**Palomar Mountain Mutual Water co., Inc**

**[PMMWC]**

**January 2023 Newsletter**

**Joanne Marugg, President**

Thank you for continuing to conserve water.  Since our water is a finite source, we need to comply with the California State Water Authority who is requiring all shareholders to conserve water during this lasting drought.

The PMMWCo. Board of Directors has been revising and updating our by-laws. We haven’t made any considerable changes, but a few have been rewritten to help deal with our quorum at our annual meeting. When the by-laws are finalized by the board of directors and approved by legal counsel, we will mail a summary of changes with a ballot. YOU MUST VOTE to either approve or disapprove of them.  If you don't respond expect a phone call from our office manager as we need each and every one to vote on all by-law changes.

We are all shareholders in our water company, and all expect pristine flowing water to our taps.  As the President of the water company, I totally appreciate your continuing efforts of water conservation. Most importantly, I appreciate knowing when asked to comply with a request most shareholders will comply. So, PLEASE VOTE on the by-laws when they are mailed out to you.

**Mike Probert, Operations**

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Covid really changed our lives for a while.

We want to thank one and all for the efforts over the last year. We are looking forward to face-to-face meetings and seeing all of you at our annual meeting next September.

Winterizing was awesome over the last 2 years; we've not needed to do leak searches during the winter months. No water loss.

Summertime conservation was equally awesome.
We run well pumps on off peak hours over night. We were able to keep up with daily usage without needing to run pumps during daytime and high peak hours.

County Department of health is no longer in charge of small water systems across the state. The State Water Resources Control Board -Division of Drinking Water have taken over. This transition is difficult and frustrating. The State System can't or won't access all records from the County. We have provided all records yet every week we get the same demands. We will continue to provide all records yet most importantly we will provide pristine water to all service connections.

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**Our water company is a Mutual Water Company**. This means that we are a not- for- profit company that is managed by its members. Therefore, all of our members are responsible for the running of the company. You elect the Board members, and you approve the by-laws. To do this all members need to participate by reading the information sent to you, returning your proxies if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, and voting when necessary [i.e., By-Law changes]. Without member participation we cannot run the company. Most of you fail to return proxies, so the board cannot have a legal business meeting. It is in all of our best interests to remain mutual water company. If we must hire a for-profit company to provide water, our water would become very expensive.

**By-Law changes**: in the next few months you will be sent a ballot and information on by- law changes. These changes will help the company run more smoothly. You must return your vote. It is mandatory.

**Share Transfers:** In the last year we have 20 share transfers because of property sales. This means a lot of new members. We currently have a total of 198 members, some members have multiple shares.

**Billing:** The January bill is due Feb 2.Charges remain: $300/meter, $100/assessment, and $50/ membership. A 10% late fee is charged if bills are not paid by the deadline. Meters are read once a year, in late May. Only members who use water are billed. Sometimes a special assessment is charged for all members. Expect this bill in July.

**Location number:** We are now using location numbers to identify owners.These are shorthand for the APN numbers associated with your shares. You will have one location number for each of your properties. Please use this for identification number along with your membership name.

**Filings**: All of the necessary of the 2020 filings and reports were completed. These include The Annual Report to the State, the Consumer confidence report [CCR]. S1 form, property taxes, income taxes, etc.

**Financials:** A copy of the last fiscal year’s financials are included with this mailing. Any member that wants a copy of the financials early can get one by calling or e-mailing me [se above]. For privacy reasons our financials are not posted on our website.

**The Board of Directors:** Most of the current Board members have served many times. Board members serve for three years before re-election. The good thing is that we are experienced board, but we need new blood. These members serve as volunteers. All members owe the Board members a vote of thanks for their service on our behalf. *Please consider becoming involved!*

The board of directors are elected as representatives of the shareholders. We are a mutual water company which means that we, the shareholders, own the company. It is all our responsibility, as shareholders, to make sure that the company runs smoothly. That includes serving on the Board.

**Annual Meeting:** Annual meetings are held each Labor Day. Shareholders should come, if possible, because we cannot hold a business meeting without a quorum. If you cannot attend, please fill out the proxy that will be sent to you in July and mail it back. This is particularly important! We elect new Board members at this meeting.

**Contact Info:** Please make sure that we have your current contact information, mailing address, phone number and e-mail. Our website is *palomarmountainwater.com.* Visit the website for more information. Please call me for answers to questions, information, or complaints.