

Wildfire Grant Awarded



MHCWD has been awarded a special grant from the California Fire Foundation for preventing, preparing and/or responding to major events, including wildfires and other disasters. The foundation has teamed up with funding partners across the state to help local fire departments, firefighter associations, fire safe councils and other community-based organizations through individual grants. This grant will fund expanded wildfire fuel reduction efforts, clearing brush, fallen trees, and other vegetation to create a fire break on District easements following our water line.

PRV Replacement Project

The District has awarded a contract to upgrade our treated water system to C. E. Cox Engineering. The project is focused on four of the eight pressure-reducing valve (PRV) stations in our distribution network. These stations, originally installed in the early 1990s, play a vital role in maintaining safe and consistent water pressure throughout the community.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2026, with completion expected by May 2026. The upgraded stations will feature new pressure-regulating valves, improved piping, a bypass for maintenance flexibility, and water meters. The water meters will help our field staff monitor water flows more closely, identify potential leaks sooner, and further support our ongoing water-conservation efforts.

To reduce project costs, the District is supplying key components—including water meters and pressure-regulating valves—purchased through a generous grant from Placer County Water Agency. This funding saved the District approximately \$20,000. The total construction cost for the project is \$130,000, including a small contingency.

This upgrade is an important investment in the long-term reliability and efficiency of our water system, and we look forward to keeping the community updated as the project progresses.

The New Year Brings Change—But Our Mission Stays the Same!

At the December 18th, 2025, regular board meeting, the members unanimously approved filling the General Manager vacancy as a part-time position. The District will begin recruitment in January/February. As we enter the new year, our small but dynamic staff are dedicated to bringing you the safe, clean drinking and irrigation water that you need for your individual Sierra foothill lifestyle. With rising costs all around, and the threat of wildfire hovering in the air every summer, it has never been more clear that our community needs us at our best, and we are here for you!

We have plans to explore new methods of communication with our customers in 2026, making it easier than ever to be notified about outages, to report leaks, or even to find out when we have job openings or vacancies on our Board of Directors. For now, you can check our website for the latest news.

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Introducing Our 2026 Board Officers

At the December 2025 board meeting, the Midway Heights Board of Directors elected members to the following roles:

- Stan Burton, **Board President**
- Geoff Teigen, **Vice-President**
- Trisha DiPaola, **Treasurer**
- Pauline Nevins, **ACWA/JPIA Representative**

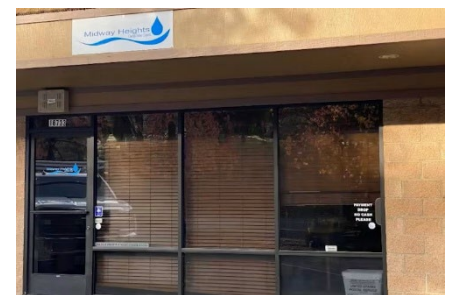
You can find more information about our board of directors and how your local water district operates at our website (mhcwd.org).

Winter Tips

- Protect your water lines: Check all your water lines from the meter to the house to ensure there are no exposed lines or fixtures. They should be sufficiently insulated to prevent freezing.
- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses: All hoses should be disconnected from outside faucets to prevent breaking faucets and the connected pipes.
- Locate your water shut-off valve: Check for the location of your water shut-off valve and make sure it is working. Do not use the District's shut off valve in the meter box.
- Leaving Home for an extended period? If you turn the heat off, consider turning the water off at your shut-off valve. If you turn your water off, also consider turning the hot water heater element off.

Agenda Posting Locations

Did you know? You can keep up to date with our District Board of Directors meetings via the monthly agendas posted in the following locations: The Meadow Vista Post Office lobby, the bulletin board outside the Holiday Market, and in the window of the District office. These agenda locations are updated at least 72 hours before our monthly meeting, generally held the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the District office. You may also access the agenda on our website (mhcwd.org) or receive it via email upon request using the website contact form.



Please notify our office of any changes to your phone number(s) and/or email address in order to receive notification of emergency or planned outages in your area. Email us: admin@mhcwd.org

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