

Hello Raineri Mutual Water Company Members,

The RMWC Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom only as part of the Board's ongoing effort to manage operating costs responsibly and avoid unnecessary facility rental expenses.

This year's meeting agenda will include:

- Recent rate increases and operational costs
- Implementation of late payment fees
- Introduction of our new water system operator
- Progress on state-mandated reporting requirements
- Upcoming system maintenance and infrastructure improvements
- Board elections and the need for greater community participation

One of the most important topics from the Board's perspective is the need for additional community involvement. Approximately 75% of the community has never served on the RMWC Board, and during the past year the Board operated without the two alternate board members we would normally maintain. Additional participation would help distribute the workload more effectively and support progress on important projects and regulatory requirements.

As a mutually owned water company, RMWC depends on volunteer participation from community members to help guide operations, oversee projects, and maintain local control of the system. We understand that volunteering can feel difficult given work, family, and other commitments, those same challenges are shared by the current Board members as well. Expanding participation and knowledge within the community helps strengthen the long-term stability of the company and reduces the need to rely on outside consultants or additional paid administrative support, which could result in further rate increases over time.

Even limited participation or serving as an alternate board member can make a meaningful difference and helps ensure continuity for the future of the company.

We will have four positions to fill in this year's election (two Director positions and two Alternate positions), and we are hoping to have at least five or six candidates participate in the election process. A broader group of candidates helps strengthen community involvement and provides greater continuity for the company moving forward.

Please note that, pursuant to the RMWC bylaws, members who are delinquent on their accounts are not eligible to vote in Board elections or serve on the Board. Members with questions regarding account status or eligibility are encouraged to contact the company prior to the election.

If you are interested in serving, or would simply like more information about what participation involves, please send a message to info@rainerimutual.org.

We appreciate the continued support, involvement, and cooperation of the community and encourage everyone to attend the annual meeting.

Your neighbor and current RMWC President,

Wade Bastien