

## NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

### Out Valley Project Update

Our underground contractor, Q&D, has been trenching along Bear River Road starting from the end of the overhead line and moving up Bear River Road towards Highway 88. As of last Friday, they had installed approximately 24,000 linear feet of conduit, including crossing the dam at Lower Bear River Reservoir. They have completed the installation of conduit across both the Silver Lake Bridge and the Lower Bear River Reservoir Spillway. Vaults along Bear River Road have also been placed. The trenching along Bear River Road has been completed, and re-paving of Bear River Road will be completed next week. Q&D will then move onto Highway 88 with 20 minute traffic delays expected.

Much of the power line cable has been delivered to the project staging area in Kirkwood over the last two weeks. The balance of the cable is scheduled to arrive later this month. Titan Electric is onsite pulling cable in completed conduit sections. The Underground is scheduled to be completed by the end of August, including Kirkwood Meadows Drive.

For the Overhead, the contractor, Wilson Construction, has completed the drilling and grouting for all of the foundations on the 115 kV line. Next week they will begin setting structures. Of the 21 115 kV poles, two-thirds have to be set with a helicopter due to the pitch of the slope and inaccessibility.

During June 10th - 20th, the balance of the 115 kV poles will be flown in and set. After the poles are set, a rope and then the cable is pulled to each structure and secured. The 115Kv line is scheduled to be completed by August 15th.

The 34.5 kV line is also underway with 16 of the 37 structures under construction. The balance are slated to be completed after the U.S. Forest Service's Limited Operating Period (LOP) for the spotted owl is lifted. Completion is scheduled for early September.

The substation contractor is digging foundations at the Kirkwood powerhouse for the transformer, reactor pads, etc. Both the substations are scheduled to be completed in September, testing in October, and energization of the entire Out Valley interconnection to the national electrical grid on November 1st.

### E-Waste and Large Item Dumpsters

During July 2nd - July 9th the District has arranged to have two 20 yard dumpsters available for homeowner use, **Free of Charge!** One dumpster is for disposal of larger items such as furniture, beds, chairs and other large debris. The second dumpster is designated for homeowner E-Waste for items like old computers, monitors, printers, televisions, etc.

The District will place the two dumpsters next to the District's existing dumpsters located on Loop Road. Please keep in mind the District cannot receive hazardous material such as paint or old appliances. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District. Thank you.



First Tower Installed!

### Propane/Electric Rate Adjustment

The District has just completed a financial forecast which indicates that Propane and Electric rates need to be adjusted.

One of the District's financial goals is to have each Enterprise Department (Water, Wastewater, Electric, Propane, Solid Waste and Snow Removal) be self-sufficient, including funding depreciation.

For the Propane department, the forecast shows that Propane will meet this goal and that a rate decrease is needed. The District is proposing a rate decrease for the usage (variable) portion of the propane rate from \$0.0915 per cubic foot to \$0.075 per cubic foot. This represents an 8.5% decrease in the usage portion of the rate.

The forecast indicates that the current electric rates are insufficient to cover depreciation expense or RUS loan covenant ratios. To cover these expenses, the District is proposing a rate increase for the usage (variable) portion of the electric rate from \$0.5437 per kWh to \$0.5628 per kWh, as well as an increase in the base rate portion of the rate from \$20.67 per month to \$21.39. This represents a 3.5% overall electric rate increase.

The District is working with PG&E to make the one-time capital expenditures and annual operations & maintenance costs associated with the overhead line affordable for District electricity customers. Depending on the outcome of these efforts, rates may need to be further adjusted later this year.

On Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 8:00 am the Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed Ordinance revising Propane and Electric service charges.

All property owners, rate payers and other interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and present written and/or oral comments on the proposed rate changes.

## Homeowner's Weekend - July 5-6, 2014

With so much going on during the weekend of July 5th-6th, we wanted to provide a tentative Schedule of Events, so you can make your plans accordingly. Below is our first draft of the Schedule of Events. This will be posted prominently on our website, [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com), and updated regularly. Let us know of any missing events or corrections so we can keep this schedule as accurate as possible.

