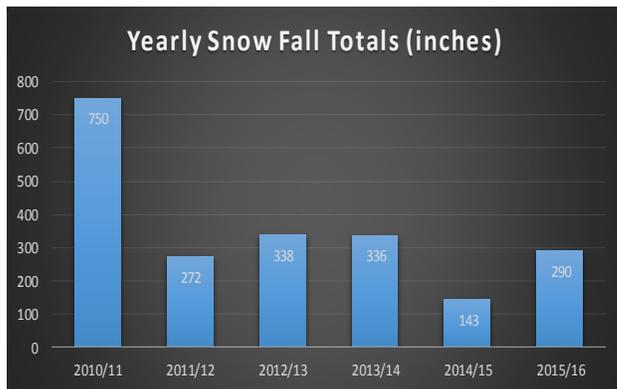
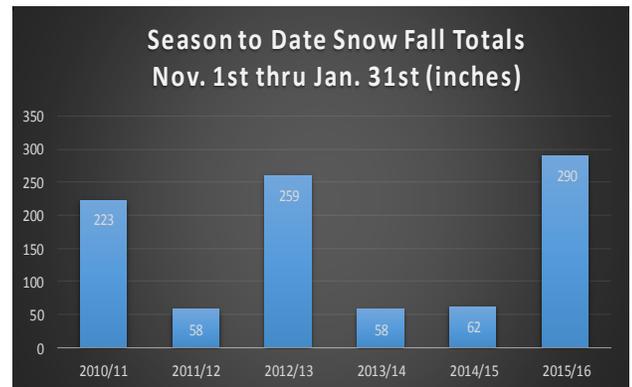


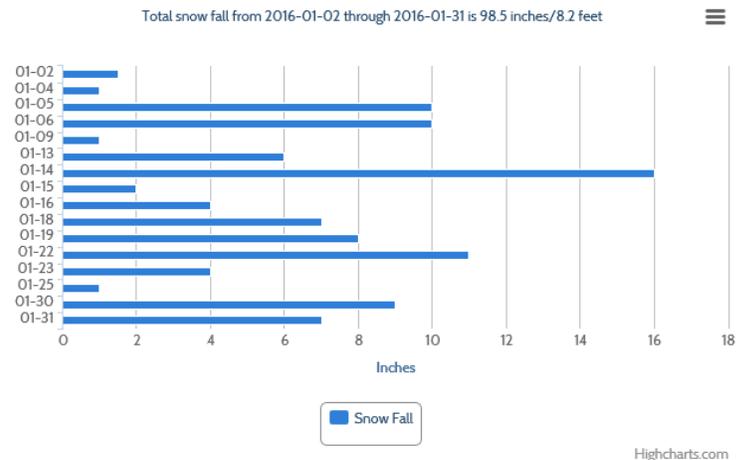
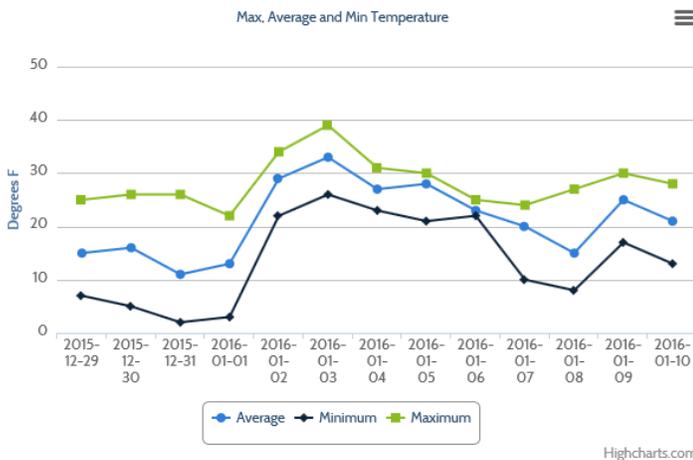
Winter Update: Good So Far!

Over the years the District has kept records on daily snowfall for comparison purposes. After four years of well below average numbers, it's very exciting to see consistent, measurable snow since late October. The graph at the right indicates that, as of 01/31/16 it has snowed 290 inches in Kirkwood, which compares favorably to the last five years for the same period, with only 2012/13 (259 inches) coming close to this mark.



Kirkwood's season-to-date snowfall this winter of 290 inches also compares well with the total yearly snowfall received during the last five years, as the chart to the left illustrates. This year may not exceed the huge year of 2010/11 when 750 inches of snow fell, or 1982/83's record of 804 inches. However, it is shaping up to be a welcome relief after four years of drought. Historical average snowfall at Kirkwood is around 529 inches per season.

