

Krista Mutual Water Co

June 2024

Dear shareholders,

New Bill Look!

As you know we have installed meters at all *houses* in our water system. The grant only paid for houses not lots to have meters. This new bill look is our billing software format. We are still on a flat rate and generating usage info to do a rate study with RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation). Our meters are read in CF and an average person is using 200 CF or 1496 Gallons per month. The average house is using 615CF for the month of APRIL. You will see your usage to the left of your bill beside Usage. The rest of the bill should be straightforward but if you do have questions, please call the office at 661-245-5613.

We have also attached some conservation ideas for you to think about implementing. We anticipate implementing meter rates in 2025, once the study is done.

Updating Bylaws!!!!!!

Old and New bylaws are located on our website at <https://kristamutualwater.com/> as Krista Water Old Bylaws and Krista Water Current Bylaws

WE ARE VERY CLOSE; WE NEED A VOTE OF 99 EITHER WAY TO PASS OR CANCEL THE NEW BYLAWS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 97 FOR, 11 AGAINST AND 5 ABSTAINING.

WE Did NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOTES BY May 28th, WE HAVE ADJOURNED AND WILL CARRY OVER YOUR VOTES TO June 24th, 2024, RIGHT BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING AT 1:00PM.

Please send in you ballot! WE NEED our bylaws changed to continue to get grants for A NEW WATER SYSTEM including tanks, pump, delivery lines, the works, as our current system is on the brink of collapse. It was installed with used equipment from the start close to 70yrs ago & the state is willing to PAY FOR ALL OF IT if we simply update our antiquated bylaws to reflect new officer titles and quorum.

We need 51% of the shareholders to pass these. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Liens and Outstanding balances.

Due to many outstanding balances and lack of commitment for payment plans. Krista Mutual will be implementing their right to put liens on any property that owe more than \$300.00. This expense will be passed on to the owner and will need to be paid in full for the house to be turned on again. Just to recap, if you owe \$300.00, it costs \$150.00 to be turned off and then another \$150.00 to be turned on. If we apply a lien to the house, that cost is \$100.00, then to remove the lien it will cost \$115.00. It could end up costing you \$815.00 for the \$300.00 water bill.

Thank you

Board of Directors,

Sandi McElhenney – President, Jonathan Paley -Treasurer, & Michael McNichols - Secretary

The Board of directors would like to welcome any shareholder to come to our Board of Directors meetings and Shareholders meetings which are held at our office, 3534 Mt. Pinos Way, Frazier Park, Ca 93225. Board of Directors meetings are held the last Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Krista Mutual Water Company Water High User & Conservation ideas

1 Cubic Foot = 7.48 gallons, and average person uses 200 CF or 1496.2 Gallon/month and 6.68CF or 50 gallons/day/person.

Krista Mutual Water Company Meters are in Cubic Feet.

Please check all locations for leaks!

Bathroom

On average a person can use up to 50 gallons of water per day which can equal about 200 CF per month. The bathroom is the largest area of water usage. Older toilets, use between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. A bathroom faucet generally runs at 2 gallons of water per minute. Here are some conservation tips for showering, install a low-flow showerhead, fill a bucket with the water that is wasted while waiting for it to warm up and use that to flush the toilet. Shower for only 3 minutes by getting wet and then shut off the water while you lather your hair and body, then turn it back on to rinse. Use less water for baths, say $\frac{3}{4}$ full instead of a full tub.

Toilets

A leaking toilet could waste up to 200 gallons a day. Check toilets for leaks, most leaks are from the plunger ball and flapper valve in the tank. You can test to see if it is leaking by adding food color to the tank, just 10 to 15 drops so you can see the color. Do not flush and wait 10 mins, if color appears in the toilet, you have a leak. You can also replace it with a toilet that is an ultra-low flush model, these can save you up to 60% in water usage. Another low-cost fix is to put a brick or a full water bottle in the tank so that it takes less water to fill up the tank.

Sink

Your bathroom faucet runs about 2 gallons per min. When brushing your teeth, shut water off during brushing, only using it for rinsing. Do the same for shaving and hand washing. By doing this you can save more than 200 gallons of water per month. The kitchen sink: washing dishes with an open tap can use up to 20 gallons, buy filling up the sink or a bowl you can save up to 10 gallons. You can save while washing your vegetables the same way. If using the dish washer, fill the dish washer until it is full before running it. Another water saving idea is keep a full pitcher of water in the fridge to avoid running water until cold for a drink.

Washing Machine

Newer washing machines use less water than the older brands. If this is not in your budget, make sure the washing machine is full when using or adjust the water level to match the load level. The newer washing machines do this automatically.

Outside

Use a broom, rake or leaf blower to clean off driveways, patios, walkways or yards. You can also use car washes for washing your car.

If you are concerned that you have a leak and would like our operator to check your meter, please call 661-245-5613 for an appointment. All leaks from the meter to the house are the responsibility of the homeowner not the water company. While checking for leaks make sure you have a shut off valve installed to your house. This makes it easier and less expensive for you if a leak were to happen.