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THE VALUE OF YOUR WATER

Quality. Delivered.

TMWA's commitment is to provide safe, clean, high-quality water to our customers.

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) is seeking volunteers for its oversight committee. SAC members review budgets, rates, proposals, and other items; read reports and provide feedback from the customer perspective. The committee reports its findings and makes recommendations to TMWA's board of directors.

This volunteer committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Those interested in serving on the SAC must be TMWA customers. Applications to serve on the committee can be submitted via letter or e-mail and must be received by Friday, Dec. 2, 2016. Applications should include the following:

- Applicant's name and contact information
- Type of customer or group represented (multi-family residential, single-family residential, commercial or irrigation)
- Statement of interest in serving on the SAC
- Any pertinent experience (financial, economic, engineering, water resource management, etc.)

Submit applications to Sonia Folsom at sfolsom@tmwa.com or mail to Truckee Meadows Water Authority, PO Box 30013, Reno, NV 89520, ATTN: Sonia Folsom.

TMWA DROUGHT RESPONSE PROJECTS: PROTECTING WELLS AND USING SURFACE WATER WHEN POSSIBLE

The consolidation of Washoe County Water Resources and TMWA in 2015 has created many opportunities for improving conjunctive use of our water resources throughout the Reno-Sparks area. "Conjunctive use" means using surface water from the Truckee River whenever possible and resting and recharging wells in critical areas.

The \$4 million Arrowcreek Drought Response Phase 1 Project was brought online in April 2016. By pumping a supplemental water supply to the upper reaches of the Mt. Rose alluvial fan area, TMWA has been able to significantly decrease groundwater pumping from the Mt. Rose and Arrowcreek wells. In the May–August 2016 time frame, pumping from wells in the Arrowcreek and Mt. Rose systems decreased by 495 acre-feet (161.6 million gallons) when compared to the same period in 2015 (a 42 percent reduction). These new facilities will allow TMWA to implement

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a conjunctive-use plan in the Mt. Rose and Arrowcreek systems this winter by serving the area with treated surface water and turning off the wells for an extended period of time.

TMWA has completed the North Valleys Integration Project, which involved building the 24-inch Lemmon Drive Main and 18-inch North Virginia Main. The \$10 million project, which was completed significantly under budget, adds the capacity to utilize the Fish Springs groundwater resource in the North Valleys, should the drought continue.

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORS APPROVE SIX PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE AND PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

The Truckee River Fund (TRF) is working year round to protect our water quality and watershed. It was established by TMWA in 2005 to protect and enhance the water quality of the Truckee River. The Fund researches and finances projects that protect the water quality or water resources of the Truckee River and its watershed, which benefits the community’s primary water source and TMWA customers. Every project is required to provide matching grants, thus maximizing the impact of TMWA’s contribution. Since its inception, more than \$9 million has been approved for distribution from the fund to 138 qualifying projects, with over \$16 million in matched funds.

Recently funded projects include: Donner Creek Bank Stabilization, Donner Creek Concept Designs, Watershed Education Initiative, One Truckee River Phase I Implementation—AmeriCorps Support, Watershed Survey & Education, Webber Lake—Little Truckee River Headwaters Management, Spring Invasive Weed Pull, and Fall Truckee River Cleanup.

View current and completed TRF projects with our project map at www.truckeeriverfund.org. If your passion is protecting our water quality and the Truckee River’s watershed, please consider making a donation to the TRF. Contact Tracy Turner, PhD, at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada (CFWNV) at 333-5499. CFWNV is the Fund’s administrator.

REMEMBER: HOLIDAY MAIL CAN CAUSE DELAYS

Due to the increase in mail volume during the holiday season, your water bill could arrive later than usual. Please keep this in mind and allow extra time when remitting your payment by mail during this busy season.

BE READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER:

As temperatures drop this fall, you can avoid the expense and trouble of frozen water lines.

The main point of winterization is to be prepared before the cold weather sets in. No one wants the unwelcome surprise of broken pipes. For more tips on winterizing your home, please visit www.tmwa.com/winterize.

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 - 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.

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 - STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
December 6 at 3 p.m.
 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
December 21 at 10 a.m.
 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED**
December 26

Locations and details on all workshops and meetings are found here: tmwa.com/news/events-calendar

