

QUICK FACTS

About TMWA:

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About this series:

Water Topics in Our Community is a series of papers designed to provide the citizens of the Truckee Meadows information about key water topics in this region.

To access all of the papers, go to www.tmh2o.com.

About TMWA's Board of Directors:

The TMWA Board welcomes you to attend and comment at any board meeting. Meeting schedules are posted at www.tmh2o.com.

To send a question to the Board, log on to www.tmh2o.com. Look for the "About TMWA" section, Board of Directors. Click on "Tell the Board." We will forward all comments and questions to the Board.

Questions or feedback?

We'd like to hear from you. Please call our new Community Communications line with any remaining questions you have on this topic or other water topics. The number is (775) 834-8290.

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Service area:

TMWA provides water service for more than 93,000 homes and businesses in Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

Governance:

TMWA was formed under the Joint Powers Legislation of the state of Nevada and is subject to the Open Meeting Law. Its Board of Directors consists of seven members representing the Reno City Council (3 seats), Sparks City Council (2 seats), Washoe County (1 seat) and one member at large (1 seat). The At Large member is required to be an elected official from one of the owner agencies and is appointed by the six members. The remaining six members can be elected officials or appointed by elected officials. For a list of board members visit http://www.tmh20.com/about_us/board/.

Water supply:

TMWA obtains its water supply from surface water and groundwater. Surface water, the majority coming from the Truckee River, is treated at the Chalk Bluff and Glendale treatment plants before distribution into the system. Groundwater is pumped from wells throughout the service territory. Surface water sources and storage provide 85 percent of TMWA's water supply and include: Lake Tahoe, Boca and Stampede Reservoirs, Independence Lake and Donner Lake.

Water treatment and storage:

TMWA and its treatment plants consistently meet and exceed all State and Federal Drinking Water requirements. Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant is an efficient water treatment facility that can supply water to TMWA's entire service territory for much of the year. Built in 1996 to replace three aging facilities, Chalk Bluff has the capacity to treat 83 million gallons daily, with the ability to expand to treat an additional 27 million gallons per day. The Glendale Water Treatment Facility, built in 1976 underwent substantial upgrades in 1996 and is capable of treating 25 million gallons of water per day, supplementing the peak demand in the summer months.

Groundwater sources and storage provide about 15 percent of the TMWA water supply. TMWA owns 32 active production wells that have a capacity of 63 million gallons per day. The wells are used for summer peak times and provide off-river reliability. In winter months, selected wells are recharged with treated water to enhance supplies and water quality.

Distribution:

The distribution system delivers water from the surface and groundwater sources to customer homes and is comprised of more than 1,283 miles of underground mains and pipelines, 105 booster pump stations, 136 pressure regulator stations, 36 storage tanks and two treated water reservoirs. The total water storage capacity of this system is 116 million gallons.

Employees:

TMWA has a workforce of more than 170 highly skilled and trained professionals, who have earned more certificates and certifications than any other water utility in Nevada.

Mark Foree – Interim General Manager

John Erwin – Director of Resource Planning and Development

Kim Mazeris – Director of Customer Relations

Jeff Tissier – Chief Financial Officer

Scott Estes – Manager of Planning and Engineering

Pat Nielson – Manager of Distribution, Operation and Maintenance

Paul Miller – Manager of Operations and Water Quality