

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT
OF
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

District Officers from 2008-2009

ELECTED

(Term Expires at Annual Town Election in the years listed below)

Chairman	John Wilson	2011
Vice Chairman	Stanley Szczurko, Jr.	2012
District Clerk	Robert Bryngelson	2012
Commissioner	Robert Ash	2010
Commissioner	James LaMountain	2010

COMMISSIONER'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009

Treasurer	Heather Isaacs
Superintendent	Michael D. Coveney

WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT
OF
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

Worcester, ss.

To the District Clerk of the West Boylston Water District of West Boylston, Massachusetts, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the West Boylston Water District of West Boylston, qualified to vote in election and District affairs, to meet at the West Boylston Water District Office, 183 Worcester Street, West Boylston, in such District, on Monday the twenty-second day of June in the year of 2009 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following District Officers:

- (A) Moderator for one year
- (B) District clerk for one year

ARTICLE 2: To hear the report of the officers of the District and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to transfer from any unexpended balances from the fiscal year 2009 appropriations, hitherto made or other available funds to fiscal year 2009 appropriation accounts, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,098,200.00 for the maintenance and operating expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer with approval of the Commissioners, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in accordance with the Provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, as amended, and to issue note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Law, Chapter 44, Section 17 as amended, and to authorize the Treasurer to enter into a Compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2010 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$150,000.00 and appropriate said sum for renovations to the District office located at 183 Worcester St.


ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will vote to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$50,000.00 and appropriate said sum for improvements related to the Rte.12 Booster Pump Station located at 104 West Boylston Street.

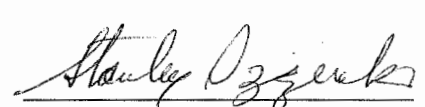
And you are to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Water District Office, Post Office, Mixter Municipal Building, Beaman Memorial Library, Pruneau's Barber Shop and in place of the meeting, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

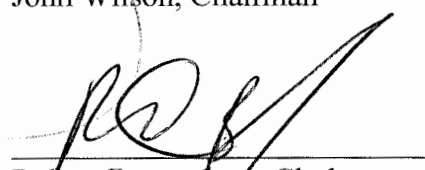
Hereof, fail not, and make due of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Board of Water Commissioners at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 8th Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

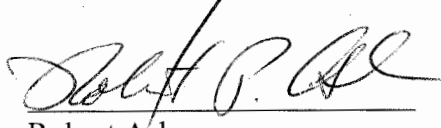
Respectfully submitted,


John Wilson, Chairman

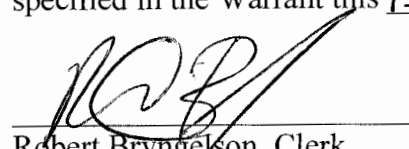

Stanley Szczurko, Vice-Chair


Robert Bryngelson, Clerk


James LaMountain


Robert Ash

I hereby certify that I have posted a true attest copy of this Warrant in the places specified in the Warrant this 15th Day of June, 2009.


Robert Bryngelson, Clerk
West Boylston Water District

Town Hall

Water District Office 10:56am
Mixter Municipal Bldg 11:59am
Post Office 11:38am
Beaman Library _____
Pruneau's Barber Shop _____

**West Boylston Water District
Minutes of Annual Meeting
June 22, 2009**

Present: John Wilson, Chairman
Stanley Szczurko
Robert Bryngelson, Clerk
Robert Ash
James LaMountain
Mike Coveney, Superintendent
Heather Isaacs, Treasurer
David Sweetman, Moderator

7:20 The Annual Meeting of the West Boylston Water District was called to order by Moderator, David Sweetman, in the West Boylston Water District Office, 183 Worcester Street, West Boylston, MA, with a quorum of more than 10 registered voters of the Town of West Boylston.

The Moderator lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America then offered a moment of silence for our fellow citizens who have passed on since we last met and in particular for our brave military men and women who have lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq and who are defending us around the world.

Warrant of the Annual Meeting of the West Boylston Water District of West Boylston, Massachusetts, Monday, June 22, 2009. (attached)

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following District Officers:

(A) Moderator for one year

Motion: Jim LaMountain made a motion to nominate David Sweetman as the Moderator for one year.

