



Riverview Water Association
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NEWSLETTER
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Fellow Members,

Annual Members Meeting: will be held on **Saturday July 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM**. This will be a combination of a brief annual business meeting for members and a **Levee Mexican Fiesta!** Riverview Water will be providing tacos plus non-alcoholic beverages. This will be a great opportunity to meet and visit with your neighbors! Last year's event had good attendance and was lots of fun! The location will be at Director Bruce Johnson's house at **3569 Willow Road** on the levee and deck. Please RSVP with number attending by July 17 to Bruce Johnson 925-980-4078 or bdjre@hotmail.com so we can make sure we have enough food!

Survey of Service Lines: All community water companies are now required to complete a survey of the service lines in their system, and determine the material of those lines and fittings. This is required by the U.S. EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and the CA State Water Board, and will need to be submitted by October 2024. The aim, is to protect the public's drinking water from metals that can adversely affect public health. A "users service line" is the portion of the service line and fittings that the homeowner owns, and that extends from the lateral valve to the building inlet. The main Riverview waterline is 3" PVC and the lateral pipe to the box is also PVC. Any properties that have been built from 1986 or newer will have PVC, per the building code. The houses in our system have been built from 1946 to 2017. Please send in any information that you may have, about the water pipe to your home/houseboat/trailer/dock with your annual membership dues payment. If you cannot provide information about your pipe and it's not clear what the pipe material is composed of, we are asking permission to enter your property and look in the box and/or any pipes leading into your house?

State of the System: The main water line runs right at the property line on the street side of your property. The pipe is not very deep and the soils on Bethel Island are soft. Please use caution in driving vehicles in this area! Also, any construction should first locate the waterline and avoid causing damage! Please do not plant trees in this area as they can cause problems with the water pipe, sewer line and utility wires overhead. Survey your property this summer, for any volunteer and invasive plants and trees. There are many plants that can grow in the wrong places and cause lots of damage. Willow trees, blackberry bushes, palm trees, fig trees, Tree of Heaven (from Piper Point Marina to 3799 Willow) are all very invasive, and can just sprout up on their own! The water company had to replace a large section of the main water pipe recently, due to a Cottonwood tree, that had grown over the pipe, as well as into the power lines and also affecting the sewer lines. It's better to remove these plants while they are small, and before they cause expensive damage!

Back-up Generator: We have an emergency generator at our Bethel/end of Willow Rd. well with an automatic starter. If the power goes out, and you don't have water, please contact one of the board members, they may need to open a valve to supply the entire system.

Website: Go to <https://www.riverviewwater.com> to subscribe. Please sign up for alerts via email or text. Go to the website and click the red button on the middle right side that says SIGN UP FOR ALERTS. Fill in your name, email and cell phone number, then check that you're Not A Robot, and click SUBSCRIBE. For the few members who do not use email, if you have a cell phone, please have a friend help you to sign up for text alerts. We will notify members of an anticipated water shut off or in an emergency.

Flooding Impacts: Last year with the drought situation in California that was a focus for water companies. We still encourage voluntary conservation of our water. A common waste of water are broken or loose pipe fitting to the docks. Often we find water running into the delta from people's docks. A large percentage of the members on our system are part time residents, and it may be a good idea to turn off your water when you won't be around to notice any leaks. Also, install shut off valves, so you can turn off the water that is running through the levee for safety reasons. Last year at one property, a small leak in a water pipe in the levee, caused extensive damage overnight!!!! A large void in the levee that BIMID had to repair, and the owner needed to remove and replace their stairs.

Small Water Company Consolidation Committee: We are currently participating in an exploratory committee to research the opportunity to join with Diablo Water Company. No new news at this time. They are waiting for a grant for a professional evaluation.

Lateral Valves: RWA has been replacing old lateral valves on properties the past few years when requested by the members or when there is a leak. The board has established the policy for RWA paying for the materials to make sure the new valves are uniform and of good quality. The member pays for the labor, usually \$450.00, depending on the complexity. It is necessary to have the RWA complete this work, because if not done correctly it could affect the safety of our system, and this is the regulation.

Water Testing: The required bacteriologic tests are done each month for total coliform and e-coli bacteria, and have all been negative. The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), will be emailed to those members who have an email on file. For those members that do not have email, a paper copy will be "snail" mailed to them. We will be posting this report on our website. The comprehensive water testing that's required every 3 years was completed September 2022 with no significant changes to the water quality.

Membership Dues Rates: Effective for the fiscal year of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, the annual dues will be \$450.00 per lot. Dues are to be paid in one single payment. If there is truly a financial crisis and a member is not able to make the single payment, please contact a board member to make arrangements.

Candidates for Board of Directors: Anyone wishing to serve on the Board should contact Patty Martin at 925-212-2379 or pzmartin@kiteisland.com to ensure their name is placed on the ballot. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to ensuring quality water delivery to our homes!

Contact Information Updates: Please write any contact info changes on your invoice when you send your payment. If you have an email, this is the easiest way to reach members with Neighborhood Watch alerts and to contact you in an emergency!

Neighborhood Watch: Please keep valuables locked up and out of sight! As always, please contact me with any information that you want to share with your neighbors!
Patty Martin at 925-684-2129 H, 925-212-2379 C or pzmartin@kiteisland.com.

Emergency Contact Information:

Riverview Water Association: (925)980-4078 Sheriff's Dispatch (925) 646-2441

Life Threatening Emergency: 911 Marine Patrol (925) 427-8507

BIMID (Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District) (925) 684-2210