



# Plumas Eureka Community Services District

## Plumas Pipelines



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Proudly Providing Services to Plumas Eureka since July 1993”*

### Message from the General Manager, Jamar Tate

This is your Spring/Summer edition of the Plumas Pipelines Newsletter. This issue includes a message from the new General Manager, Administrative Manager and Fire Chief. Information included in this edition are website and billing, water conservation measures, water treatment plant update, hazardous fuels reduction, Code Red emergency notification system, budget and fees, the EPA required Consumer Confidence Report, and other important informational items about the District.



First, let me introduce myself as the new General Manager. My name is Jamar Tate, I was born and raised in Portola, California. Currently, I still live in Portola with my wife, Christina, and our three children, Annie, 13, Aaliyah, 6, and Willie, 2. I started my employment with the Plumas Eureka CSD in May of 2010. Starting off as a laborer, I began my journey of becoming a certified operator for both the water and wastewater systems, earning Grade 2 certifications in water treatment, water distribution, and wastewater treatment. In 2016, I earned my Grade 3 Wastewater treatment certification, making me the Chief Plant Operator for the two wastewater treatment plants that serve the Plumas Eureka CSD.

In February of this year, 2022, I was offered the position of General Manager and agreed to take the offer, replacing John Rowden. John will still be a part of PECSD staff as a Project

Manager and will be handling the Water Treatment Plant project. Working with John the last six years, he is very knowledgeable about the project and will be a great asset for the District in the completion of the project.

### Road Repair

Plumas County Public Works will be repairing their roads (the ones with the yellow center lines) throughout Plumas Eureka Estates. The project will include two phases: repairs to the shoulders of the roads and patching potholes where needed, once patching is complete, the next phase will be to chip seal the roads. Chip sealing is a fast-paced process and should only take two weeks; depending on weather and manpower. We advise you to keep your vehicles and other obstructions clear of roadways. Should you drive on the roads, please drive slowly to prevent oil from the sealing process being splattered onto your vehicle. If you do get oil on your vehicle, it is recommended that you wash it off as soon as possible; it is more difficult to remove once it dries. The project is to be completed by July 1, 2022.

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**Monday through Friday**

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### **Board of Directors**

The last six months have brought several changes to the Board of Directors. Mark Shadowens, who replaced Director Melinda Bennett in 2021, was appointed Chairman of the Board in January 2022. The position was formerly held by Director Dave Stone, who left the Board in December 2021. Dave along with Sherry Panick decided not to run for the Board in the last election. Todd Solomon filled the vacancy left by Ms. Panick, and the Board appointed Don Fregulia to the position of Director on May 11, 2022, to replace Mr. Stone. The current Board of Directors consists of Chair Mark Shadowens, Vice-Chair Steve Janovick, Russ Bowring, Todd Solomon, and Don Fregulia

### **Fuels Reduction**

The last couple years, Plumas County has experienced multiple wildfires that have threatened and burned communities. In an effort to reduce hazardous fuels in the district, PECSD has entered into an agreement with the Feather River Resource Conservation District to reduce fuels on district properties. We are hopeful that this project will begin to take place in late spring or early summer. The PECSD does encourage property owners to keep their yards and vacant lots clean and free of debris that pose a potential fire hazard.

### **Budget and Fees for FY 22/23**

The board of Directors will be adopting budget and fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 at its June meeting. The budget is an estimate of the financial activity for the coming year. It includes estimates for revenues, expenses, reserves, and balances. The fees set are required to correlated with the cost of providing services. The draft budget will be considered by the budget and finance committee before being taken to the full board for approval.

### **Water Conservation: Stage 2 Water Conservation Alert**

At the March 9, meeting the Board of Directors activated the Stage 2 of the Water Conservation Ordinance as the baseline in recognition of the ongoing drought.

The Board found that establishing the stricter water conservation stage year around made sense because of the drought and the benefit to the District's water quality. During the off-season months, the water needs of the community are met by our primary source well, Well 1B. The well produces water that reliably meets the standards for arsenic. During the warmer months, the water demand increases by more than 10 times. To meet the demand, we have to increase the output of Well 1B and use our backup Well 2. Running the Well1B more aggressively and using Well 2 increase the arsenic levels in the water.

The District's water conservation ordinance describes conservation practices and three stages of criticality. If there is a need to increase conservation, you will be notified.

#### **Below are the practices for Stage 2:**

##### **Stage 2 – Water Conservation Alert**

- 1) All of Stage 1 efforts.
- 2) Do not wash down driveways, parking lots or other similar areas using PECSD potable water.
- 3) Lawn and landscape watering is allowed 8:00PM and 8:00AM.
- 4) Residences, businesses and properties with addresses ending in ***odd numbers shall water only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.***
- 5) Residences, businesses and properties with addresses ending in ***even numbers shall water only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.***

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- 6) No watering shall occur on Sunday.
- 7) PECSD potable water shall not be used for dust control.
- 8) No filling of swimming pools, ponds or reservoirs over 200 cubic feet (1500 gallons) with PECSD potable water except by written permission from PECSD.
- 9) Infrequent hand watering will be allowed to sustain landscaping.

**Violations of Stage 2 watering practices can result in fines from \$50 to \$500. If you have a contractor manage irrigation on your property, be sure to have them schedule watering according to the appropriate conservation stage. Remember, you, as the property owner, are responsible.**

### **Projects**

- **Water Treatment.** The District continues to pursue the development of the water treatment plant that will remove arsenic, iron, and manganese. Soon a pilot test to better identify the most effective way of removing various constituents that interfere with the removal of arsenic will be conducted. It is hoped that with the new information, the District can be successful in receiving low interest funding from the State Water Resources Control Board.
- **Backup Generators.** Using a grant from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the District has purchased backup propane Generators and related equipment to replace old diesel generators at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Sequoia Circle and Well 1B near the 16<sup>th</sup> Fairway of the Golf Course. Installation of the new equipment will happen this spring.