No other nominations were made.

All in favor.

(B) District clerk for one year

Motion: Jim LaMountain made a motion to nominate Robert Bryngelson be the District Clerk for one year.

No other nominations were made.

All in favor.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the annual report

Motion: Robert Bryngelson made a motion waive the reading of the Annual report and accept as printed and handed out.

John Wilson seconded.

All in favor.

ARTICLE 3: To transfer unexpended 2009 funds as needed to balance budget accounts.

Motion: Stan Szczurko made a motion to accept Article 3 as read.
John Wilson seconded

All in favor.

ARTICLE 4: Authorize District raise & appropriate \$1,098,200 for the maintenance and operating expenses for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 as printed in the annual report.

Motion: Jim LaMountain made a motion to accept Article 4 as printed in annual report.
Stan Szczurko seconded
All in favor.

ARTICLE 5: Authorize District to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Motion: John Wilson made a motion to accept Article 5 as read.
Stan Szczurko seconded.
Discussion ensued.
All in favor.

ARTICLE 6: Authorize the District to transfer from certified free cash the amount of 150,000 for renovations to the District office located at 183 Worcester Street. (Certified Free Cash \$412,431)

Motion: John Wilson made a motion to accept Article 6.
Jim LaMountain seconded.
John Wilson gave an explanation of the renovations.
All in favor.

ARTICLE 7: Authorize the District to transfer from certified free cash the amount of 50,000 for improvements to the Rte. 12 Booster Pump Station located at 104 West Boylston Street.

Motion: John Wilson made a motion to accept Article 7.
Stan Szczurko seconded.
Mike Coveney explained the need for the transfer.
All in favor.

West Boylston Water District 2010 Budget Proposal sheets are included in the FY 2008 Annual Report and are attached.

Moderator, David Sweetman, announced this concluded the annual meeting of the West Boylston Water District.

**** Motion:** Stan Szczurko made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 P.M.
Robert Bryngelson seconded.
All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



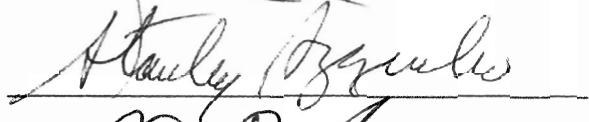
Robert Bryngelson, Clerk

West Boylston Water Commissioners

John S. Wilson, Chairman



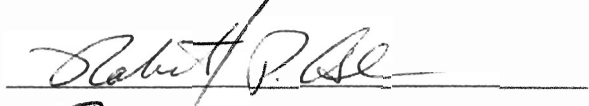
Stanley Szczurko



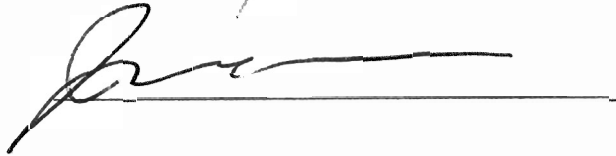
Robert Bryngelson, Clerk



Robert Ash



James LaMountain



Report of the Water Commissioners
To the Citizens of
The West Boylston Water District
2009

In Compliance with the laws establishing the West Boylston Water District, the Board of Water Commissioners hereby submits its 70th Annual Report.

At the annual Town Election, held on April 7, 2009, unopposed candidates Robert Bryngelson and Stanley Szczurko were elected for a three year term. The following results were posted:

<u>Water Commissioner -3 years</u>	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robert Bryngelson	188	214	402
Stanley Szczurko	188	212	400

At the Annual Meeting of the District, held on June 22, 2009, Mr. David J. Sweetman was elected to a one-year term as moderator. In addition Mr. Robert Bryngelson was nominated and elected to the position of District Clerk.

As chairman of the West Boylston Water District Commission, it gives me great pleasure to provide the District Members with the Annual Report for 2009. The West Boylston Water District continues to make significant progress in its goal to provide you with the best quality of water at the most reasonable price. The Commission and the District staff have worked hard to keep your water rates level funded for 2009 given the anticipated downturn in the economy being forecast for 2010. District expenses continue to rise particularly in the areas of energy, health insurance costs, and supplies. The District continues to operate with a twenty percent full time staff reduction and will be utilizing part time help. Obviously this approach places greater responsibilities and work loads on the staff we have and we applaud them for their understanding and hard work.

