



Lake Alpine Water Company

Spring Updates

Water Pressure Fluctuations: The Bear Valley Village is served water from three distributions tanks. The middle pressure zone served by Spring tank is usually filled automatically based on tank level. For some of you, water pressure has fluctuated to low or zero during this winter. In January, we lost a tank level gauge receiver when the tank roof unloaded. It removed the power supply, housing, and receiver, cutting us off from the spring tank level gauge readings. Since then, we have been running the pumps manually. We will be installing a pressure gauge soon so that we have a reference point for the system and will once again fill the tank routinely. Thanks for your communications about water pressure and your patience while we find a temporary solution.

GAC Filter Project: Due to changes in the State Water Resources Control Board rules, Lake Alpine Water Company (LAWC) has become eligible for grant funding. We are putting together a construction application for the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filter installation and getting assistance from Rural Community Assistance Corporation for design and planning. These steps will delay the GAC installation to at least 2024 but it could be fully funded by the state! In the meantime, we are continuing operation methods that decrease organics in the water and therefore manage disinfection byproducts.

Rate adjustment for Consumer Price Index (CPI): On February 1, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued its annual memo with the CPI rate for utilities. On March 6, LAWC filed for a rate adjustment based on this CPI. Effective April 1, LAWC service charges and metered usage rates will increase by 6.5%. The monthly residential invoice will increase by \$6.13 from \$118.55 To \$124.68. The metered water rate will now be \$9.08 per hundred cubic feet.

Water Quality Report: The annual water quality report which summarizes the treatment reports and water sampling for 2022 is now available. It is posted on our website, www.lakealpinewater.com and it will be mailed with the May invoices as well as e-mailed directly to customers who receive e-bills.

LIHWAP Expansion and funding: The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps income-eligible households pay their water and wastewater bills. Bill assistance is available for both owners and renters and the federal and state funding has recently been expanded. LAWC is enrolled and the program for LAWC customers is being managed by staff at El Dorado County. To make an appointment, please call 530-621-6150 or visit https://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Family%20Services/pages/home_energy_assistance_program.aspx for more information and applications.

As always, feel free to call 209-753-2409 or email info@lakealpinewater.com. Thank you.
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