

November 20, 2023

Hello MEWA Members and happy early Thanksgiving 2023!

We have some more quick updates to share:

NEW Roles: Last update, we announced that our longest serving Board member & Secretary Lora Flinn would be temporarily assuming membership/certificate duties in the wake of Jeff Johnson's departure. Since then, our existing bookkeeper Stacy Stultz has agreed to assume these duties going forward and we're very excited to have someone serve in that role on a permanent basis!

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: Some of you may have recently received a notice of past payment due as we continue to clean up our member contact list/database/contact information ahead of the 2024 quarterly billing cycle (see next item below). PLEASE help to keep your account current and if you are unsure of where your account stands or just want the peace of mind of knowing please don't hesitate to reach out to Stacy Stultz at stultzbookkeepingsolutions@gmail.com and our Treasurer Roberto Van de Wyngard at vandewyngard@yahoo.com for confirmation.

WATER METER PICKUPS/INSTALLS: We are still transitioning to usage billing in 2024 so if you have not done so already, PLEASE pickup and INSTALL a water meter before the end of the year. Please contact Board member Brent Groenke at brent.groenke@yahoo.com. Jeremy Allenbaugh liquidwaterservices@gmail.com 303-957-7411 our water tester/operator in responsible charge (ORC) has already helped install many of them for you already as he is always in PanArk at least once per week! We continue to test out and fine tune the meter reading equipment/software and plan on getting baseline water meter readings in early January and hope to have our 2024 usage rates/billing structure finalized in the next couple of weeks. Based upon actual 12 months of 2024 usage, status of proposed Augmentation Plan amendment with Colorado Water Court, and any and all other factors, MEWA will reevaluate membership fee and usage rate structure for 2025. So PLEASE take the time and effort to install a meter before 2024 begins. If part-time here, please plan ahead with MEWA on meter pickup and install a meter as soon as you arrive so that MEWA can re-adjust rates (if warranted) for 2025 based upon actual 2024 usage. This will also help us identify and troubleshoot any water leakage in the MEWA system.

AQUA-FLO Freeze Protection units: MEWA took delivery of 10 Aqua-Flo units <http://www.groupwd.com/wd-aquaflo> last month and 5 have been distributed already! Member cost is \$1800 and thank you to longtime Board member Steve Kearn for securing us bulk utility pricing. We anticipate this being a one-time MEWA bulk purchase and can't guarantee that future member costs will remain unchanged. If you are interested, please contact Brent Groenke at brent.groenke@yahoo.com for more information and to pay/take delivery of one of the remaining 5 units.

FREE WOOD: Free firewood pickup at the Pavilion was a SUCCESS, so thank you for cooperating and hopefully we can do something similar next year.

THANK YOU and please reach out to mewawater@gmail.com with any questions/comments/concerns and have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

-your MEWA Board