Jamar Tate

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### **Message from the Administrative Manager**

Greetings Homeowners! Spring is here and we are starting to get back to normal after two years of COVID-19 pandemic interruptions. Our current office hours are from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.



The last year has brought many changes to the District. Last summer, Plumas Eureka CSD updated its billing procedures. Invoices are now sent on a quarterly basis with the option to pay in full or make monthly installment payments by dividing the total by 3. Customers have 90 days from the day the invoice is created to pay in-full. This was done so that the CSD could provide flexible payment terms without affecting administrative costs. We also now offer our customers the option to pay online at [www.ub-pay.com](http://www.ub-pay.com). When registering, please enter your name in ALL CAPS and use Municipal Code: **PlumasEurekaCSD**. Please be advised that the card processing company does levy a 3% fee for electronic payments. As always, we continue to accept cash, checks, and money orders via US Mail and at our office located at 200 Lundy Lane, Blairsden, CA 96103

Real Estate transactions have also increased in the last year, and I'd like to welcome all our new neighbors. If you are considering buying or selling within our boundaries, it is essential that the CSD is notified when an escrow is opened to ensure that any existing account balances can be prorated as part of the closing process. If a property should change hands without notification and/or a demand request from the Title Company of record, then pursuant to California Government Code section 61115, **unpaid service charges attach to the property itself and the current property owner may be held liable for such costs.**

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The District website is currently being updated to add more accessible communication with District staff, including form-submission pages to notify the District of property transfers, update or add new customer contact information, and Public Records Act requests. Please contact me if you have any further recommendations for improving the website. It can be found at [www.pecsd.org](http://www.pecsd.org).

We are also updating District contact information for staff and Board members.

To contact Administrative Manager, Jillian Cole:  
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Finally, we are excited to announce that the Plumas Eureka Fire Auxiliary (PECAUX) will be back hosting their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser this Memorial Day Weekend on May 28<sup>th</sup>, and it appears the Mohawk Valley Independence Day Celebration is back on the calendar as well. We are looking forward to celebrating with you here at Plumas Eureka CSD. Here's to a great summer!

Jillian Cole

## *Message from Fire Chief, Steve Munsen*



Along with the April snow, I welcome spring back to the Plumas Eureka community by thanking all the volunteers that support the Fire Department: the emergency responders on the Department and the Auxiliary fund raisers.

Last summer was tough. Major fires destroyed over 40% of Plumas County. Plumas Eureka Fire Department's firefighters and equipment were deployed to both the Beckwourth Complex Fire and the Dixie Fire. Our newest engine, 9122, and crews made up of PEFD volunteers and personnel from neighboring fire districts were deployed for over 9 weeks on various assignments.

Last year's horrific experience with the loss of Greenville and other communities, hundreds of thousands of acres of forest lost, choking smoke for weeks on end, the gigantic plume of smoke towering along Dixie Ridge above Highway 70, and the skyrocketing homeowner's insurance rates are reminders that we all need to be careful with fire or any activity that could ignite or accelerate fire. If you are a property owner, please participate in the community Firewise program. To sign up, or for more information, contact me at [fire.chief@pecsd.org](mailto:fire.chief@pecsd.org), or Administrative Manager Jillian Cole at [admin.mgr@pecsd.org](mailto:admin.mgr@pecsd.org), subject line: Firewise. You can also call our office at 530-836-0532.

And for everyone, the Fire Department needs your help. First, we need volunteers. Our Department is staffed entirely by volunteers. You do not need to live in the community full time, but you need to be available for training and to respond with predictable reliability. If interested, call the Department at 530-836-0532, or send an email to [volunteers@pecsd.org](mailto:volunteers@pecsd.org).

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Second, we need more money. Though we received some compensation for our participation in last summer’s fire response, our annual revenues from property assessments and fees consistently fall far short of our annual operating expenses. In past years we have made up some of our shortages with donations from residents and the Auxiliary. However, the COVID-19 shutdown exposed our financial vulnerability. We are exploring increasing those assessments and look for your support if we determine there is a need to raise fire taxes.

Finally, the Auxiliary will be hosting a PANCAKE BREAKFAST this year on May 28 at the Firehouse starting at 8:00 am. I hope to see you there.

Again, thank you all for your support.

Steve Munsen

*Message from the Plumas Eureka Community Auxiliary (PECAUX)*

**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
To encourage and assist our Plumas Eureka Fire Department, Rescue and EMS Volunteers in the performance of their duties and to further community and social relationships within our community district.



PECAUX sends out a **Big Thank You** to all of our 2022 Members! Thank you for joining and supporting our Plumas Eureka Volunteer Fire Department and the service they provide in protecting our community. We also want to welcome all of our new homeowners to Plumas Eureka Estates. We invite you to become an active part of our organization and join in the fun of community volunteering.



**Join us for our  
Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Saturday May 28, 2022  
8:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Plumas Eureka Fire House  
200 Lundy Lane – Plumas Eureka Estates**

**\$15 for Adults • \$5 for Ages 6-12  
Children 5 and under are FREE**

**Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, fruit, coffee, and juices  
Mimosa & Bloody Mary \$5**

**RAFFLE**

**\$100 \$50 \$25 \$25 CASH PRIZES**

**FOR SALE Fire Department  
T-Shirts, Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Caps**

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