

## NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014

### Out Valley Project Update

Great progress continues to be made with the construction of the Out Valley Electric Line. By the end of June all of the 115kV poles will be set and the cable strung and terminated.

The U.S. Forest Service has lifted the Limited Operating Period for the Spotted Owl so all systems are a go for a completion of the Overhead portion of the project in August.

The Underground crews are working along Highway 88, east of the Silver Lake Bridge, towards Kirkwood. The current schedule calls for trenching, vaults installed and cable pulled by the end of August.

This leaves the completion of the substations and testing and commissioning for September and October.

The line is still slated to be energized on November 1st, 2014.



KM Blue Transformer



KMPUD Demonstration Trail

### Meadow Trail

The Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (District) is conducting a survey to explore Kirkwood homeowner opinions on possible improvements to the meadow trail. The survey was initiated on behalf of the other stakeholders (Vail Resorts, Kirkwood Community Association and Kirkwood Capital Partners).

District staff, with guidance from an experienced trail contractor, have constructed a demonstration trail on their property behind the Community Services Building on Loop Road that homeowners may visit to see what proposed improvements to the trail might look like.

Please take a moment over the homeowner weekend or before **July 18th, 2014** to visit the demonstration trail and then take a few minutes to respond to the survey attached, or you may also complete the survey online. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M7DVYMB>

While this project is currently in the early stage of exploration and definition, your thoughts are important to the stakeholders. Results will be tabulated and reported in the District newsletter.

## Propane/Electric Rate Adjustment

On June 14th, 2014, the Board approved Ordinance 14-04 reducing the propane variable rate by 8.5% and increasing the overall electric rate by 3.5%.

It should be noted that the decrease in propane rates can be directly attributable to a reduction in operating costs. The upgrade of our propane meters and the resulting reduction in labor costs to manually read these meters helped to lower operating costs.

The propane meter upgrade project has a threefold benefit: 1) It eliminated manual reads resulting in lower costs and lower rates. 2) It gives owners the ability to view non-billed usage, real time over the internet. 3) It will soon be able to identify usage variations and alert the District and customers.

Please contact the District if you need help in signing up to view your account online.

## Fish Enhancement Fund Update

Hello Anglers! Another District Fish Stocking took place on Wednesday, June 25th, 2014. Over 3,000 pounds of "Trophy" and "Catchable" Rainbow Trout were planted in Caples Lake and Silver Lake.

This is the tenth year for the District's Fish Enhancement Fund, which we have been able to do with help from the El Dorado Irrigation District.

We have heard that the trophy size rainbows are biting! Good Luck and Happy Fishing!



Fish Stocking at Caples Lake - June 25, 2014

## Water Stage Alert

At the June 14th, 2014 meeting, the Board declared a Stage Two Water Shortage as part of the District's Water Stage Alert System. The Board did this as a precautionary measure in consideration of the California state wide drought.

What does this mean? A Stage Two Water Shortage places restrictions on water usage which is very common in many California communities.

Restrictions include:

Outdoor irrigation of all vegetation including lawns and landscaping is limited to twice per week, 45 minutes per zone – between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. according to the Association's posted watering day below:

Association	Watering Days
Kirkwood Meadows Association	Sunday/Wednesday
East Meadows Association	Saturday/Tuesday
Commercial and All Other Associations	Monday/Friday

Washing impervious covers such as sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, decks, patios or other improved areas is permitted during above watering days and times only.

Washing vehicles or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or five-gallon bucket may be used. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.

For the full Water Stage Alert System visit our website at [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com).

Remember, in support of this effort the District will only turn on irrigation meters upon request. Please contact the District to request your irrigation meter to be turned on if you plan on using it this summer.

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