

La Mesa Water Cooperative

WaterGram - May 2012

Election of New Directors

At the Annual Meeting on April 24, 2012 two new Directors were elected. Please welcome Bob Davey (La Mesa) and Jim Romero (Sundance Mesa). Director Francis West decided not to run for re-election. The Board is grateful for the many years that Francis served the Coop.

At the Annual Meeting our treasurer, Director Dan Lawrence, reported that the Coop is now debt free. In addition, because of our long term planning and conservative financial policies we have sufficient cash on hand to pay for the estimated costs of our replacement well.

Progress on Replacement Well

As we have reported in previous WaterGrams, the Board is replacing our current well #1. This is our oldest well and it is approaching the end of its useful life. Thanks to the efforts of Directors Francis West, Marty Davis, and Dennis Szarka we received all necessary permits for the replacement well and began drilling on April 16. Well #1 will be back in service as soon as the new well is finished. The new well will go into service in 2013. Because all of the casing below the water line will be stainless steel, the well will have an estimated life of 50 years. When this well is on line our projections indicate we should not need another source of water for at least 10 years.

Emergency Contact List

Occasionally we have disruptions in service or other situations where we need to urgently communicate with our members. We are establishing an e-mail and texting list to notify members of water emergencies and other issues in their immediate neighborhood. The list will not be used for any other purpose. The list is voluntary, but we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

To be added to our list, please send a request to: alerts@lamesawatercoop.org If you also want to receive alerts via text messaging, please send your cell number and carrier (AT&T, Verizon, etc.).

Please Check your Irrigation System

Now that the irrigation season has begun, please check your system for proper operation and leaks. Undetected leaks and excessive watering are major sources of wasted water and high water bills.

The watering recommendations of the Albuquerque Bernalillo Water Authority, available at <http://www.abcwua.org>, are usually a good guide for our area.

If you have an automatic irrigation system and will be out of town, please have someone check your property on a regular basis. Many of our most wasteful and costly water losses occur when homeowners are out of town.

Filling a Pool? Please Let Us Know

If you plan to fill your pool, please let us know by sending an e-mail to lamesawatercoop@comcast.net Notification is helpful because we continuously monitor our wells and distribution systems. We can detect atypical water usage, but our equipment does not allow us to determine its location or cause. On the monitoring equipment, filling a pool looks very much like a bad leak and may trigger a need for further investigation.

Don't Forget Our Web Site

Thanks to the efforts of Jock Embry our web site has been available for several years. It is lamesawatercoop.org A private section for members (password "87043") contains Board minutes, budgets, and other documents of interest to members. Please stop by and take a look.

Board of Directors

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