



Oildale Mutual Water Company

# NEWSLETTER

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## NEW FACES, SAME COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

### Ryan Nunneley, *General Manager*

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ryan Nunneley on his new position as general manager at Oildale Mutual Water Company (OMWC). Ryan is a graduate of Centennial High School with honors, graduate of Azusa Pacific University with a degree in Biochemistry. He worked for an environmental consulting firm in the Los Angeles area for 5 years before moving back to the Bakersfield area where he worked for Dee Jasper and Associates for 10 years. He joined OMWC in 2015. Nunneley also serves as a Board Member of the Water Association of Kern County (WAKC) and participates on the Urban Bakersfield Advisory Committee (UBAC) of Kern County Water Agency. Nunneley looks forward to serving the Oildale community and continuing the legacy of OMWC with diligent management of our water resources while providing safe and dependable water service to our community.



Ryan Nunneley  
*General Manager*



Jude Hupp  
*Member of the Board of Directors*

Hupp worked for twenty-five years at the Golden Bear Refinery, then transitioned to sales representative for the oil marketing company Wholesale Fuels, where he achieved expertise in project planning and management. He is now happily retired.

### Jude Hupp, *Member of the Board of Directors*

Bakersfield native Jude Hupp has joined Oildale Mutual Water Company (OMWC) as the newest Director. Jude follows in his father's footsteps, as Fred Hupp was a dedicated Oildale Mutual Water Company director for many decades.

As a North High graduate, Hupp remained committed to the Oildale area with his substantial career in the local oil industry.

Jude Hupp is married to his wife of forty-five years and has four adult children; the family is proud to call Bakersfield home. Hupp continues serving his hometown through his commitment to advocating for affordable and reliable water service throughout the region, including representing the community on the North of the River Municipal Water District Board.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jason Wattenbarger  
*President*

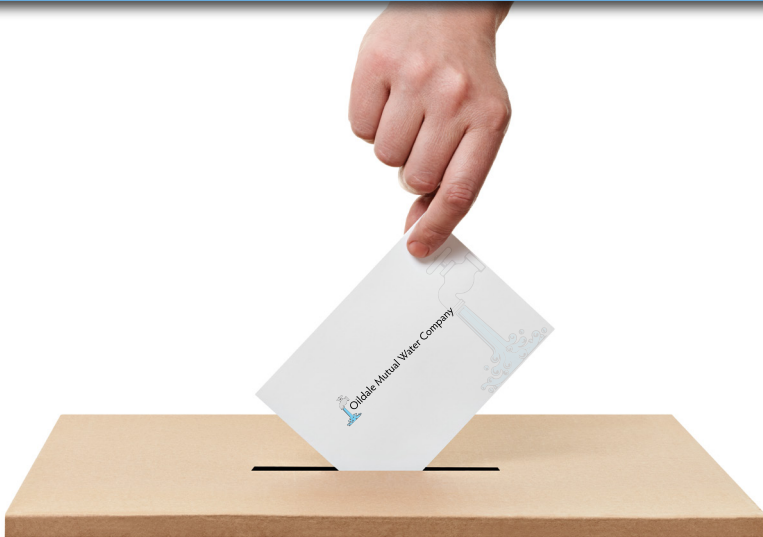
Ross Johnson  
*Vice President*

Jude Hupp  
*Director*

Don Wattenbarger  
*Director*

Lonny Boller  
*Director*

Ryan Nunneley  
*General Manager*



## YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE IS COMING UP!

OMWC holds an annual shareholder meeting to elect board members and conduct business. Oildale Mutual customers enjoy some of the lowest water rates around, and your board members are committed to continuing that fiscal responsibility on behalf of our shareholders. With the increasing size of the company it is becoming harder to obtain a quorum of the shares to be represented at the annual shareholders' meeting. Please be on the lookout for your proxy ballot in the mail, and consider signing and returning **before September 22nd**, enabling your shares to be represented at the shareholder meeting set for October 2nd. **Failure to obtain a quorum of shareholders will result in an adjourned meeting with no action able to be taken.**

Be on the lookout for your proxy ballot in the mail

Sign and return before September 22nd

Shareholder Meeting October 2nd



## BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Starting in May, our Water Patrol will be out and about, raising awareness about water conservation. We know how easy it is to unintentionally waste water, but it's important that we all do our part to preserve this precious resource. If a customer continuously wastes water, our patrol team can hand out fines. Please note a first offense incurs a \$25 fine and repeat offenses may incur a \$50 fine. In extreme cases, we may even have to discontinue our services. If you spot anyone in your community not following the conservation rules, please call our office or fill out the form online.

