

Smart Meter Project Advances

BSMWC has installed 2,760 smart water meters for shareholders since last Spring, part of a move to increase efficiency, accuracy and cost savings and eliminate water waste.

The Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system allows real-time monitoring of water use so BSMWC can more quickly and easily identify leaks and read meters. Remote access to the meters reduces greenhouse gas emissions because staff no longer have to drive by each home or business.

AMI is being installed as BSMWC replaces aging meters throughout the system. Eventually, all shareholders will have a smart meter. There is no additional charge for the upgrade and shareholders do not need to be present for installation.

As part of the system, shareholders will soon have access to EyeOnWater, an app connected to their water account that allows viewing of daily water use and alerts for possible leaks.



Private Water Company Takes Over Bellflower Municipal System

Customers of the Bellflower Municipal Water system are now being served by California American Water's Los Angeles County District.



If you are a Municipal customer and have questions regarding your water service or bill, please call California American Water's Customer Service Center at 1-888-237-1333 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. California American Water is available for emergencies 24/7.

'Water is Life' Student Art Contest Opens

Kindergarteners through 12th graders are invited to draw on their artistic talents for the 2023 "Water is Life" poster art contest.

Posters should focus on ways to promote and encourage efficient water use at home and in the community or explore new water-saving ideas for the future. The top three winning entries will be announced in the Spring and those artists will receive Amazon gift cards.



The winning posters will advance to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) regional contest. From there, 36 entries will be selected for next year's "Water is Life" calendar, which is distributed to schools and the community. The artwork will also be featured in MWD's outreach materials and website.

Participating classrooms in the BSMWC service area are eligible to receive an art supply kit valued at \$70 for students who want to participate. Limited kits are available. Visit our website to learn more about this. Deadline to request a kit by Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Contest Submittal Deadline Friday, March 31, 2023.
Visit our website at BSMWC.com for more information.

Leahy Well Dedicated to Longtime Board Member Jerry Larsen



The Leahy Well, which was dedicated on October 8th in honor of longtime BSMWC Board member Jerry Larsen, will improve water quality and reliability for company shareholders.

The well will provide up to 3,500 gallons of water per minute and allow the Company to refurbish or replace existing wells without impacting service.

Jerry Larsen served the Bellflower community for nearly half a century. First elected to the Somerset Mutual Water Company Board of Directors in 1970, he was instrumental in the merger with Bellflower Mutual Water Company. Larsen continued serving on the BSMWC Board of Directors until his passing in 2019 and was a strong advocate for the Leahy Well.

The dedication occurred at the Leahy Well, located on Leahy Street in Bellflower. Nearly 100 people attended, including members of the Larsen family.



Don't Get Stung By the Drought

Despite recent rains, the drought continues across California and we must all work together to minimize the impacts by conserving water.

Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company has access to an adequate groundwater supply to serve shareholders. But if the drought stretches on, our ability to bring in imported water as a backup will be limited.

To maximize our local groundwater supplies and comply with mandatory state water restrictions, the Board of Directors declared a Level 2 water shortage. The intent is to reduce water usage systemwide by 10% to 20%.

To reach that goal, BSMWC shareholders must observe the following conservation rules:

- Hosing down sidewalks, driveways or other paved surfaces is prohibited
- Watering lawns is allowed between 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Lawn watering is limited to two days per week (Even-numbered properties can irrigate on Mondays and Thursdays, and odd-numbered properties can irrigate on Tuesdays and Fridays)
- No irrigation is allowed within 48 hours after measurable rainfall
- Water leaks must be fixed as soon as possible
- Vehicles may only be washed at home if the hose has an automatic shutoff nozzle
- No cleaning, filling, or topping off water levels in decorative fountains that do not recirculate the water



For additional water-saving tips, please visit our website at BSMWC.com.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Closed on Alternate Fridays

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