

# Lake of the Woods Mutual

## May 2023 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!** We know this seems crazy with all the rain and snow we have been seeing but the rain/snow must percolate through 400' of earth to recharge the aquifer, groundwater can take years to recover. We have seen our well levels rise but we have had to pump to waste well #4 because of high Iron and manganese, until this clears, we cannot use this well. Well #7 is also pumped to waste currently because of high nitrates. We have only 3 wells with good quality currently. Our wells have dropped 13 to 18 feet since 2021, it will take more than one good winter to recover.

**High users** - of 18 high users identified, 14 came back as having leaks on their side of the meter.

### **Construction - 3.5-million-dollar grant project**

**Our construction project has begun** and will run through the summer. Funding for this project has been provided in full under Proposition 68 through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board. Our contractor is Sierra Construction, you have seen them work in our area before. You will see their truck plus our operator working diligently to make this project go smoothly. Please be patient and if you have any concerns, please call our office. A copy of the map of the lines being replaced can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.lakeofthewoodswater.com/>.

### **Generators**

We have recently gotten another **tentative grant approval** for two permanent generators for our system. We are working with our engineers where the best location for these will be and getting the designs built. This could take a few years. Generators are taking 52 to 78 weeks to be delivered, and we still need to do the paperwork to submit to the state for **cost approval** and go out to bid. When the power goes out, we ask that you please conserve water.

### **5-million-dollar grant**

This grant has been approved. The Technical Assistance contract is in place. The engineers have started their designs of our lines, tank replacement and our SCADA system. (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems are used for controlling, monitoring, and analyzing industrial devices and processes. The system consists of both software and hardware components and enables remote and on-site gathering of data from the industrial equipment.)

The engineers have been filling out all the necessary forms with all the affected organizations like the United States Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake and Streambed, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and these designs will have to be to 100% final before we can be approved for the construction part of the grant. We hope to have designs ready for review by the beginning of next year.

**These 3 grants could take 2 to 5 years to finish.**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

We would like to invite you to our board meetings for any questions you have, via [zoom.com](https://zoom.com), May 4 and June 1, 2023, at 6 pm **Phone #669-900-9128, ID# 825 6479 4298** or in person at our office 3534 Mt. Pinos Way.

### **Emergency Numbers**

Please remember if the power/internet goes out in Frazier our office phone line will be down as well. In that circumstance, please call the office emergency backup line 661-917-7317 or our Water Operator 661-289-4626. Our regular hours are from 9-3 Monday to Friday. After hours are for emergencies only.