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SMART ABOUT WATER QUICK FACT: Tours and Workshops Scheduled.

Tour TMWA's award-winning and historic hydroelectric plant, see how TMWA produces high-quality water and delivers it to your tap, or learn how to winterize sprinkler system this fall. Our tours and workshops are designed to help you understand how we manage water in our region, and how you can use it more efficiently at home. The schedule of tours and workshops is included in this mailing.

SIGN UP TODAY!

NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTED BY BOARD

At its June meeting, the TMWA Board of Directors voted to name Kristopher Dahir as Chair of the TMWA Board of Directors. Naomi Duerr was elected to the Vice Chair position. Their terms began July 1. They were elected under the new bylaws of one-year terms and the new requirement that the chair and vice-chair positions rotate between member jurisdictions. Dahir represents the City of Sparks Council and Duerr serves on the City of Reno Council. Next year, a member from Reno will fill the chair role and a member from Washoe County will be vice chair.

"Congratulations goes out to Kristopher and Naomi," said John Zimmerman, TMWA general manager. "They have been on our board for some time and have served the board and TMWA well. They are both deeply informed on water issues and I look forward to working with them this fiscal year," he added.



Kristopher Dahir



Naomi Duerr

Also serving on the TMWA Board of Directors are Jenny Brekkus and Devon Reese, City of Reno; Paul Anderson from the City of Sparks; and Alexis Hill and Clara Andriola from Washoe County.

AUDIT YOUR WATER USE (AND MORE) WITH DO-IT-YOURSELF VIDEOS

If you are concerned that you have a leak, or your water use is higher than normal, TMWA has a short, step-by-step video with instructions on how to survey your home water system for waste at tmwa.com/howto. If you still think there is water waste occurring, please call our Customer Call Center at 775-834-8080 to schedule a water-usage review. Our conservation staff will schedule a visit and help you identify the issue.

HISTORIC VERDI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT INDUCTED INTO THE HYDRO HALL OF FAME

TMWA's Verdi Hydroelectric Plant, distinguished by its long service life and reliable production of electricity, was inducted into the Hydro Hall of Fame for 2023. The Hydro Hall of Fame recognizes extraordinary achievement, with an emphasis on long-lasting facilities. Since 1995, 66 legacy hydropower plants worldwide have been inducted for their renewable power, emission-free generation and reliability.

The Hydro Hall of Fame awards were presented in July at the HYDROVISION International Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Each year, information on 100+ historic hydro facilities are reviewed before choosing inductees.

The Verdi plant, located on the Truckee River, was constructed in the early 1900s to supply electricity to Virginia City and its mines. It is a run-of-river plant and, combined with TMWA's other two hydro plants, eliminates more than 90,500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions daily when all are running at capacity. Technological upgrades over the years have made management more efficient, but the turbines are original to the project.



“TMWA's hydroelectric plants are one of the crown jewels in Northern Nevada's green-energy portfolio,” said Andy Gebhardt, TMWA's Director of Distribution Maintenance and Generation. “Hydro power has also been a significant help in offsetting our costs over the years, helping to keep rates lower for our customers.”

TMWA is proud to offer tours of this exceptional and historic plant annually in August and September. See the separate insert in this mailing.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE WATER BEING WASTED

TMWA is dedicated to helping our customers prevent unnecessary waste. In most cases, people are unaware that they have a broken pipe or a misdirected sprinkler head. If you see water being wasted, please call our Conservation Department at (775) 834-8005. If the location is within TMWA's service area, our conservation consultants will reach out and offer advice on how to fix the problem. For additional water and money-saving tips, please visit tmwa.com/conserve.

WHERE TO CALL

- GENERAL INQUIRIES 775-834-8080
- EMERGENCY REPAIR 775-834-8090
- WATER CONSERVATION 775-834-8005
- WATER QUALITY 775-834-8118
- WATER RIGHTS 775-834-8029
- OMBUDSMAN 775-848-0813



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 440,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

EVENTS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

TOURS OF VERDI HYDROELECTRIC PLANT & CHALK BLUFF TREATMENT PLANT
FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, SEE SEPARATE INSERT.

TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPT. 20, 10:00 A.M.—NOON.

Please RSVP for tours and find details for all workshops and meetings at tmwa.com/meeting.

