

LENORA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

**Commissioners: Mike Conway, Mike Wenger & Richard Oliver
Joni Stillian – Administrative Assistant**

Is Lenora Water and Sewer District (LWSD) part of Skookum Rendezvous?

No. It is separate from the resort. LWSD is a Public Utility District. Your commissioners are elected officials.

What does LWSD provide?

Treated domestic water, fire hydrant and irrigation water, and sewer. LWSD maintains the main lines to the water meter or frost free hydrant. The lot owner is responsible beyond the main water or irrigation lines.

Who shares the costs of services?

The costs of LWSD are shared by only 250 customers.

Why are there costs when I am not using my utilities?

There are ongoing costs of operating and maintaining the system and infrastructure. Our costs do not decrease significantly when you are not using your water/sewer.

Why do we have a new water treatment facility?

The State mandated a system to remove the naturally occurring arsenic that is in our well water. The annual loan repayment for this facility is about \$30,000. This is one example of our ongoing costs whether you are here or not.

I understand we use river water in the irrigation system. Isn't that water free?

No, river water is not free. In 2016 we spent \$10,000 on maintenance of the intakes and pump controls. During the summer months the electric cost to run the irrigation water pumps is about \$400 per month.

What other costs and maintenance goes on that I may not know about?

Our sewer drain field is located 1.5 miles east of the Resort, across Le Clerc Rd. In 2014, \$30,000 was spent to repair the drain field laterals. Another ongoing cost is the installation of meters per the State requirement (the approved plan will not require meters be installed in Skookum phase 1 and 2). We will install more than 60 meters at a cost of approximately \$1500 each.

How can I prevent my water from Freezing in the winter?

Shut off the water, heat tape and insulate your frost free, and lastly, let water drip, DO NOT STREAM, a drip is all that is necessary.

Are there other ways I can help care for the water and sewer system we use?

Yes, please avoid putting coffee grounds, grease, and chemicals in the sewer system. Make sure your water connection is protected during cold weather. If you have more questions, please let one of the LWSD Commissioners know.

If I want to learn more about LWSD, what can I do?

Attend our monthly meeting. We meet year round on the first Tuesday of each month in the Skookum Lodge at 10:00am.

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