

Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company News

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Executive Director's Report

1. The crew continues repairing numerous leaks that are being caused mostly by root infiltration.
2. The Well 8 pump replacement is complete for a total cost of \$39,616.15. It is producing at a max capacity of 250 gallons/minute. The electric panel was overhauled and replacement of this panel with a variable speed panel is not needed since this well connects to a storage tank only. Funds to pay for this project are from part of this year's share assessment.
3. The September PG&E bill was \$13,272.00. This is \$139 dollars less than last year and \$1,900.00 less than August's. Although water use is down, PG&E rates are at their highest now in the evening when water demand is also high.

October's Board Meeting Highlights

1. The treasure reported that the newsletter is not in the budget for this year and stated that costs to print for mailing with bills is not covered. Suggested sending only email copies until cost can be placed in the budget.
2. Board approved Mike Healy with Myriad Engineering to write a grant for water meters.
3. Finance Committee: No one has volunteered to be a shareholder member. The Board will continue to look for volunteers. Policy may need to be changed to allow committee to function with just the Executive Director, Treasurer, and President until volunteer members can be seated.
4. Assessment Fund Account- requires a signature card to be completed and then funds can be transferred.
5. Board approved expenses of up to \$2,000.00 from the emergency fund for Mark Wallo Pump to pull and diagnose the pumping problem with well 11.
6. PBMWC Property on Chowchilla Mountain Rd: A neighbor was contacted to see if there was any interest in purchasing the property and there was no interest. The evaluation of the value of the property will be completed by Shannon and item will be kept as old business.
7. Larry Harris with Mariposa County Public Works was contacted about information concerning the economic status of the Ponderosa Basin community by board president,

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Howard Skinner for community financial information and Ponderosa Basin is not considered a disadvantaged community because household incomes exceed \$43,000/annually. This will limit the availability of grants without a share of cost. Howard will reach out to the Water Resource Control Board for grant opportunities. Item will remain as old business.

8. A new fine schedule for violating outside watering times was approved by the board. 1st offense is a warning, 2nd offense: \$50, 3rd offense: \$150, 4th offense: \$300, 5th offense: referral to the board of directors for action. This new fine schedule will take effect next year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Finance Committee Needs Shareholder Volunteers

The Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company Board of Directors is forming a finance committee. The board is seeking two shareholders to serve on the committee. The committee will help provide transparency and oversight of company finances. Meetings will be minimally 4 times a year, once each quarter. In the beginning more frequent meetings may be needed as this new process is implemented.

The minimum qualification is to be an eligible shareholder in good standing. Preference will be given to shareholders that have business, budgeting, or financial experience in their resume.

If interested, please submit a letter of interest and brief resume to:

Lori Kay Morgan, Treasurer

Email

pbmwc@sti.net

Attention: Lori Kay Morgan, Treasurer

Assessment Deadline

Deadline for the assessment on shares was November 1st.

Notices of for late assessments will be mailed this month to shareholders that have not paid their assessments by November 1, 2022. Monthly late fees do apply. Please contact Alana Leuchner at 209-742-6572 should you have questions.