

Hello MEWA Members and happy May!

2024 QUARTERLY BILLING UPDATE: We're smack dab in the middle of Q2 (April-May-June), so if you are one of the very few members that have not picked up and installed a water meter, NOW is a great time to do so because the MEWA Board approved Q3 (July-Aug-Sep) and Q4 (Oct-Nov-Dec) rate **INCREASES** to the Tier 3 rate only (usage without a meter) that will go into effect July 1, 2024 and Oct 1, 2024 respectively. After the Q1 meter readings, we detected two homes that had abnormally high quarterly water usage and the culprit was leaky toilets! If for some reason you HAVE NOT yet received either an annual membership invoice or a Q1 (Jan-Feb-Mar) usage invoice, PLEASE email mewabilling@gmail.com and mewawater@gmail.com. Delinquent accounts are continuing to accrue \$25/month late fees.

COMING SOON – AUTOMATIC RECURRING BILL PAY: Our bookkeeper Stacy has figured out through QuickBooks how to set up Automatic Recurring Quarterly Bill Pay through either credit card or bank draft. If this is convenient for you, please fill out the attached form and email back to mewabilling@gmail.com or mail to MEWA, PO Box 1778, Leadville, CO 80461 in time for the next round of quarterly invoices to go out in early July.

2024 REPAIR & FIELD WORK: MEWA's waterline contractor Werderitch Construction finished repair work to a leaking water line on Sequoia near the Huntzinger Well House and is repairing valve risers throughout the neighborhood that got hit/damaged over the winter. They are about to start work on installing around a half a dozen new curb stops, and then a total of around 3200 LF of water line work on sections of Hemlock, Fir, Aspen, Spruce, Lodgepole, and Mt Massive throughout the summer. Please stay tuned for more details and temporary road closure notifications and thank you in advance for your patience!

TIS THE FREEZIN' SEASON: We STILL have one property/waterline that is still frozen on Lodgepole. Last year, it took until May 25th for the last waterline on Cedar to thaw out.

BEST TASTING WATER: In March, our Water Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) Jeremy Allenbaugh took the initiative to participate and pride in his work to submit MEWA's water into the [Colorado Rural Water Association](#) Best Tasting Water Contest. We came in the top 3 best tasting water, so cheers to our operator and our pristine water source!

JAN-FEB-MAR-APR '24 WELL PUMPING VOLUMES: The State of Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) requires MEWA to report our well pumping volumes 3 times per year. Our pumping volume for the first 4 months of 2024 was just over 2.2 million gallons, which is an average of 18,228 gallons per day. In the first four months of 2023, our wells pumped 2.5 million gallons for an average of 20,775 gallons per day.

PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE (PRV) INFORMATION: Several parts of our water distribution system are significantly lower than our storage tanks which results in high water pressure. High water pressure in your home can cause faucets to leak, banging pipes and toilets, leaking pipes, and more wear & tear or damage to appliances. The MEWA Board hopes to start mapping pressures at homes with a hose bib pressure gauge this summer. After this effort, Pressure Relief Valves (PRV) in the distribution system may be considered, however each homeowner is encouraged to install a pressure regulator in their home if needed.

LEAD AND COPPER RULES REVISION (LCRR): The EPA has set a deadline for October 16th 2024 for all water systems to conduct historical records review of material and if warranted physical inspections and identification of lead pipes. Lake County building records were obtained and with the help of Sunrise Engineering and the MEWA Board, it was determined that lead pipes were never used in our system. This is great news for our health and having submitted the inventory, our system is compliant with the [Lead and Copper Rule](#).

AUGMENTATION PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE: MEWA responded to the City of Aurora's comments at the end of April. Aurora's next round of comments is due at the end of May. The next water referee status conference is scheduled for early June. We hope to have more details to share at the Annual Meeting in July (see below).

MEWA ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING SATURDAY JULY 20th AT 10AM: We have scheduled our 2024 Annual Member Meeting for Sat July 20th at 10am at the new Lake County Fire Station II. We will be sharing details of our recently completed Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and Vulnerability Assessment (VA). This meeting will also include new MEWA board member elections for three positions (Treasurer, Secretary/Office Manager, Open) and MEWA members must be present to vote. We're super excited about our candidates and the work ahead!

THANK YOU and please reach out to mewawater@gmail.com with any questions/comments/concerns!

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