

Belmont Terrace Mutual Water Company
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NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

The Belmont Terrace neighborhood consists of 87 single family dwellings located on the northwestern edge of Sebastopol, just outside the city limits. Belmont Terrace Mutual Water Company supplies water to all 87 homes. Each residence has its own septic system and most homes are on approximately ¼ acre or larger.

The first well was drilled in 1951 and all the distribution lines were laid as the neighborhood was being built. The lot where the well system is located is on Bella Vista with a second access from Tocchini. The well system consists of two wells (#1 and #2), a pump house, a holding tank, and diesel generator. Well #1 currently serves as the back-up well to Well #2, which was drilled in 1976. There have been numerous upgrades to the system over the years. Most recently, the pumps and electronics were replaced in 2010, and the main distribution line (from the well to the street) and a portion of the street valves were replaced in 2017. At that time, observations seemed to indicate that the main street lines were functioning properly.

The BTMWC has a volunteer board, which includes a corporate planner, a retired programmer analyst, a retired land use expert and attorney, a retired energy consultant/small business owner, an executive assistant, a Master Gardener and a retired administrative assistant. Our community also includes an Environmental Engineering consultant and water expert, a retired CPA, and a retired well operator, all of whom are active in the overall operations of BTMWC. Our three current water operators are residents of Belmont Terrace and are part-time employees of the company. They bring expertise, reliability and a commitment to maintaining the system. The water is tested periodically to ensure that it meets state and federal drinking water standards.

Each of the 87 households pays \$100/month to receive water from Belmont Terrace. Households are not currently metered, but all residents are expected to practice water conservation. A General Meeting is held annually in January. During that meeting the prior year is reviewed, the upcoming year is discussed, new board members are elected and, if a rate increase is being proposed, a vote is taken of the members.

As of October 2020 there was \$287,000 in reserves in the bank. The current household rate covers operations, repairs & maintenance, and a reserve fund for future upgrades. All upgrades to the system have been paid out of reserves, including the 2017 upgrade, which cost \$207,000.

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