



**Riverview Water Association**  
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**NEWSLETTER**  
**June 2024**



**Your Board of Directors**

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**Annual Members Meeting:** will be held on **Saturday June 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. This will be an annual business meeting for members, and will be a great opportunity to meet and visit with your neighbors! The location will be at **BIMID Hall at 3085 Stone Rd, Bethel Island**. Financial reports for the 2023/24 fiscal year will be available. Please come and give suggestions, complaints, solutions, and volunteer your talents and service for running our water system.

**State of the System:** The Riverview Water Association was formed in 1948 to serve the Irvine-Bloomfield Subdivision Nos. 1 & 2 (Riverview Lots), Bethel Island. We are a very small (one mile), mutual (owned by the members), local water company. Currently, we serve 89 lots in this subdivision, one membership per lot.

Originally there were certificates of membership which were “Appurtenant to the said lands”. At this time each lot is entitled to a membership, if the dues are paid, and in good standing. The dues are considered a “**membership fee**” for the right to access water from the Riverview Water Association. Each lot from the original subdivision map has the right to a lateral valve for the access to the water. Our system does not have individual meters, and we rely on the members to use good judgement in conservation of our water. With a system this old, we have many deferred maintenance items to address every year! One of the pumps at the Piper Point well was recently replaced.

**Trees #!@\*!!:** We continue to have problems on the main water pipe with trees that have been planted, or volunteered, and have caused exposure and breakage of the pipe. 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** do not plant trees in this area as they can cause problems with the main water pipe!

**Please** survey your property for any volunteer invasive plants or trees. **Remove** unwanted plants and trees before they cause damage to your property, and the main water system that serves us all. Fig trees, blackberry bushes, palm trees, willow trees, Tree of Heaven (Piper Point Marina to 3799 Willow) are all very invasive, and can just sprout up and grow aggressively!!!

On June 5, 2023 we had a significant break in our main line, due to an enormous fig tree. We capped off the main line at both sides of the fig tree, essentially splitting our system in two, right at the middle. We have been trying to come to an agreement with the property owner about removing the tree, but with no success. We have sought legal advice to help clarify the situation. It was not possible to work in this area during the rainy season. This has been a serious situation because if the power had gone out, or both pumps failed at Piper Point well, we would have not been able to provide water to half of our system!!! The board of directors didn’t feel like it would be a good idea to remove trees on personal property. It is recommended that each property owner remove any problematic trees on their own lots. We plan to remedy this situation during the summer.

**Survey of Service Lines:** We are continuing to complete a survey of the service lines in our 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. We may need to enter your property to determine the type of material, if we do not already have your information.

**Back-up Generator:** We have an emergency generator at our Bethel/end of Willow Rd. well with an automatic starter. This generator has only been able to serve the end of Willow section due the main pipe breakage with the fig tree.

**Website:** Please sign up at the website because we will be utilizing the site for agendas and minutes from our quarterly board of directors meetings in the months of February, May, August and November. The board of directors meetings are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of those months, depending on holidays and board members schedules. The agenda and minutes from the Annual Members Meeting that is held in June or July of each year, will be on the 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.

**Small Water Company Consolidation Committee:** Riverview Water has been participating in the State supported Consolidation Task Force to convert the small water companies of Bethel Island over to Diablo Water Company of Oakley. Currently the new development of Delta Coves, Santiago Mobile Park and Willow West Rd. are being served by Diablo Water. Presently, they are working on converting the water systems on Sandmound over to Diablo water because they had a high arsenic level in their wells and voted for this option. The Willow's Mobile Park on Willow Rd. has applied to receive Diablo Water. There are many advantages to going to a larger professionally run, water treatment company. We will keep you apprised of any new developments and possible grants that could help us get new infrastructure. When this option becomes available it will be put to a vote by all of the members in good standing of our association.

**Water Testing:** We have a new requirement to test for PFAS "forever chemicals". The required bacteriologic tests are done each month for total coliform and e-coli bacteria, and have all been negative. The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), is posted on our website. [www.riverviewwater.com](http://www.riverviewwater.com)  
The comprehensive water testing that's required every 3 years was completed September 2022 with no significant changes to the water quality, and will be repeated in 2025.

**Membership Dues Rates:** Effective for the fiscal year of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025, the annual dues will be \$475.00 per lot. Dues are to be paid in one single payment. If there's truly a financial crisis and a member is not able to make the single payment, please contact a board member to make arrangements.

**Remember, we do not have meters, and you are not being charged for your water use. Each lot is required to pay the membership dues each year to maintain their membership status!**

**Candidates for Board of Directors:** Anyone wishing to serve on the Board should contact Patty Martin at 925-212-2379 or [pzmartin@kiteisland.com](mailto: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!

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**Emergency Contact Information:**

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

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

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