

BPUD PIPELINE



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In Brief...

It's official: 2013 was the driest year on record for Marin County. What does this mean for Bolinas? First and foremost, it means that we all must continue to conserve as much water as possible. **EACH AND EVERY EFFORT YOU MAKE TO REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL!!!**

As you know, Bolinas has an extremely limited water supply and we ask our customers to be mindful of their water consumption and voluntarily conserve to the greatest extent possible every day. Conditions are worsening as each spectacular, but dry, day goes by. We therefore issue this notice to renew our request that you conserve water as much as possible and please, *do not increase your current water consumption!!*

In particular, **please turn off all automatic irrigation systems and cease all landscape irrigation.** Please also limit the length of showers, run appliances only when you have full loads, and generally be mindful about any use of water.

We will keep you updated on the status of our water supply posted on our website (www.bcpud.org), published in the [Hearsay News](#), and posted and distributed in town.

Questions?
Call 868-1224.



In Conversation with retiring BCPUD Shift Operator Lewie Likover

Many of you know that Lewie Likover retired as a full-time shift operator for the BCPUD on October 1, 2013. However, you may *not* know that Lewie continues to consult for the district on a part-time basis and is leading the district's efforts to identify a solution to permanently reduce the chlorine disinfection byproducts in our treated drinking water. He also remains available for drainage project consultations (you can reach him by calling the BCPUD at 868-1224). Here are some more facts about Lewie that you may not know . . .

Lewie grew up in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. His parents were active members of their community: his mother was the Acting Director of the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland and his father was an official in the painters' union and also volunteered as a paralegal with the ACLU.

Lewie attended the University of Chicago where he studied the History of Russian Civilization. He subsequently met his wife, Bobbi, when he was taking graduate courses at Sacramento State University.

Lewie moved to Bolinas on New Year's Day in 1984. He arrived after having been hired by Full Circle to run a group home for emotionally disturbed boys on Elm Road. Lewie's career until that time had been devoted to social work with kids; he had managed other group homes and also previously worked at the Mendocino County juvenile hall and the Napa State hospital, among other places.

Lewie started his career with the BCPUD in 1987. His neighbor, then-General Manager Phil Buchanan, asked Lewie during a backyard conversation whether he would be interested in working part-time (on the weekends) for the district and the rest, as they say, is history. Lewie accepted Phil's offer and continued to work part-time for the district until 2005, when his shift operator position transitioned to a full-time job. During his part-time tenure with the BCPUD, Lewie was a partner in his wife's dental business and, as he puts it, he did "everything but the dentistry".

Lewie is very community-oriented. During his time in Bolinas, he served on the Bolinas Community Center Board for several years and also was a volunteer firefighter for the Bolinas Fire Protection District for 13 years. He attained the rank of captain with the fire district which, as Lewie points out, "equaled my wife's rank in the Air Force!" Lewie also worked as a paid duty officer for the fire district and worked for a year or so at the Inverness Public Utility District as a water treatment operator and fireman.

Lewie is an accomplished musician. Lewie plays violin and guitar. He started playing violin at a young age in his school orchestra and traveled around the county to play concerts. Lewie says that after high school he gave up music until he moved to Bolinas in 1984 and decided to join the West Marin Orchestra and Chorus. Currently he greatly enjoys playing with the local band Midnight on The Water which has a standing gig at Smiley's on the last Wednesday of every month.

Lewie has eclectic hobbies. Lewie and Bobbi enjoy mushroom hunting and bird-watching in their spare time. He notes that when he first moved to Bolinas, no one was very interested in mushrooming and it was common for him to forage 20-30 pounds of mushrooms off nearby lots on the Bolinas Mesa. However, times have changed and "someone has been beating me to my spot for chanterelles". Like any serious mushroomer, Lewie declines to discuss where he now hunts for mushrooms. As for bird-watching, Lewie says that during the years that he and Bobbi ran the dental practice, many of their customers were local scientists and interns at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory; these customers piqued their interest in the abundant local bird life.

Lewie's best memories of working for the BCPUD and his plans for the future. Lewie truly enjoyed being of service to the community by helping to deliver clean water to the district's customers and to maintain the town's infrastructure. He even enjoyed the midnight emergency calls: "it was an adrenaline rush," he explains, "similar to working for the Fire Department where you develop a heightened awareness of responding in a crisis." Lewie credits the community for much of his job satisfaction; "even though Bolinas residents have a reputation over-the-hill for being unfriendly, I've found the community to be incredibly cooperative and able to come together in many very positive ways." He cites the water outage of 1998 and the water rationing of 2009 as examples of such behavior. For now, Lewie plans to continue serving the community as he works part-time at the BCPUD to resolve the chlorine disinfection byproduct challenge (but he hopes to find time to travel in upcoming years).

Lewie's words of advice for future BCPUD shift operators. "Learn everything you can: keep your eyes open, see what need to be done and do it! There is always something new to learn at the BCPUD."

New Faces on the BCPUD Board of Directors

On November 5, 2013, Bolinas voters elected Grace Godino and Lyndon Comstock (and re-elected incumbent Jack Siedman) to the BCPUD Board of Directors. They join incumbents Vic Amoroso and Don Smith on the BCPUD's five-member board. Grace and Lyndon (pictured here with director Don Smith during their "oath of office" ceremony last month) collectively bring a wealth of expertise across a variety of disciplines to the Board, as well as a strong interest in public service. We welcome their arrival and bid a fond farewell and hearty "thank you!" to retiring Board members Kim Bender and Bobbi Kimball.

