

# Mineral County Water District Newsletter

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**Be on the LOOKOUT in this mailing for a “Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed Rate Increase” and a ballot.**

**The Board will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the MCWD District Office to discuss our proposal to adjust MCWD’s rates as recommended by the California Rural Water Association.**

**On June 10, 2019, the Board will also hold a Public Hearing at 2:30 PM at the District Office, during which the ballots will be opened and counted to determine if a majority protest was received; if so, the District shall not impose the increase.**

Comments are encouraged prior to the Town Hall Meeting, and may be submitted to our postal address, above, or you may email us at:  
Mineral.96063@Gmail.com

## Introductions

Director Todd Goodman was appointed to fill the vacant position on the Board at our February meeting, Todd; has a long history in our

community. Please help us welcome him to the Board.

## Backup Operator

Tim Taylor is the GM at Sky View County Water District in Paynes Creek and is our backup operator, for the requirements of 7-days-a-week water monitoring. So the GM is able to get a little time off. Also during the water leaks Tim helped with looking for leaks and with digging out main valves so we could isolate sections of town.

## Winter Leaks

We have had several leaks this year, and John has invested many hours in leak detection. The costs incurred due to leaks affect all of us. By state regulations, all water that goes through our system must be treated. When we lost over 312,000 gallons of water due to leaks. Because of the leaks we have to run the filtration and replace filters that costs the District and our customers to treat all those gallons of water.

## IMPORTANT

### **WINTERIZING Your House**

We strongly encourage all households have they own shutoff valve for use through-

out the year, and to request that John Frehse shut off the curb-stop valve for you at the meter when you drain and winterize your house.

Following this suggested procedure protects you from costs accrued due to leaks on your end of the water meter.

### **This must be done through**

**John:** customers should never shut District valves.

This procedure also helps us to locate possible leaks, because we will know which homes are shut off. Because of associated costs in work hours and overtime in looking for leaks, the Board voted to approve a policy stating that the customer will not be charged for the first hour of leak detection, after which a leak detection charge will be added to the bill if a leak is found at your property.

Arrange to check or have someone else check your cabin periodically during the winter months, especially after a cold freeze. The quicker a problem is found, the sooner it can be resolved, that will save the home owner money. The Board and John Frehse appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the community in helping to locate leaks this winter.

### **FY 2017-18 Audit**

Robert Johnson, CPA, of Citrus Heights, California, completed MCWD's Fiscal Year 17-18 audit in October. Call John Frehse to request an emailed copy at no charge.

### **GM/Secretary Position**

At the request of our General Manager, the Board is restructuring the General Manager/Secretary position to hire a Secretary, enabling our GM to focus on plant operations. Look for a job posting to this end soon!

### **Tank Maintenance**

In December, 2017, the Board entered into a contract with Superior Tank Solutions (STS) of Cucamonga, California for long-term maintenance of our 324,000-gallon storage tank. The contract effectively transfers technical and legal responsibility for the tank's maintenance and protection to STS. Through this contract, we are able to spread the costs of recoating the tank's interior over many years, while STS will perform all regular inspections, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades required by Cal-OSHA.

They will be using divers this year to inspect the tank, also

they will be working on safety requirements that were implemented by Cal-OSHA. In 2021-22 FY is when our 324,000 gallon tank will be re coated inside and out. Look for updates in the future.

### **Community Use of Facility**

The Board recently approved use of the meeting room at the District Office for free community events in the interest of contributing to our community and is in the process of incorporating this into our policies and procedures. This involves an application and Board or employee sponsorship.

### **Appreciation**

The MCWD Board wishes to acknowledge and thank Jan Becker for her endless hours of support, research, assistance, and telephone calls to customers, organizing skills, and so much more....many, many thanks, Jan!!

### **Board Training**

On March 5, 2019, MCWD Board members and John Frehse, as well as our backup operator, Tim Taylor, attended a Board Training at the MCWD office on *Board Roles and Responsibilities* presented by Angela Wendele, Circuit Rider for the

California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

### **New Office Hours**

Fridays and Sundays  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
MCWD Office  
38292 Scenic Avenue

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