Let's work together to keep our community water-wise!

For more information visit our website at [oildalewater.com/water-conservation/](http://oildalewater.com/water-conservation/) or call us at 661-399-5516.



# HISTORIC RAINFALL, YET STILL WE PROTECT OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

Oildale Mutual Water Company (OMWC) views water conservation as a top priority. From our beginnings in 1919, our company has consistently provided quality water at a fair cost to our committed stockholders. Clean water is a limited natural resource in high demand - our mission is to safeguard this regional supply by promoting effective water conservation practices.

Practicing water conservation is truly a way of life and has a positive impact on our community and local economy. At Oildale Mutual, we continue to remind our customers of the importance of water conservation and how vital it is to our region. Although Kern County has received record rainfall this year, conserving water is still critical to maintaining our long-term water supply. Currently, the county has a secure reserve with extensive snowpack growth - reaching 200% higher than the state average. This growth has led to an increase in water allocations; however, it's always wise to continue to conserve water in preparation for future droughts.

Although Kern County has received record rainfall this year, conserving water is still critical to maintaining our long-term water supply.

Here are some simple household tips and tricks to help conserve water this summer as temperatures start to rise:



1. Fixing leaks is perhaps the number one way to reduce water wastage. Routinely inspect for leaks and fix them as soon as possible.

2. Prepare your summer watering plans and adjust the watering schedule to suit the weather conditions.

3. Install drip irrigation in your garden.

4. Water lawns during the morning or evening - avoid midday at all costs to prevent water loss through evaporation, especially in the summer heat. Also, when temperatures are cooler, the soil absorbs water more effectively.

5. Check your sprinklers! Adjust sprinkler heads or install a smart controller to make automatic adjustments. In addition, avoid misting sprinklers as the water easily evaporates.

6. When cleaning your patio or driveway, opt for a broom instead of a hose to remove unwanted leaves and yard clippings - this can help drastically save water over time.

7. Minimize the time spent with water running unnecessarily in the bathroom. For instance, shorten showers and turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. Also, opt for a quick shower rather than soaking in the bathtub.

8. Run full loads! Make sure your dishwasher and laundry loads are at maximum capacity to reduce cycles and water use. Check your dishwasher and washing machine settings before running loads!

9. During California's warmer and drier months, it is recommended to water lawns only twice a week. Verify with your local water agency which days watering is allowed.

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10. Plant California native drought-resistant plants that require little to no water.
  
11. Review your lawn and garden layout to ensure optimized watering efficiency. By appropriately planning landscaping projects in spring, you'll help your plants still thrive during the summer heat. It's important to keep your plants and landscape healthy during these drier months.

**Although these are simple tips, remember every little bit contributes to securing our regional water supply.**



Oildale Mutual would like to sincerely thank our customers for protecting our most valued resource and making water conservation your way of life!

## THE BEST WAY TO AVOID INSECURE THIRD-PARTY SITES?



SET UP AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS VIA ACH OR PAY THROUGH OUR ONLINE PORTAL!

### ACH PAYMENT PROCESSING FAQ

#### WHAT IS ACH (OR AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE) PAYMENT PROCESSING?

Your water bill is automatically paid each month by a deduction from your checking account until you cancel your enrollment in the program.

#### WHAT ARE THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF USING ACH PAYMENTS?

There is no charge to Oildale Mutual Water Company customers for the program. Customers save time by avoiding fuel or postage costs and they will never experience late charges – the bill will always be paid on time.

*For additional Frequently Asked Questions and to sign up, visit our website:*

[WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM/PAY-YOUR-BILL/](http://WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM/PAY-YOUR-BILL/)

and you will see “ACH Payment Processing Application.”



If you prefer to pay using a credit card, you can also access our online portal on our website at

[WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM](http://WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM)

**PLEASE NOTE**, there are currently no third party sites that are authorized to collect payments for Oildale Mutual Water Company. Please ensure you are using only the website listed above.