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

**July 2022 Newsletter**

**President’s remarks:** Our water company is operating under California state mandated drought restrictions. We need to remember first and foremost that water is a finite and precious resource.  Thanks to all of our shareholders who practice water conservation on a daily basis as we appreciate your efforts.  We are fortunate that we only have a few shareholders who do not comply with our rules concerning outdoor irrigation with sprinklers or irrigation systems. We are a small company who can handle normal amounts of daily water usage, but it needs to be emphasized that we have both limited pumping and storing capabilities.

We monitor our water usage daily and have our water tested frequently in a state approved laboratory. We appreciate reports of any water leaks immediately to the water company.

**The Board of Directors thank you for your continued cooperation and support.**

**Operator’s report:** All water testing and repairs are up to date. I am greatly concerned about our April well levels [around 40 feet deep]. They are lower than they have been during my 16-year tenure as Operator for this time of year. During the summer and fall there is usually little or no precipitation on Palomar Mountain and the drought continues because of lower winter precipitation. If we have to lower our pumps [currently at 100 feet] it will be costly. Please be careful with your water use.

**From the Board:**

**Increase in water rates:** [*see rates and fees on page 3 of this newsletter***].** There will be an increase in the June 22, 2022, to June 2023 water use rates. You will not see the change until you get your June 2023 water bill.

The new tier rates are an effort to encourage high users to use less water. Members who use less than 30,000 gallons/year will see no change. We have to be continually aware that we are in a California wide drought, and we do not know when it will be over, if ever. Also, pumping

costs are considerably higher if we have to pump during “on-peak” hours when the electrical charges are considerably higher. This additional cost has to be shared by all members no matter how much water they use. Note: About 30% of the members use little or no water.

**Annual Meeting: September 5, 2022, at 10:00 AM. T**he Annual meeting will be held electronically again this year because we do not have a meeting venue large enough to hold a quorum. ***Please see the proxy,******included with this mailing, for directions on how to join the meeting*.** We need 40% of the voting power of the company to hold more than an informational meeting. Please attend electronically or send in your proxies so that we can have a decision-making meeting this year. Remember members are ultimately responsible for the running of the company. We are a non-profit mutual water company. This greatly reduces the cost of your water but holds the membership responsible for running the company. The directors are there to guide you and to make day to day decisions. The board receives no compensation for their time and effort. [over]

.**Bylaw up-date and revision:** Our bylaws were originally written in 1925 when the water company was formed to provide water to the new city lot sized properties developing on Crestline and Birch Hill. They exist today largely in their original form, although amendments, wording and organization has changed little over the almost 100 years since their creation. It is past time for these bylaws to by updated. This requires 2/3 of the voting power of the company for approval. Your Board has been working on these changes for several years and are now seriously trying to finish up our recommendations. This requires legal help since we have to make sure that we meet California Corporate Code and do not want to make suggestions that are not in the long-term best interests of the company.

You will receive an independent mailing with a ballot, bylaw changes and reasons for the change when we finish our proposed bylaws, and we will need all of you to respond by vote. There is a copy of our current 1988 bylaws on our website*: www.* ***palomarmountainwater.com.***

**Yearly financials:** The 2021-2022 financials will not be available for this mailing, you can request a copy after September 10, 2022, by contacting the office manager, Linda Thorne. [see below]. We cannot post these on our website for privacy reasons.

**Other:** The 2021 Consumer Confidence report [water quality and testing results] are posted on the website. Please remember to write your invoice number on your checks. Make sure that the shareholders name is noted on the check. Business names or names of non-members on checks can make it hard to credit the proper payment. For further identification, you can also use your location number.

**Share transfers and bills payments:** Please contact Linda Thorne if you are planning to sell your property so that she can do the necessary water share transfer

**Contacts:**

You will get faster response by calling the Operator and Office manager directly. Note the change in the Office managers E-mail address. The old one does not work.

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