

Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company Newsletter

Summer 2013

P.O. Box 2276, Olympic Valley, CA 96146-2276

News on Construction

The remainder of the pipe line replacement project is being completed this summer by Reno Tahoe Construction (RTC). They began work in early May on Squaw Valley Road and should be finished on the main road by the 4th of July. RTC will also be installing 7 new fire hydrants, reconnecting 7 existing hydrants and installing several new meter boxes that were not completed last summer. The Mutual's Resident Inspector for the 2013 season is Bree Allen of Truckee. Bree is on the job every day and can be reached at (530) 277-2062 if members have questions about the project.

The next phase of construction is the well houses. Last year, Well House #1 was updated to make it safer, but Well House #2 is still in need of repair. Shaw Engineering is in the final stages of preparing the plans and bid documents for the Well House #2 project. The project includes the demolition of well building #2 and the re-routing of all water and controls to Well House #1 for treatment before being pumped into the system and up the Chisholm tank. We plan to do this work in September when water demand is low.

The final phase of the Water Improvement Project is the replacement of a section of old main line in Lanny Lane. This part was put as an alternate in the RTC bid and will be awarded this summer if funds allow.

Service Laterals

Home owners on the east half of the system who need to install a new service lateral will have to contact a Contractor of their choice to do the work. The home owner and the Contractor should determine the easiest way to make the connection to their home to get an estimate of the cost. Please visit our website www.SVMWC.com for a list of local

Contractors that may be able to perform the work and the detailed specifications. The suggested Contracting Specifications are also listed on page 3 of the Newsletter.

The home owner is responsible for payment of the contractor for his work and will be reimbursed by the Mutual for up to 75% of the lower of the contractor's bill or the estimated cost that Campbell made for installation of the lateral to each house. Owners must submit the invoices(s) for installation and proof of payment to the office to receive the Lateral Credit. The Credit will be applied to 35% of your water bill each year until used up.

Originally, the Mutual felt that the homeowner had a window of three years from the completion of the project, or until the back lot line water main failed, to get their lateral installed. However, for safety and efficiency homeowners are encouraged to have their laterals installed as soon as possible after their new service box is installed.

You are invited to the Annual Members Meeting

Saturday, August 31, 2013
10:00am

PSD Community Room - 305 Squaw Valley Rd

The Board of Directors is seeking new members. If you are interested please contact the office by July 1st

2013-2014 Budget Adopted With No Rate Increase

The below budget was adopted by the board at the 6/8/13 meeting. Water rates will remain the same as they have been for the last 2 years.



Adopted Budget 2013-2014

Income (in \$)

Capital Assessment	269,583
Water Service Charges	211,235
Interest Earned	1,000
Member Late Charges	6,000
Fee Income	1,000
Tank Special Assessment Payments	28,975
Use of Prior Year Surplus	<u>73,105</u>
Total	\$590,898

Expenditures (in \$)

Operating Expenses

Accounting (Audit /Tax Return Prep)	6,750
Bank Charges	50
Director's Reimbursement	4,200
Fees, Licenses, Fines	3,000
General Insurance	8,000
Legal	4,300
Maintenance Contract	99,910
Meeting Minutes/Election Svcs	4,000
Membership Dues	415
Office Contract	30,645
Office Supplies/Expenses	250
Postage and Delivery	1,200
Printing and Reproduction	1,200
Property Taxes	615
Repairs & Maintenance	27,000
Snow Removal	3,500
Utilities	14,000
Water Testing	2,500
Water Treatment	6,500
Web Page	1,200

Capital Expenses

USDA Loan Payment	192,912
Depreciation	75,418
USDA Reserve Requirement	19,291
Lateral Credit (see article)	<u>84,042</u>
Total	\$590,898

Water Conservation

With two dry winters in a row the possibility of water shortages is on everyone's mind. Here are a few basic tips for water conservation. Please keep in mind that we all share the Valley's water.

Inside the Home:

Kitchen:

- Wash Veggies in a container, not under running water.
- Only run the dishwasher with a full load.
- Cool drinking water in the refrigerator.
- Make sure you have aerators are installed on all faucets.
- Fix all leaks right away – even a small drip can waste 70 gallons of water a day.

Bathroom:

- Install low flow shower heads.
- Take shorter showers – a shower kept under 5 minutes can save about 15 gallons of water.
- If you take a bath, only fill the tub halfway – you could save 10-15 gallons of water.
- Install an efficient Ultra Low Flow toilet – 1.6 gallons per flush.
- Make sure you have aerators are installed on all faucets.
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth.
- Fill the basin when shaving.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Check for a leaking toilet by putting food coloring in the tank, if you see color in the bowl after 20 minutes, you have a leak.



Laundry Room:

- Only run the washer with a full load.
- Purchase a high efficiency washer – you could save 20 gallons per load.

Outside the Home:

Landscaping:

- Irrigate your yard in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Make sure you have a timer on your irrigation system – adjust your schedule frequently to keep up with changes in the weather.
- Check your sprinklers frequently for breaks and overspray.
- Choose a water-efficient irrigation system for trees, shrubs and flowers such as drip irrigation.
- Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.



Cleaning Up:

- Use a broom, instead of a hose, to clean patios, driveways and walkways.
- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing at home.



Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) is required by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to complete an annual water quality report called the Consumer Confidence Report. In the past, a copy of the report was mailed to each member. In 2012 the CDPH changed their notification requirements and is allowing the report to be posted online. Therefore, in order to save the cost of printing and postage, the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report for SVMWC is now available online. Below is the address to access the 2012 report directly. If you would like to view past reports please visit

our website at www.SVMWC.com click on “Documents” and then “Department of Public Health Reports”. You may also contact the office via phone (530) 583-3674, email (info@svmwc.com) or written letter to request a paper copy of the report.

To view your 2012 Consumer Confidence Report please visit the following URL:

http://svmwc.com/assets/documents/public_health_reports/consumer_confidence/CCR_2012.pdf

Suggested contracting specifications for Service Lateral Installation

The work includes providing all labor, materials, equipment, services and incidentals necessary for the installation of 1-inch PE or copper service lateral waterline from the new meter box to a connection point on the existing residential house service line (or other connection point as directed by the homeowner). The location of the house lateral connection point and lateral pipe alignment to be verified in the field by the Contractor and approved by the homeowner (or authorized representative of the homeowner) prior to commencement of the work. The service lateral shall be installed in accordance with Detail 3 Sheet D3 of the Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company Water System Improvement Plans with a minimum of 42-inches of cover over the lateral pipe and with specified pipe bedding sand. Work shall include trenching, bedding; installation of pipe, fittings, connections and appurtenances; backfill; disconnection and abandonment of the existing service lateral removed from service; flushing and pressure testing; landscape repair and surface restoration to match existing or better, as required for complete installation; ready for service.

The property owner is responsible for any permits needed from Placer County.

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welcome.

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Water Quality & Usage

John Collins reported the total gallons used from
all wells as:

	2013	2012
March	1,507,000	1,554,000
April	1,592,000	1,646,000
May	3,622,000	3,967,000

In May we saw a large increase in water use due to
outdoor watering and also more people in the
valley in their homes.

So far in 2013 monthly tests for Total Coliform in
the system were negative and monthly chlorine
residuals were within state standards. The water
meets all federal and state standards for drinking
water.