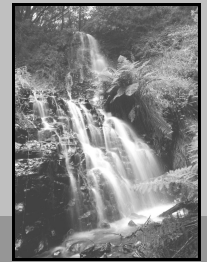


BPUD PIPELINE



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Customer contact information

In order that we may contact you in a timely manner, especially in the event of an emergency, we are asking that you let us know whenever you experience a change of mailing address, phone number, property ownership, or tenancy at a property site served by a water meter so that we may update our records. To contact us, please call 868-1224 or come by our office at 270 Elm Rd.

Up-to-date contact information ensures that you are properly notified when an emergency arises, as well as when there are items relating to your neighborhood or otherwise of interest to you on the agendas for our monthly Board of Director meetings. As a reminder, our Board of Directors meets every third Wednesday of each month. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.

For more information on how to have an item added to the agenda, please contact us at 868-1224.

Your Board of Directors—Working Hard on Your Behalf

The Board of Directors of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District is comprised of five dedicated members of our community, each of whom has been publicly elected by district voters to four-year terms. The current members of the Board are: Jack Siedman, President; Vic Amoroso, Vice-President; Bobbi Kimball, Member; Jack McClellan, Member; and Don Smith, Member. Vic Amoroso and Don Smith were elected to their current four-year terms in 2003 (their Board positions will be open for election in November 2007) and Jack Siedman, Bobbi Kimball and Jack McClellan were elected to their current four-year terms in 2005 (their Board positions will be open for election in November 2009).

The Board of Directors is regularly scheduled to meet on a monthly basis; regular meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at the district offices (270 Elm Road in Bolinas) and are open to the public. From the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October, board meetings begin at 8:00 p.m.; from the last Sunday in October to the first Sunday in April, board meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. The agenda for each meeting is finalized and published on the Friday immediately preceding the Wednesday meeting date; the agenda is available on the district website (www.bcpud.org), in the Bolinas Hearsay News, posted on downtown bulletin boards, and by direct mail. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive copies of the Board agenda, please contact our office at 868-1224. Similarly, if you would like to request an item be added to the Board agenda, please contact us no later than the Thursday immediately preceding the meeting. If you would like to follow the activities of the Board but do not have time to come to the monthly meetings, please visit our website and follow the links to our meeting minutes and/or legislation (i.e., resolutions and ordinances), which are posted as soon as they are approved by the Board. The minutes summarize the meeting discussions and decisions made by the Board; the resolutions and ordinances reflect the terms of specific legislative enactments of the Board.



Don Smith, Bobbi Kimball, and Jack Siedman

Recent Resolutions Passed by the Board

Resolution 538—Encourages Alternatives to Chemical Herbicides and Pesticides and Requires Neighborhood Notice of Intended Use; **Resolution 539**—Supports the Newly-formed West Marin Mosquito Control Coordinating Council.

In recent months, the Board has been actively working on your behalf to address issues of concern to the community. For example, in October 2006 the Board passed **Resolution 538**, which establishes the BCPUD's policy with regard to the use of toxic chemicals within the district. The resolution acknowledges the harmful effects of toxic chemicals on living organisms and resolves that alternatives to chemical herbicides and pesticides should be



Woodrat Reservoir

used whenever possible within the district to control weeds, vermin, harmful insects and other pests. Significantly, the resolution requires *any person or entity planning to use or apply chemical herbicides and/or pesticides on real property within the district shall notify neighbors within a 300-foot radius of the intended application area at least 48 hours prior to the planned use or application.* This notification requirement is intended to enable chemically-sensitive neighbors to object to the planned usage of chemical herbicides or pesticides and/or leave the area prior to the application to avoid exposure. *If you are a landlord, it is important that you advise your tenants of this policy so that they, and you as the property owner, do not inadvertently fall out of compliance.* The Board's passage of Resolution 538 was an outgrowth of the lessons learned during the community's negotiation with the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District ("M&VCD") to reach an agreement prohibiting the use of chemical pesticides for mosquito abatement and control in West Marin, except in circumstances where the M&VCD, in conjunction with the Marin County Public Health Officer and the California Department of Health-Services—Vector Borne Disease Section declares a public health emergency. In related action, the Board in November 2006 passed **Resolution 539** in support of the newly-formed West Marin Mosquito Control Coordinating Council, the "successor-in-interest" to the community committee appointed by the BCPUD. The new council is authorized to work on the BCPUD's behalf to ensure the community is informed and engaged in mosquito prevention and control, to ensure that the agreement with the M&VCD is followed during its one-year term and to continue working with the M&VCD towards a multi-year extension of the agreement.

Resolution 540—Requires Reimbursement for Costs of Repair to BCPUD Infrastructure

In December 2006, the Board passed **Resolution 540**, which requires district customers to reimburse the BCPUD for repair costs to BCPUD infrastructure for damage caused by customers. This resolution was prompted by several recent events in which district customers failed to notify BCPUD and/or the Underground Service Alert ("USA" - 1-800-227-2600) of planned work in the public rights-of-way (such as grading, ditching, tree removal and the like) and the work then caused damage to BCPUD infrastructure, including but not limited to water mains and blow-off valves. The Board determined that the costs of repairing infrastructure under such circumstances should be borne by the responsible customer, not the entire district. If you are planning any work in or near the public rights-of-way, please notify USA so that all relevant utility locations can be marked before you begin work.

Resolution 541—Stating BCPUD Intent to Regulate Water Wells in the District

In January 2007, the Board passed **Resolution 541**, which states the district's intent to enact an ordinance regulating water wells within the boundaries of the district. Although the BCPUD previously encouraged customers in a prior *Pipeline* edition to consider the possible use of irrigation wells to reduce the demand on our treated water supply for landscaping, customers subsequently raised concerns to the Board about possible implications of such wells to neighboring properties on the Mesa, given the small size of individual lots, the existence of hundreds of septic systems and the foreseeable need to repair and/or upgrade such systems. Stay tuned for further action from the Board on this topic.

Board Approves Establishment of Two New Tiers of Metered Water Delivery Charges and Revisions to Existing Rates.

Finally, the Board in December 2006 approved the addition of two new tiers to the district's existing metered water delivery charges, as well as revisions to the existing tiers, to bring the rates charged by the BCPUD more directly in line with the rates charged by the other districts in West Marin. An extensive analysis of the BCPUD's metered water delivery charges revealed that the district is significantly under-charging customers whose consumption places them at the highest tiers; to encourage conservation and more equitably recoup the expenses of producing high volumes of treated water, the Board directed staff to commence the Proposition 218 notification process to inform district customers about the planned changes and provide and opportunity for comment/objection. Please keep an eye on your mail; notices will be mailed out in early February from the BCPUD detailing the new and revised metered water delivery charges.