

BCPUD PIPELINE



Winter 2018-19

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Bolinas Rainfall to Date

The numbers are in for the first half of the 2018-19 “rain year” (which begins on July 1 and concludes on June 30). Rain totals through the end of December 2018 were 10.3 inches, which compares favorably to the 4.6 inches Bolinas received during the same period the prior rain year. Rain totals through January 30, 2019 were 17.4 inches, which again compares favorably to the 12.1 inches received at this time last year. As a reminder: average rainfall in Bolinas is approximately 32 inches per rain year. We will update rainfall totals in the next issue of the BCPUD Pipeline!

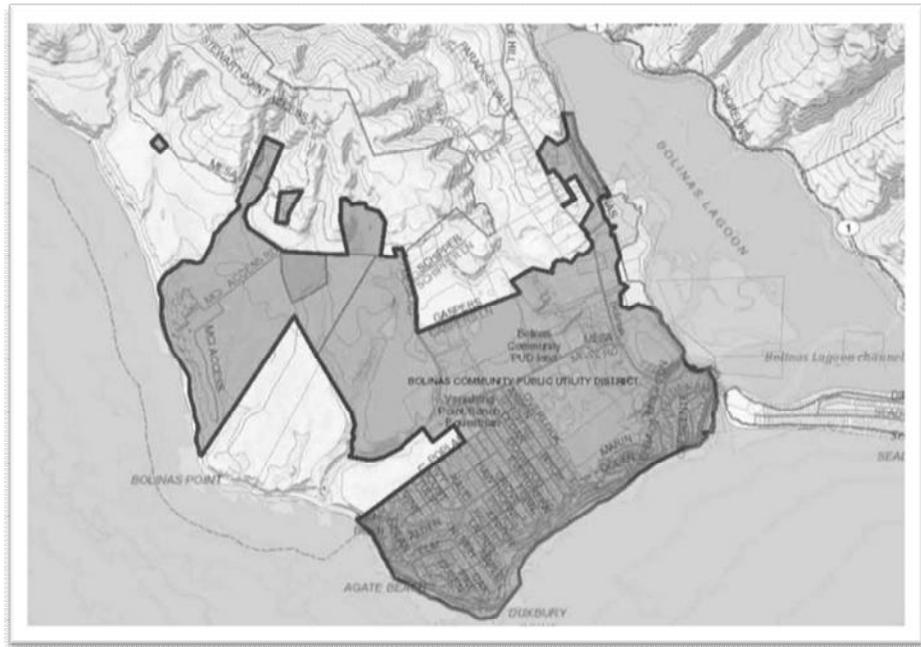
Part-Time Resident?

If your home is not occupied on a full-time basis, please make arrangements to have someone check on it regularly to ensure that a hose hasn't been left on, or a toilet is not running, or some other such circumstance that could result in a potential water loss and a large bill. In recent years a number of leaks have occurred at customer properties but were not identified for several weeks or more because no one was present at the property. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Water or Sewer emergency? Please contact our office at 415-868-1224

The BCPUD: Who We Are and What We Do

The Bolinas Community Public Utility District (“BCPUD”) was formed in 1967 as a result of the consolidation of two previously existing districts: The Bolinas Public Utility District (which served the downtown and Little Mesa areas) and the Bolinas Beach Public Utility District (which served the Bolinas Mesa). The BCPUD’s jurisdictional boundary encompasses approximately 2.6 square miles along Marin County’s western shoreline as shown in the graphic below:



The BCPUD provides water, sewer, solid waste disposal, septic/drainage and related services, and it is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. The directors are elected by registered voters residing within the jurisdictional boundaries of the district (or are appointed by the Board of Supervisors in lieu of a contested election) to serve staggered four-year terms. Per a recent change to state law (the 2015 California Voter Participation Rights Act), the BCPUD Board elections are held every other year during *even*-numbered years to coincide with the statewide election dates. BCPUD directors receive a \$250 monthly “director fee” and the full Board meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the District’s office, which is located at 270 Elm Road in Bolinas. The BCPUD Board also has a number of subcommittees that meet from time to time if and when necessary to conduct the business of the district. The subcommittees are: Finance; Legal; Mesa Septic, Flood Control and Roads; Operations; Parks & Recreation; Personnel; and Sewer.

BCPUD Board of Directors



Jack Siedman - Jack is the President of the Board and has served as a director since 1993; his current term on the Board will end in 2022.

Victor Amoroso - Vic is Vice-President of the Board and has served as a director since 1984; his current term on the Board will end in 2020.

Don Smith - Don has served as a director since 2005 and his current term on the Board will end in 2020.

Grace Godino - Grace has served as a director since 2014 and her current term will end in 2022.

Lyndon Comstock - Lyndon also has served as a director since 2014 and his current term will end in 2022.

To find out more about our Board of Directors, please go to the Board of Directors page on our website at www.bcpud.org/administration/board-of-directors/.

BCPUD Staff



Jennifer Blackman - General Manager. Jennifer was appointed by the Board to manage the district in 2005. She oversees general operations of the district and reports regularly to the Board at its monthly meetings.

Belle Wood - Administrative Assistant. Belle has worked for the district since 2005 and performs a myriad of administrative tasks, including but not limited to billing, payroll and associated financial bookkeeping.

Bill Pierce - Chief Operator. Bill has worked for the district since 1985 and works closely with the General Manager to implement the Board's directives and ensure that the district provides safe and reliable utility services to its customers.

Seth Kline, Stew Oakander and Andrew Spalding - Seth, Stew and Andrew are the district's Shift Operators. Seth has been with the district since 1996; Stew and Andrew were more recently hired in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

How to Contact the BCPUD

There are a number of ways to contact the BCPUD! You can call us at (415) 868-1224. Although our "official" office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Belle and Jennifer usually are available well into the afternoon and are happy to help you and/or answer your questions. You also can email the BCPUD directly at bcpud@bcpud.org or send "snail mail" to us at P.O. Box 390, Bolinas, California 94924. Alternatively, you can stop by our offices at 270 Elm Road; we would love to meet you.

How to Participate

Attend a Board meeting! The meeting agendas are posted on our website and in the Hearsay News on the Friday prior to each meeting, or you can ask to be placed on our agenda mailing list. Serve on a volunteer committee! Learn about the issues facing our district and offer your expertise and input. The BCPUD works for YOU. The Board and staff of the BCPUD would appreciate receiving your input about how we can best provide you with safe and cost-efficient utility services. Thank you for all that you do!