The District continues to focus on the tightening of operating expenses while meeting its mandatory schedules for major system maintenance such as the cleaning of storage reservoirs and the upgrading of our pumping facilities. We continue to explore potential new sources of water for the District through ongoing meetings with our Legislators, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Environmental Protection and with our consulting engineers, Tata & Howard. We are moving ever closer to making this need a reality. We are in the planning stages for some much needed improvements to our building facilities. The District was also able to secure a contract with an additional new carrier on the communications towers on our reservoir sites. This will result in an additional \$7,200 per year in rental income for the District.

Report of the Water Commissioners 2009

(continued)

The District has made the following progress in our efforts to update our water system and provide the ratepayers with the best water quality possible.

- Laurel Street Booster Pump Station – **Completed in 2009**
- Well Exploration Program – **Test Wells completed in 2009**
- Rte. 12 Booster Pump Upgrade – **To be completed in 2010**
- Stockwell Tank Security Upgrade – **To be completed in 2010**
- GIS Program for Water System – **To be completed in 2010**
- Office Renovation Project – **To be started in 2010**

In closing, on behalf of the staff of the West Boylston Water District and the Board of Water Commissioners I would once again like to extend our deepest gratitude to the District Superintendent, Michael Coveney, and our staff, for the outstanding support they provide to the West Boylston Water District and our citizens.

On behalf of the Commission:
Respectfully Submitted
John S. Wilson
Chairman

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT TO THE DISTRICT 2009

Members of the West Boylston Water District, I hereby submit to you my sixth annual report as Superintendent. I have had the pleasure of working for the District for nine years now, starting as a water operator in 2001 and becoming Superintendent in 2004. This brief report will reflect some of the issues the District has experienced through the Year of 2009.

The District still continues to grow with several new developments over the last few years including Angell Brook Village, Old Century Farm and Afra Terrace. These developments when completed will add a total of approximately 200 new customers to the system. There are also other developments that are proposed for the North Main and Franklin Street areas. We will continue to follow these closely as we grow.

The water consumption of the District has been reduced to a more comfortable level of that is currently below our registered withdrawal amount. Congratulations to those of you who have been conserving, keep up the good work as it really does take some of the burden away from the system. Although we are below our registered withdrawal by 7% we still need to maintain the mandatory outdoor water restrictions.

The Oakdale Well continues to maintain a high level of Manganese. This element that has been occurring naturally within the ground and is one of the top priority concerns of the District. We have been limiting the use of this well to only a few hours each day to try lower the manganese levels in the system. The search for a new source to replace the Oakdale Well is ongoing and we are very limited to the areas that are available by the State controlled lands (DCR). A series of test wells were completed in 2009 with promising results. We are planning to ask the State Legislature for an easement to continue this test well work on State Property in 2010.

The Laurel Street booster pump station has been completed and is currently online and being used. This station services the upper end of Laurel Street and greatly improves both the domestic and fire protection water flows and pressures for that area as they have below minimum standards since the construction of I-190.

The Meter Replacement Program is ongoing. We have replaced 1800 meters out of a total of 2500 so far, using our own staff. This is a very large project and could take several years to complete. In the end the District will have a modern metering system, which will also reduce our unaccounted for water and allow us to better comply with our water withdrawal registration. We will be working in all areas of the District, so please take notice of your water meter and service line and contact us if you have any concerns.

In the year of 2009 we repaired four major water breaks; on Laurel St. a 10" main at the intersection of North Main St., an 8" main on Woodland St. at a Fire Hydrant, a Fire Hydrant hit by a truck at Pierce and Maple St. caused a major loss of water with approximately 250,000 gallons during a December snowstorm and an 8" main at Sterling and Prescott St. in below freezing weather. There were also several other small service leaks. Due to the age of the system and its construction this will probably be a concern of the District for many years to come.

The District continues to maintain a website which is always accessible for information, I encourage you to take a look at www.westboylstonwater.org for any questions that you may have. We have also implemented an online payment system for the water bills which started in 2009.

