



NEWSLETTER

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YSPUC Annual Election and Bylaws Update

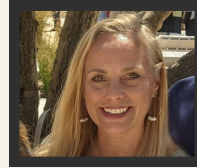
According to the YSPUC Bylaws, the Annual Shareholders Election is to be held annually on the fourth Wednesday of May. While this schedule was not followed in the past, we are committed to ensuring that future elections take place as outlined in the governing documents.

Notably, the YSPUC Bylaws had not been updated since 1970. In 2025, a comprehensive revision was completed and approved to bring the Bylaws up to current legal standards and modern language. One of the most significant changes is to the amount of Board Directors and term limits. Staggered terms promote continuity, preserve institutional knowledge and project understanding. Under this new structure, out of the five (5) YSPUC Director positions, two directors will be up for election in one year, followed by three directors the next year.

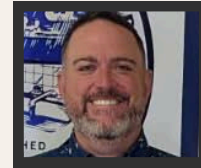
We are pleased to introduce this year's newly appointed YSPUC Directors. The officers positions will be nominated at the next board meeting:

- **Cheryl Bluhm**, Interim YSPUC Board President
- **Joel Greathouse**, Interim YSPUC Vice President
- **Richard Rajecki**, YSPUC Director
- **Eric Jensen**, YSPUC Director
- **Preston McGill**, YSPUC Director

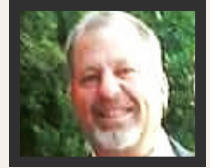
We look forward to the contributions of our new board and to a future of improved governance and community service and thank them for their volunteerism. The YSPUC Bylaws can be found on our website.



Cheryl Bluhm



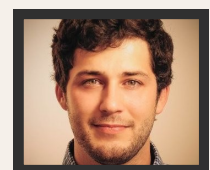
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YSPUC CPUC UPDATE

YSPUC continues to cooperate fully with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) during their ongoing formal review by the Audit Department.

We recently received the following communication from the CPUC:

*"I wanted to inform you that we have discussed and confirmed with CPUC's Water Division that YSPUC's Annual Reports for the years **ending 2019 through 2022** were **not** filed with the CPUC. In accordance with the Water Division's Memorandum and General Order 104-A, all utilities under CPUC jurisdiction are required to file an annual report. As a result, YSPUC is not exempt from this requirement for the years 2019 through 2022."*

This development is extremely concerning. The responsibility now falls on the current Board, management, and accounting team to research and compile the missing reports dating back to 2019—if the necessary documentation can even be found.

For more context, including a list of previous YSPUC Directors and management dating back to 2018, please visit our website at [YSPUC.org](https://www.yspuc.org).



Message from the YSPUC General Manager

Attention All Residents:

During the sizzling summer months our aged water system will continue to experience excessive stress from thermal expansion during the day, and thermal contraction during the cool evenings. This expansion and contraction put stress on the aged pipes and results in leaking service connections and main-line breaks. It is my understanding that this temporary and seasonal condition has been an ongoing issue for some time. Currently our field crew is rehabilitating the pressure regulating valves on the main lines to prevent excessive pressure surges (water hammer) to slow down these leaks. However, we have no control over the weather and therefore we can expect leaks to occur, hopefully less rather than more.

As a consequence of these leaks, and other maintenance and construction activities

(Sierra Tel Communication upgrades), sediment deposits from naturally occurring iron and manganese in the well water become resuspended, resulting in brown colored water. These mineral deposits from the iron and manganese are unsightly but are not directly associated with a health hazard. The YSPUC routinely monitors and test for the sanitary quality of the water in the distribution system for Coliform bacteria. Results from these tests are reported to the State's Department of Water Resources, Division of Drinking Water. Bottled water and boil water orders are only provided when there is an emergency resulting from positive presence of Coliform bacteria. There is no emergency, just rusty colored water.

We admit that rusty colored water is an unsightly condition, and we make every effort to minimize this objectionably quality. Please continue to follow our post on Facebook for updates on recommendations to coordinate our hydrant flushing activities with your flushing of this colored water at the front yard hose bib. Remember that coordination with the YSPUC field crew is the key to quickly clearing up the colored water.

After we fix a leak, we clear the main line from colored water by flushing the fire hydrants; then it is your turn to first flush at the front yard hose bib, once clear, then flush your inside faucets. Again, please watch for our post on Facebook for updates on this subject. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Best regards,
YSPUC General Manager
Paul Stiglich



More Than Just A Water Worker

On May 28, 2025, around 2:30 p.m., an emergency broadcast was issued, alerting firefighters in the Yosemite Spring Park area to a grass fire near Copper Lane Drive. David Kaupiko, a water systems operator with the Yosemite Spring Park Utility Company, received the alert on his emergency radio and sprang into action. David was the first to arrive at the scene. Armed with a fire extinguisher, he immediately began battling the six-foot-high flames. Fortunately, the wind was minimal at the time, helping to prevent the fire—reportedly sparked by nearby grass-clearing work—from spreading further.

David is one of many Yosemite Spring Park residents who are trained in wildfire response. Thanks to his background as a former "hotshot" firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service and his service aboard ocean-going vessels as a firefighting merchant marine, he was well-prepared to contain the blaze quickly and effectively.

We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to David Kaupiko—not only a skilled water utility worker, but also a committed and courageous member of our community who is always ready to respond in times of crisis.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT UPDATES

Effective immediately, YSPUC customers who choose to pay their water bill using a credit or debit card will be responsible for a **2.65% processing fee plus a \$0.30 per transaction charge**. These are standard convenience fees charged by the card processor.

Until now, YSPUC has absorbed these costs on behalf of customers; however, this will no longer be the case.

Payments can be made by cash, check, or credit card at the YSPUC payment windows, located at:

30950 Corral Drive, Suite B, Coarsegold, CA 93614

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Please note: Payments received after 3:00 PM will be deposited on the next business day.

EMERGENCY LINE (AFTER HOURS):
(559) 760-4349