We look forward to measuring many more inches of snow this season and sharing this information with you. In fact we have begun posting daily snowfall amounts along with the high, average and low temperature for the day on our website. Here is a snapshot of the daily posting:



For those of you who are already registered, you can find this information by logging on to our website at www.kmpud.com, signing in and then going to your Account/Weather Data. If you are not registered, you can sign up as follows:

- Log on to www.kmpud.com
- Click "Register"
- Complete New User Registration
- User name is your email address
- An authorizing email will be sent from info@kmpud.com
- Click on link to activate your account
- Fill out My Profile section
- Register your property by going to Manage Properties (This can be done by using Street Address, Condo, or Lot Number.)
- Enter your KMPUD account number
- You will now have access to your account including usage, meter information, billing invoices, and now, weather data.

Extending the Emergency Water Conservation Regulation

On November 13, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order extending urban water use restrictions until October 2016, should drought conditions persist and given the severity of the water deficits over the past four years. It's still too early to tell whether or not the additional rain and snow received so far this winter season will put the State in a position where existing restrictions are no longer necessary, or if they could be further tempered. The State Water Board is monitoring and evaluating available data on snowpack, reservoir storage levels and groundwater basin levels, and intends to report back in March and April 2016 to adjust or eliminate the Emergency Regulation issued in May 2015. Small water suppliers like the District (serving less than 3,000 customers) may be required to continue to achieve a 25 percent conservation standard and restrict outdoor irrigation to no more than two days per week through October 2016. Other prohibited uses include:

- Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings;
- Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways;
- Allowing runoff when irrigating with potable water;
- Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars;
- Irrigating outdoors during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall; and
- Restaurants from serving water to their customers unless the customer requests it.



The State is meeting the Governor's 25 percent cumulative statewide conservation goal because Californians have risen to the occasion, and we thank our customers in Kirkwood for their conservation efforts. The District will provide another update in its April Newsletter as the season winds down and the State finalizes its water supply outlook for 2016.

PROPANE: SNOW SAFETY

Heavy snow and ice falling from roof tops, and/or snow accumulation, can damage propane meters, regulators, and piping. Tips to help protect against potential damage:

- Regularly remove snow from around your propane meter to prevent buildup.
- Use a broom, instead of a shovel where possible, to clear snow or ice off propane meters, regulators and associated piping. These parts can easily be damaged by a shovel.
- When shoveling or blowing snow, don't pile snow on gas meters.
- Propane regulators and appliances require proper exhaust and ventilation. It's important to know the location of air supply and exhaust vents, and keep them free of snow and ice. Keeping vents clear can prevent operational problems for appliances and the accumulation of carbon monoxide in buildings.
- Make sure your residence has functioning carbon monoxide alarms.



Rates and Reserves

The District's Finance Committee and Board of Directors have been reviewing the Electric and Propane Base Rates and the amounts held in District reserve accounts. On December 28, 2015 the Board held a Workshop to discuss these two topics.

Currently Electric and Propane customers are charged at one Base Rate per meter, regardless of usage or how many units are connected to this meter. This means that large users and users with multiple units connected to one meter pay the same Base Rate as small users and users with only one unit connected to a meter. For Water and Wastewater, large users pay additional Base Rates to offset their additional impact to the system. The Board is considering changing the methodology of calculating Electric and Propane Base Rates to a system similar to that of Water and Wastewater.

At a December 2013 Rate Strategy Workshop the Board adopted several Principles and Goals including reserve goals. The Board set a goal to maintain a 2.0M operating cash reserve during each month of the year and to establish an unallocated cash reserve equal to one year of debt payments, currently approximately \$3.3M. The Board is currently considering revising these reserve goal amounts and determining where these funds should be held. Both of these issues will be discussed at the next Board meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 13th and a Public Hearing may be held at the March or April Board meetings. The public's input and participation is always encouraged.

Reminder!

The Kirkwood Specific Plan's 10-Year Mitigation Compliance Report is posted on the District's website for public review, and any comments you may have should be submitted to Chuck Beatty at cbeatty@amadorgov.org (or Michael Sharp at msharp@kmpud.com) before the next meeting of the Tri-County Technical Advisory Committee, which is tentatively scheduled for 10:00am Friday, March 5th here in the District Board Room.

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