The District has and will continue to provide a consistent high quality service to its members. We maintain three (3) wells, four (4) storage tanks, over 56 miles of pipeline ranging from a ¾ inch service up to a 16” transmission main, over 400 fire hydrants, close to 1,000 main valves and over 2500 water meters. The daily staff consists of a Superintendent, Foreman, Water Operator, Laborer, Secretary, part-time Assistant and part-time summer laborer.

In conclusion I wish to thank our District Staff of Karen Bernstein, John Flanagan, Rob Lopez, Mary Gaffney, Joe Carlson and Kevin Bjorkland. They have been a pleasure to work with and I commend them for their loyalty, dedication and professionalism. I also wish to thank the District Treasurer Heather Isaacs and the Board of Commissioners both past and present for their guidance. And mostly I want to thank you, the members of the District, for your patience, understanding and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael D. Coveney
Superintendent

West Boylston Water District
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2009

	Jun 30, 09
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash-Checking & Savings	390,922.44
1020 · Petty Cash	100.00
1050 · Clinton Savings Capital Account	383,592.27
1100 · Term Deposits	250,462.37
Total Checking/Savings	1,025,077.08
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	39,937.95
1210 · Acct Receivable-Unbilled Water	179,000.00
1230 · Due from MWPAT	62,526.48
1240 · A/R - DEP Grant (leak detector)	2,291.32
1250 · A/R - FEMA (Ice storm)	6,564.00
Total Accounts Receivable	290,319.75
Other Current Assets	
1475 · Betterments Receivable	239.09
Total Other Current Assets	239.09
Total Current Assets	1,315,635.92
Fixed Assets	
1851 · CIP - Worcester St Blding Renov	2,872.00
1900 · Property, Plant & Equipment	3,404,298.91
1949 · Land	7,000.00
1950 · Accumulated Depreciation	-753,634.10
Total Fixed Assets	2,660,536.81
TOTAL ASSETS	3,976,172.73
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	70,076.28
Total Accounts Payable	70,076.28
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Withholdings	3,496.29
2400 · Accrued Payroll	7,723.06
2410 · Accrued Interest Payable	18,623.23
2430 · Accrued Vacation Pay	14,481.34
2460 · Deferred Revenue - Rt 12 Projec	175,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	219,323.92
Total Current Liabilities	289,400.20
Long Term Liabilities	
2600 · N/P - DEP (SRF Funding)	1,304,217.66
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,304,217.66
Total Liabilities	1,593,617.86
Equity	
3775 · Investment in PP&E-District	1,427,561.67
3900 · Retained Earnings	1,001,748.21
Net Income	-46,755.01
Total Equity	2,382,554.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,976,172.73

WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

FY '11 BUDGET

Account	Detail	FY '10 Budget	FY '10 Estimate	+/- to Budget	FY '11 Proposed
4175	Interest Charges	6,000	6,730	730	6,000
4250	Water Charges	957,192	940,000	(17,192)	940,000
4260	User and Connection Fees	20,700	137,190	116,490	20,700
4261	Back Flow	10,000	12,762	2,762	10,000
4262	Fire Line	19,114	18,914	(200)	19,114
4275	Meters	1,380	6,555	5,175	2,070
4320	Rental Income	76,800	107,698	30,898	108,000
4820	Investment Income	6,000	5,902	(98)	6,000
4840	Misc Revenue	3,400	10,810	7,410	3,400
	Other Inc - DEP Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
	Total Revenues	1,100,586	1,246,561	145,975	1,115,284
5130	Admin & Salaries	227,632	213,571	(14,061)	261,900
5143	Overtime Wages	10,481	7,665	(2,816)	9,618
5131	Superintendent's Salary	67,763	61,513	(6,250)	64,941
5132	Commissioners Salaries	3,000	2,500	(500)	3,000
5133	Moderator Salary	50	50	-	50
5134	Payroll Process Expense	1,200	1,039	(161)	1,200
5135	Worcester Retirement System	34,207	34,207	-	35,574
5136	Insurance - Employee	73,121	74,700	1,579	73,289
5137	Insurance - Retiree	18,549	18,706	157	15,470
5138	Life Insurance	1,200	896	(304)	1,200
5139	Uniforms	4,800	4,202	(598)	4,800
5140	Workers' Comp Insurance	5,075	5,708	633	6,000
5141	Employee Training	1,500	755	(745)	1,500
5142	Payroll Taxes	4,500	4,373	(127)	4,500
5200	Bank Service Charges	360	255	(105)	360
5210	Heating	8,000	5,059	(2,941)	8,000
5215	Telephone & Telemetry	12,000	11,688	(312)	12,000
5220	Electricity:				
5221	Beaman Street	96	95	(1)	96
5222	Lawrence Street	480	478	(2)	480
5223	Lee Street	13,200	12,913	(287)	13,200
5224	Prospect Street	300	319	19	300
5225	Temple Street	48,000	36,400	(11,600)	38,000
5226	Thomas Street	12,000	11,249	(751)	12,000
5227	West Boylston Street	20,000	14,193	(5,807)	15,000
5228	Western Ave	3,000	3,095	95	3,000
5229	Worcester Street	2,100	1,975	(125)	2,100
5229A	Laurel Street	1,310	1,480	170	1,500
5230	Professional Services:				
5231	Audit Expense	-	-	-	-
5232	Accounting Expense	12,000	10,698	(1,302)	12,000
5233	Legal Expense	12,000	32,456	20,456	25,000
5234	Consulting Expense	40,000	47,966	7,966	50,000
5235	Water Meter Expense	-	-	-	-
5240	Vehicle Expense:	35,000	35,000	-	-
5241	Gas & Oil	12,000	8,321	(3,679)	12,000
5242	Repairs	2,400	2,915	515	2,400
5300	Property & Liability Insurance	19,285	17,043	(2,242)	18,000
5420	Office Expense:				
5421	Office Supplies	4,800	3,764	(1,036)	4,800

5422 Postage	4,800	4,487	(313)	4,800
5423 Computer/Tech	8,000	8,336	336	10,000
5430 Pump Station Supplies	2,000	2,011	11	2,000
5435 Water Quality Control Exp	6,930	6,213	(717)	6,930
5440 Water Treatment Chemicals	55,600	53,236	(2,364)	44,502
5500 Tools	4,800	2,232	(2,568)	4,800
5600 Repairs & Maintenance:		-	-	
5601 Equipment Repairs	9,000	4,779	(4,221)	9,000
5602 Facility Repairs	-	-	-	-
5625 Security	20,000	19,288	-	10,000
5780 Misc Expense	1,200	805	(395)	1,200
5786 Annual Report-CCR	1,600	1,600	-	1,600
5790 State & District Expense	3,000	3,985	985	4,000
5791 GIS Project	15,000	14,000	(1,000)	-
5795 DEP Primacy Fee	2,000	1,822	(178)	2,000
5840 Service & Distribution Expense	75,000	74,205	(795)	75,000
5950 District Improvements-Other	100,000	54,126	(45,874)	150,000
8000 SRF Interest Expense	22,149	22,149	-	14,652
SRF Principal Payments	55,713	55,713	-	59,116
Total Expenses	<u>1,098,201</u>	<u>1,016,234</u>	<u>(81,255)</u>	<u>1,112,879</u>
	2,385	230,327	227,230	2,405

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STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE I

Pumping Capacity

Lee Street Well, No 4	250 G.P.M.
Oakdale Well	500 G.P.M.
Pleasant Valley Well	500 G.P.M.
West Boylston Street Pump Station	500 G.P.M.

Reservoirs Distribution

Stockwell Road Tank	1,000,000 gallons
Lawrence Street Tank #1..	460,000 gallons
Beaman Street (Oakdale) Tank	500,000 gallons
Lawrence Street Tank #2	1,200,000 gallons

Statistics Relating to Distributing Systems and Services

Total Gallons Pumped , 2009.....	190,447,200
Largest single day, April 19, 2009.....	866,700
Largest single month, January, 2009.....	18,098,500
Pipe Materials: Asbestos Cement, Cast Iron, Copper, Wrought Iron, Plastic, Ductile Iron.	