### Saturday, July 5th

**East Meadows HOA:** KMPUD CSB, 8:30am to 11:30am

**KMA:** Red Cliffs, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Basecamp:** KCA Red Cliffs Club, 9 am to 11 am

**Snowcrest:** Snowcrest Conference Room, 8:30am

**The Meadows:** The Meadows Lobby, 9:00 am

**Lost Cabin:** KMPUD CSB (Conf. Rm.), 9:00am to 11:00am

**KCA Meeting:** KCA Red Cliffs Club, 12 pm to 1:30pm

**KMR Town Hall Meeting:** KCA Red Cliffs Club, 1:30pm to 3:00pm

### **KMPUD: TOURS**

**Meadow Trail Demonstration Tour,** 11:00 am

**Fire Department Tour,** 11:30am

**Powerhouse Tour,** 1:00 pm

**KVFD Wine Tasting/BBQ/Auction:** KMR Plaza  
3:30pm - 6:00 pm

- Silent Auction, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- Live Auction, 4:30 pm
- Meadow Trail Information Table, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- District Web Site Information Table, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

### Sunday, July 6th

**KMPUD Board Meeting:** KMPUD CSB, 8:00am to 12:00pm

**KMPUD Out Valley Site Tour:** KMPUD CSB, 12:00pm  
(Must supply own transportation)

There is still plenty of time (deadline is June 23rd) to pre-register for the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department Barbeque and receive the discounted rate. Just go to our website [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com) and follow the appropriate link.

There is no need to pre-register for the KMPUD Tours, just show up. For the Powerhouse and Fire Department Tours, please make sure to wear close-toed shoes. Other safety equipment and instructions will be provided at the start of the tour.

New this year will be a tour of the construction sites of the Out Valley Electrical Project. You must provide your own adequate transportation. This will be a caravan stopping at various sites along the route. Some of the roads we will be traveling on are Forest Service dirt roads so four wheel drive vehicles are necessary. All participants will be asked to wear District provided safety vests and footwear appropriate for construction sites.

We look forward to seeing you during this busy weekend!

## Irrigation Meters - Water Stage Alert

With California's driest months ahead, Governor Brown has issued an executive order to strengthen the state's ability to manage water and habitat effectively in drought conditions and called on all Californians to redouble their efforts to conserve water. He has called on every city, every community and every Californian to conserve water in every way possible.

In January, the Governor declared a drought state of emergency. Since then, state water officials say that reservoirs, rainfall totals and the snowpack remain critically low. Current electronic readings show the snowpack's statewide water content at just 16% of average.

In support of this effort, this year the District will **only be turning on irrigation meters upon request.** Please contact the District to request your irrigation meters to be turned on, or email us at [info@kmpud.com](mailto:info@kmpud.com). If your meter shows evidence of a leak, the District will turn off the meter and notify you that a repair is needed. District staff is available from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm daily to turn on irrigation meters for customers.

Due to the drought, most Californians are under some form of water use restrictions. The District may be following suit as the Board will be considering implementing the Water Stage Alert program at their June 14th meeting. Under a Water Stage Alert certain water usage restrictions apply including the limiting of outdoor irrigation of all vegetation including lawns and landscaping to twice per week, 45 minutes per zone. The District will keep you informed of the Board's action and water conservation efforts.

## Consumer Confidence Report

Enclosed please find the Consumer Confidence Report for calendar 2013. Per State regulations (Title 22, Chapter 15, Article 20) and law (California Health and Safety Code, section 116470), the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (District) is required annually to produce a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to report on the safety and quality of the community's drinking water.

As a water system manager, the District is a guardian of the quality of your drinking water supply and of the public health in your community. It is important to communicate to District customers the source of their water and what is in the water they drink. CCRs help consumers make informed choices that affect the health of themselves and their families. The reports also encourage consumers to consider and appreciate the challenges of delivering safe drinking water. Educated consumers are more likely to help protect their drinking water sources and to understand the true costs of safe drinking water.

If you would like any additional information regarding the data included in this enclosed report please contact the District.

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