



BIG MESA SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Big Mesa MDWCA will hold its Annual meeting on July 16th at 10 am. The mail in ballots for the three Board seats open have been mailed to members by Big Mesa's Accounting firm. Please vote and mail your ballots back. The ballots will be tabulated by Big Mesa's Accounting firm and the results will be announced at the Annual meeting.

Bruce Ford has been a member of our community for many years. He is the main waterman at Big Mesa Water MDWCA. He recently broke his ankle in several places that required multiple surgeries. He will not be able to work or drive until his ankle heals which could be a several months or more. We would like to come together as the Conchas Lake community to help Bruce out in any way possible whether that's by a meal train, donation, or even kind thoughts. A Go Fund Me page for Bruce is being setup. Jay Allen our other waterman has been working overtime to help in Bruce's absence.

We hired Derrick Bennett part time to also help us in Bruce's absence. Derrick was with the water company in Clovis before moving to Conchas with his family. We are also making some minor modifications to automate the water pumping/filtering to reduce the number hours our watermen have to be physically at the building.

The design and bid package for the new filtration system/building will be completed by July/August. This is the last project of three projects that we started in 2021. The remotely-read digital water meters and direct pipeline from the filtration system facility to the storage tank, were completed in 2021 and 2022, respectively. All of these projects are being funded by NM Drinking Water Bureau (NMDWB) and NM Finance Authority (NMFA) which totals nearly \$1.944 M, 75% of that total (\$1.458M) is "forgiven" with only 25% (\$486k) to be repaid via a 0.25% interest loan with a 30 year term.

San Miguel County (County) will meet with the community after our Annual meeting. They were unable to attend our previous board meetings due to managing the logistics with the fires in the Las Vegas area.

We hope you can attend the Annual meeting at 10am on Saturday July 16th. Until then, enjoy summer!

Sincerely,

Your Big Mesa Board and Staff