

La Mesa Water Cooperative

WaterGram - March 2015

Please Vote in the Board Election!

Included with your bill is a double-sided page with a ballot and brief biographies of the seven candidates for the four open positions on the LMWC Board of Directors. Please mark your ballot and return it with your payment. You may also return the ballot at the annual meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Placitas Library.

E-Bills are Available

In response to requests by members, we now offer e-mail billing. There is no extra charge for this service. In the upper right of your bill is the e-mail address we have on record for you. Please check to make certain it is correct. Send your request for e-billing to hildecpa@comcast.net.

Progress on Installation of VFDs

Last month we reported that the Board had approved the purchase of Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) for wells #5 and #6. There were unexpected delays in obtaining all of the necessary equipment for well #5 and this well was out of service for about 10 days. The well has been returned to service. The VFD at well #6 will be installed next week.

The Board thanks the members who reduced their water consumption while well #5 was out of service.

Progress on Arsenic Treatment

The installation of arsenic treatment facilities at well #6 is nearly complete. We are still on schedule to meet the planned start-up date of early May.

At this time we have no new information on plans for arsenic treatment at well #3. We are waiting for additional information on costs and treatment options. There will be full report and a chance to ask questions at the Annual Meeting on April 23.

It's Almost Irrigation Time

In the next few weeks many members will be testing their drip irrigation systems. Drip systems are easily damaged by winter freeze-thaw cycles. Ice can damage emitters, force emitters off the ends of distribution lines, separate couplings, and split lines. When you start your irrigation please walk down the lines and check for obvious leaks. Unfortunately many leaks are underground. One way to detect these is to look for damp spots in unexpected locations. If your irrigation system uses timers, please make certain they are operating properly. Valves may become sticky from being idle all winter and may fail to close completely. Failures of automated irrigation systems are a major source of wasted water and large bills.

Remote Reading Meters

The Board continues to investigate a recently introduced system that uses cellular technology to remotely read meters and allows members to obtain information on their daily water usage on their computer or cell phone. This system can be used in areas of the Coop that have reliable cell service and with most (but not all) of our meters. We will have a report on this system at our Annual Meeting.

Board of Directors

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Bob Davey	771-3434	Jock Embry	771-2330	Jim Pilcher	771-9341
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