

Lake of the Woods Mutual

June 2022 Newsletter

ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE WATERING

Still in effect since MARCH 29, 2014, to PRESENT Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Company customers will observe **NO OUTSIDE WATERING BY SPRINKLER OR HOSE. POOLS OR JACUZZIS OF ANY SIZE ARE PROHIBITED!**

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS IN A DROUGHT, PLEASE CONSERVE!

New Hours

OUR OFFICE WILL NOW BE OPEN 9-3 MONDAY TO FRIDAY. WE ARE CLOSED WEEKENDS.

Regular Board Meeting

We would like to invite you to our board meetings for any questions you have, via zoom.com, June 2, 2022 & July 7, 2022, **Phone #669-900-9128, ID# 825 6479 4298** or in person at our office 3534 Mt. Pinos Way.

Waterline replacement 3.5-million-dollar grant

Our grant to replace more old leaking waterlines on our system, is moving forward. We should be going out to bid early summer. With construction happening this fall.

Waterline replacement, Tank replacement & SCADA system 5-million-dollar grant

This grant has been approved. The Technical Assistance contract is being reviewed, then signed. Then the engineer will be able to begin the designs of our lines, tank replacement and our SCADA system. These designs will have to be to 100% final before we can be approved for the construction part of the grant.

These 2 grants could take 2 to 5 years to finish.

General info

Water quality

We are now and have been in compliance with the SWRCB for water **quality since 2020**. This means that the Fluoride compliance was corrected in January 2020 and the Nitrate compliance was corrected October 2020.

Employee/Directors

You have two (2) part time employees and one (1) full time employee working for the company, An Office Manager, Assistant Office Manager and our full-time Distribution Operator. You have five (5) Directors on the Board of Directors who are **unpaid** volunteers that are required to keep their accounts in good standings and complete AB54/AB240, State required training on the fiduciary duties of directors, conflicts of interest and financial issues. Both the directors and employees spend long hours doing research, prepping for and attending meetings with engineers, State officials, Self Help Enterprises, attorneys and others. Without the board of director's approval or decisions on behalf of your community, nothing could get done.

Your Water Company System

Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Company has five (5) Wells, three (3) water tanks, a blending station, and thousands of feet of pipeline in order to provide water to our qualified shareholders. All water has to be chlorinated, sampled and monitored. To help do this we have a full-time operator who is required to have his D-2 Distribution operators certificate and T-2 Treatment operators certificate, per state requirements.

We have received a 3.5-million-dollar Grant to replace old pipelines and a 5-million-dollar Grant to replace more pipelines and infrastructure. This is a lot of money but it doesn't cover all the needed upgrades to our infrastructure. This grant money cannot be used to pay for the day to day expenses of the company.

Your monthly payments are what keeps the company going. We have 400 customers. Monthly there are 26 to 30 accounts that are inactive, meaning they are shut off and not being charged. Any given month we have approximately \$27,000 in outstanding accounts because customers haven't paid their bill. Our staff works diligently with any past due accounts who want to set up a payment plan to ensure all the customers are paying their equitable share.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN THE BOARD AND/OR TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS