lines to clean out any sediments that have settled over the Winter. You can do this by running an **outside** hose for a few minutes before using any water inside your home.
- ◆ Please note that Invoice 2 of 6 will be due May 25, 2024. You have the option of paying your bills several different ways: mail your payment; pay in person; call (855) 738-2592 to pay with a credit card; have your bank make automatic deposits; or pay by going to **www.blsmwc.com**, click on the "Pay My Bill" tab to set up an automatic account.
- ◆ The California Department of Water Resources, as of April 17, 2024, reports the State's average precipitation total is 107% of normal. Upper Calaveras County is 100% of normal. The snowpack shows above average for the second straight season. This is good news for us!
- ◆ Please note that the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company and the Blue Lake Springs Homeowners Association have different mailing addresses. They are as follows:

BLSMWC

Water Company
P.O. Box 6015
Arnold, CA 95223
Phone (209) 795-7025

BLSHOA

Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 712
Arnold, CA 95223
Phone (209) 795-2357



New Employees

Welcome to our new employees Westley Bertolino and Anneliese Gill, who both started in December 2024. Wes is a Treatment Operator at the BLSMWC Treatment Plant; and Anneliese is the Customer Service Representative at the BLSMWC office on Blagen Road.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE? HAVE AN IDEA?

“**The Bubbler**” is published to keep the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company shareholders informed about issues and up-coming events.

If you would like to submit an article or have suggestions, please contact Anneliese Gill at agill@blsmwc.com.

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