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## CHECK THE STATUS OF OUR DROUGHT RESERVES

Even though the drought may continue, our water supply is secure this year and for the foreseeable future. If you would like to check out the current status of our upstream reserves, please visit our new Upstream Reserve Tracker at:

[tmwa.com/reserves](http://tmwa.com/reserves).

## LEARN ABOUT YOUR WATER: TOUR TMWA'S CHALK BLUFF WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND VERDI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT

Learn more about your water by touring TMWA's water-treatment and hydroelectric plants this August and September. Customers can also take a walking tour of River School Farms and Gardens. All tours are free and require only a reservation to attend.

Attendees of the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant tour will learn what it takes to get water from the Truckee River to their taps. They will also learn about the many tests that are conducted to ensure that TMWA's water is of the highest possible quality. Chalk Bluff has been recognized with the President's Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. With this award, TMWA's Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant joins the ranks of the highest-performing water treatment plants in the country. At the time of the award, only 18 utilities across the U.S. had been so honored. Sign up for any of the five tours: Tues., Sept. 6, at 1 p.m.; Tues., Sept. 13, at 3 p.m.; Tues., Sept. 20, at 1 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 24, at 10 a.m.; and Tues., Sept. 27, at 1 p.m. Meet our team of highly skilled engineers, scientists, and operators and find out how they work to provide you with high-quality drinking water.

Customers can also tour TMWA's Verdi Hydroelectric Power Plant, which has been producing clean, renewable energy for over 100 years. The plant, which is located upstream of the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant, harnesses the natural flow of the Truckee River to generate more than 2.3 megawatts of power. The tours will take place on Wednesdays: on Aug. 31 at 2 p.m., Sept. 7 at 10 a.m., Sept. 21 at 2 p.m., and Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. There is also a Saturday tour on Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.

These one-hour tours are free and open to all TMWA customers. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Each tour is limited to 20 people, so please be sure to RSVP to [rsvp@tmwa.com](mailto:rsvp@tmwa.com) or call 834-8290. Please note: These are lengthy walking tours and will involve climbing a significant number of stairs and walking on uneven surfaces.

In addition, customers are invited to take a walking tour of the River School Farm and Gardens, which is right on the Truckee River. The tour, on Sat., Sept. 17, at 10 a.m., features methods you can apply to your own landscape to create a beautiful, water-resilient garden. RSVP to 834-8005 or [conservation@tmwa.com](mailto:conservation@tmwa.com).

# TMWA BOARD ELECTS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

By a unanimous vote of the TMWA Board of Directors, Sparks Mayor Geno Martini was reelected TMWA Board Chairman. Washoe County Commissioner Vaughn Hartung was also elected—as Vice Chairman—for the coming fiscal year. Both Martini and Hartung have provided excellent guidance and support through the consolidation with the Washoe County Water Utilities and drought over the last several years. Their knowledge of TMWA and excellent working relationship with staff members will undoubtedly contribute to a smooth and productive year. Congratulations to both of them!

The rest of the Board includes: Jenny Brekhus, Neoma Jardon, and Naomi Duerr—all Reno City Council members; Jeanne Herman, Washoe County Commissioner; and Ron Smith, a Sparks City Council member. Thanks to all for their contributions.



## TURF TALK

In cooperation with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and the Nevada Landscape Association

Tips on smart watering practices for your lawn: save water, save money.

### Evaporation is the word for August.

**For your lawn:** To avoid evaporation, the best time to water is when it's cooler—in the early morning or late evening Remember: There is no watering from noon to 6 p.m. until after Labor Day, September 5th.

**For swimming pools and hot tubs:** A lot of water is lost to evaporation from hot tubs and swimming pools. Keep them covered when not in use.

**For when it's windy:** Don't water the lawn on windy days, because much of it will just be lost to evaporation.

## THE VALUE OF YOUR WATER

Please use water responsibly and don't waste it. Water is a precious resource, whether it's summer or winter.

## AUDIT YOUR OWN WATER USE AND SAVE

In the summer it is more critical than ever to keep a close eye on your water use. With sprinklers and drip systems running, there are numerous opportunities to spring a leak and waste a lot of water. With this in mind TMWA offers you a short video with step-by-step instructions that examines your home water system for waste. To view the video, visit: [www.tmwa.com/SelfAuditVid](http://www.tmwa.com/SelfAuditVid)

## WHERE TO CALL

- GENERAL INQUIRIES: . . . . . 834-8080
- EMERGENCY REPAIR: . . . . . 834-8090
- WATER CONSERVATION: . . . . . 834-8005
- WATER QUALITY: . . . . . 834-8118
- WATER RIGHTS: . . . . . 834-8029
- OMBUDSMAN: . . . . . 848-0813



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a not-for-profit, community-owned water utility, overseen by elected officials and citizen appointees from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 385,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

## HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

### TOURS OF CHALK BLUFF TREATMENT PLANT AND VERDI HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

See dates and times on front

### STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 6 at 3 p.m.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 21 at 10 a.m.

### WALKING TOUR OF RIVER SCHOOL FARM AND GARDENS

September 17 (see front for details)

Locations and details on all workshops and meetings are found here:

[tmwa.com/news/events-calendar](http://tmwa.com/news/events-calendar)