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE II

Elevations At Various Points Above Mean Sea Level

Wachusett Reservoir (High Water).....	389 feet
Worcester and West Boylston Street.....	490 feet
Shrewsbury Street at Railroad crossing.....	567 feet
North Main and Hosmer Streets.....	495 feet
Sterling Street, just beyond Old Road.....	516 feet
Pierce Street Hill South.....	670 feet
Prescott Street, highest point.....	542 feet
Hartwell Street Hill.....	720 feet
Lee Street Pumping Station, No. 1 floor.....	640 feet
Sanitarium Hill.....	700 feet
Oakdale Pumping Station.....	400 feet
Lee and Goodale Streets.....	774 feet
Lawrence Street Tank #1 Overflow.....	794 feet
Booster Station.....	520 feet
Oakdale Tank Overflow.....	638 feet
Stockwell Tank Overflow.....	638 feet
Lawrence Street Tank #2 Overflow.....	794 feet

20 years of Precipitation Measured in West Boylston

1989.....	56.92 inches
1990.....	56.60 inches
1991.....	55.42 inches
1992.....	49.41 inches
1993.....	49.92 inches
1994.....	52.37 inches
1995.....	46.25 inches
1996.....	63.93 inches
1997.....	46.66 inches
1998.....	55.32 inches
1999.....	41.38 inches
2000.....	51.73 inches
2001.....	36.36 inches
2002.....	48.73 inches
2003.....	52.84 inches
2004.....	46.23 inches
2005.....	56.70 inches
2006.....	55.44 inches
2007.....	50.05 inches
2008.....	55.08 inches
2009.....	52.57 inches

Past Officers of the District

Moderator

Walter E. Clark
Julius F. Lowell
James L. Moorefield
Carter H. Hunt, Jr.

William O'Connor III
John H. Berg
Charles A. Stevens
David J. Sweetman

Clerk

Raymond L. Soule
Louis C. Campbell
Nathaniel A. Nash
Jerald B. Smith
Richard J. Butler
Robert Bryngelson

Michael J. Kittredge, Jr.
David P. Raphael
Kerri Hubbard
John B. DiPietro, Sr.
Aaron Goodale

Commissioner

Louis C. Campbell
William N. Cole
Walter H. Sharpe
James A. Cooke
Richard J. Butler
James J. Matera
Michael J. Kittredge, Jr.
Stanley Szczurko, Jr.
Robert Scales
Edward A. Bonci
Donald E. Davis
John Wilson
Robert Ash

Elbert H. Carrol
George G. Merrill
Evan C. Luce
Henry W. Davis
Paul D. McGuiggan
David P. Raphael
Valmore Pruneau
Mary P. Hubbard
Roland Woodill
John J. Swalec
John B. DiPietro Sr.
Robert Bryngelson
James LaMountain

Treasurer

Walter H. Sharpe
Henry W. Davis
Paul D. McGuiggan
Edward A. Bonci
Heather E. Isaacs

Michael J. Kittredge, Jr.
Roland Woodill
Mary P. Hubbard
Donald E. Davis



WATER

CONSERVATION

TIPS

The District has mandatory outdoor water use restrictions we ask you to help by conserving water. You'll be surprised at how much you can save without hardship right in your own home. Water conservation is a good way of life. Let's practice it together:

- If you have an irrigation system for your lawn, please be sure that the watering corresponds to the allowed times and also consider installing a rain sensor which shuts the system off when it is not needed.
- Showers can take less water than baths, but not if you spend 10 to 20 minutes in the shower. Since most showers pour out between 5 to 10 gallons per minute, that can add up in a hurry. It's more a matter of self-control. A partially filled tub or a shorter shower will no doubt use less water. Time yourself next time, the odds are you really don't need to stand that that long nor do you need the shower running the whole time.
- When shaving and brushing your teeth, try not to leave the water running. Run as much as you need, then turn off the tap until you need some more. It adds up to a whole lot of wasted water.
- A little leak can go a long way. Just a slow drip can waste up to 15 to 20 gallons a day! Worn washers and leaky toilets cause most leaks. Check your faucets and toilets at least once a year.
- Many washing machines use 40 gallons of water for a load whether you have them stuffed full or with only a few items. Save up for a full load and make your water work more efficiently. Or remember to set your machine for a lesser load if it can be adjusted. You may also want to consider a more energy efficient front loader which uses less than half of the water of a top loading machine.