



# Waterlines

A Newsletter from Belmont Terrace Mutual Water Company  
Sebastopol, California

November 2019

## Keeping You Up to Date

This periodic newsletter is designed to keep everyone who depends on Belmont Terrace water up to date on the status of our system and events that could impact our water supply. The mutual water company also has a Web site at [www.belmontterrace.org](http://www.belmontterrace.org). If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about what we should cover in the newsletter, please contact the editor, Ed Thompson, at [ethompsonjr@gmail.com](mailto:ethompsonjr@gmail.com) or 707-861-9988.

## Effects of the Kincade Fire

We're all grateful that Belmont Terrace wasn't directly affected by the Kincade Fire – and we certainly sympathize with those who were. During the power shutoff, the water supply to our homes was maintained by an auxiliary generator that kept the pumps running. And we have Bruce Petersilge and Debby Turner, our system operators, to thank for being prepared. Because most residents heeded the evacuation order, water usage during the period was only 20 percent of normal.

## Recent Water Use Trends

This summer, average daily use leveled off at around 41,000 gallons per day after increasing each of the previous three years. Average winter use remained the same at around 13,000 gallons per day. The level of the water in our well has been holding steady for years at between 50 and 60 feet below the surface. For comparison, the well pump is 250 feet down. A big thanks to John Rosenblum for crunching the data.

## Emergency Response Committee

Thanks to Board member Dee Kosten, the Belmont Terrace block captain system has been revived to help alert neighbors in case of water (and other) emergencies. The following people have volunteered to serve as block captains for their streets:

Tara Kelly – Bella Vista Street  
Dee Kosten – Daniel Street  
Jeff McGee – Danmar Street  
Bill Mattinson – Dorthel Street  
Tom Neuwirth – Norlee Street  
Laurie Binder – Tocchini Street

We thank all of these folks for their willingness to help keep Belmont Terrace safe and sound. They have already contributed by distributing the last flush notice. Thanks also to Kelly Stogner for helping with that.

To coordinate the emergency response process, we are now seeking someone to chair the emergency response committee. The responsibilities of this volunteer position include:

- Attending quarterly Board meetings
- Advising block captains about distributing water alerts and other notices about the water system.

Any resident interested in volunteering to serve as emergency response chair is encouraged to contact Dee Kosten at 707-829-1084 or [kosten@sonic.net](mailto:kosten@sonic.net).

## Tank Cleaning & Re-roofing

The Board has begun the process of having our water tank cleaned and provided with a new, up-to-code roof. The large trees overhanging the tank have been pruned to allow the work to take place. And bids for cleaning and re-roofing have been solicited from potential contractors. Once contracts have been negotiated, the actual work will begin next spring after the rainy season. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Bruce Petersilge at 707-820-7787.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Belmont Terrace Mutual Water Company will be held at 7 P.M. on

Monday, January 27, 2020, in the Fireside Room at the Community Church at the corner of Danmar and Highway 116. All homeowners and residents are welcome.

You are also welcome to attend monthly meetings of the Belmont Terrace Board, which are held at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Call any Board member for the location.

## **Belmont Terrace Management**

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