

Riverview Water Association PO Box 645 – Bethel Island, CA 94511 http://www.riverviewwater.com 925-858-7601 NEWSLETTER June 2025



Your Board of Directors

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<u>Annual Members Meeting:</u> will be held on **Saturday June 7, 2024 at 10:00 AM.** This will be an annual business meeting for members. The location will be at **BIMID Hall, 3085 Stone Rd**, **Bethel Island.** Financial reports for the 2024/25 fiscal year will be available. Please come and give suggestions, complaints, solutions, and volunteer your talents and service for running our water system.

<u>State of the System:</u> The board is currently working with our Distribution Operator, JJ Pump & Well, on a plan for repairs and upgrades at our well located at Piper Point Marina. The building has been settling and causing strain on the plumbing. We will be redoing the pipes and also adding VFD variable frequency drives, which will provide a more constant pressure with the varying amounts of water usage.

With the age of our system, it's a constant battle to keep everything dependable and operational. In addition to the maintenance and repairs, we have an increasing need to meet additional state requirements! We are cooperating with Contra Costa Environmental Health department to navigate all that is required for us to comply with county and state laws.

There's Senate Bill 552 that was passed in 2021 that may require us to install meters at all individual properties. We are waiting to see if we will receive an exemption as a small water company.

<u>History:</u> The Riverview Water Association was formed in 1948 to serve the Irvine-Bloomfield Subdivision Nos. 1 & 2 (Riverview Lots), Bethel Island. We are a very small (one mile), mutual (owned by the members), local water company. Currently, we serve 89 lots in this subdivision, one membership per lot.

<u>Tree Problems:</u> First it was a large Cottonwood tree, next a gigantic fig tree, this year it's been multiple palm trees breaking our main water line! Our main water line runs right at the property line on the street side of your property. The pipe is not very deep and the soils on Bethel Island are soft. **Please** do not plant trees in this area as they can cause problems with the main water pipe! **Please** survey your property for any volunteer invasive plants or trees. **Remove** unwanted plants and trees before they cause damage to your property, and the main water system that serves us all. Fig trees, Blackberry bushes, Palm trees, Willow trees, Tree of Heaven (Piper Point Marina to 3799 Willow) are all very invasive, and can just sprout up and grow aggressively!!!

Heavy Equipment: Be very careful! The main pipe is not very deep and the soil is soft. Association Members are responsible for maintenance and repair of piping on their property from the point where the lateral serving their property connects to the water main (the "tee connection"). Association Members are also responsible for maintaining visibility and accessibility to the junction of the lateral with the main for Association maintenance purposes.

Riverview's main 3" line runs through the front of each member's property and driveway. In the event of damage, the member is responsible to notify a Riverview Water Board Member ASAP. Members are financially responsible for damage caused to the main line by the member, member's hired help, or guest of member.

<u>Water Testing:</u> The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR 2024) is posted on our website at: https://www.riverviewwater.com, and also mailed to those members who do not have email addresses. This is a summary of all of the water testing done through the end of 2024. We pass the Primary Drinking Water Standard for safety. We have several items that do not pass the Secondary Drinking Water Standard, of color, taste, odor. The main concern is the Manganese, which comes from the leaching of natural deposits. Manganese can cause brown staining on dishes and sinks, but a functioning water softener should minimize this.

We have a small amount of Arsenic in our water, which is below the Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL) of 10 (ug/L). Our range of detections is 2-8 (ug/L) and is from erosion of natural deposits. This fall we will have our comprehensive water testing done every 3-year and will monitor all concerns. We have the required bacteriological testing done each month for total coliform and e-coli bacteria, and all tests have been negative. We have recently been required to test for Hexavalent Chromium, and we were negative for that. We are still waiting for the testing for PFAS that we have signed up for. If you have any questions about the CCR 2024 water report, please attend the annual meeting on June 7th!!!

<u>Back-up Generator:</u> We have an emergency generator at our Bethel/End of Willow Rd. well with an automatic starter. If you do not have water, please contact a board member!!!!

Website: Please sign up at the website because we will be utilizing the site for agendas and minutes from our quarterly board of directors meetings in the months of February, May, August and November. The board of directors meetings are usually held on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of those months, depending on holidays and board members schedules. The agenda and minutes from the Annual Members Meeting that is held in June or July of each year, will be on the website. Go to https://www.riverviewwater.com to subscribe. Please sign up for alerts via email or text. Go to the website and click the red button on the middle right side that says SIGN UP FOR ALERTS. Fill in your name, email and cell phone number, then check that you're Not A Robot, and click SUBSCRIBE. For the few members who do not use email, if you have a cell phone, please have a friend help you to sign up for text alerts. We will notify members of an anticipated water shut off, or in an emergency.

<u>Small Water Company Consolidation Committee:</u> Riverview Water has been participating in the State supported Consolidation Task Force to convert the small water companies of Bethel Island over to Diablo Water Company of Oakley. Currently the new development of Delta Coves, Santiago Mobile Park and Willow West Rd. are being served by Diablo Water. The Willow's Mobile Park on Willow Rd. has applied to receive Diablo Water. The committee received some grant money to develop a plan for the companies that are interested. We have not received any recent information, but will stayed involved. We will keep you apprised of any new developments that could help us get new infrastructure.

Membership Dues Rates: Effective for the fiscal year of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025, the annual dues will be \$500.00 per lot. Dues are to be paid in one single payment. If a member is not able to make the single payment, please contact Denise Pressler 925-858-7601, denise1pressler@gmail.com to make arrangements. Remember, we do not have meters, and you are not being charged for your water use. Each lot is required to pay the membership dues each year to maintain their membership status!

Candidates for Board of Directors: Anyone wishing to serve on the Board should contact Patty Martin at 925-212-2379 or pzmartin@kiteisland.com to ensure their name is placed on the ballot. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to ensuring quality water delivery to our homes!

<u>Contact Information Updates:</u> Please write any contact info changes on your invoice when you send your payment. If you have an email, this is the easiest way to reach members with Neighborhood Watch alerts and to contact you in an emergency!

<u>Neighborhood Watch:</u> Please keep valuables locked up and out of sight! There have been some reports of people trying to take items off of docks. As always, please contact me with any information that you want to share with your neighbors!

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