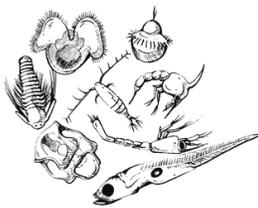


## St. Mary's Water Quality

Water quality in St. Mary Lake has been improving over past few months.

Not only has water clarity improved significantly; algal toxins are no longer being detected at the intake pipes. Other positive changes include

increases in the bio-diversity of aquatic



Zooplankton

organisms. In particular, dramatic increases in the numbers of zooplankton have been observed.

## Hydrology Study

The District has engaged engineering consultants Kerr Wood Leidal to prepare a Hydrology Study of the St. Mary Lake watershed. Lead by Water Resources Engineer Craig Sutherland (P. Eng.), the study will take a full year and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

Results of the study will provide an updated water supply analysis, which will aid the District in strategic planning efforts well into the future.

## Go Paperless with eBilling



Effective this billing period, eBilling is now available. Saving both paper and postage, eBilling recipients will now receive their invoices and newsletters in pdf format via email.

If you would like to go paperless, and haven't already signed up for this service, sign-up forms are available on the Contact page of our website and in the office.

## New Treatment Plant Update

The preliminary design process for the new St. Mary treatment plant is nearing completion.

Once projected costs are known, the Board and management will review and pursue financing options. We now expect that the preliminary design and financing options will be presented to you, the ratepayers, early in the new year. The ratepayer engagement and approval process is expected to take several months.

## Going Away?

We are happy to accept your post-dated cheque(s) for deposit before the due date or you can pre-pay on your account. If you use online banking, most banks allow you to pre-schedule payment.

If you're going to be away for an extended period or just want your water shut off at the meter temporarily for some reason, the District provides a turn off/on service to homeowners for a \$69 fee. Please call the office to book this service.

*Note:* When your water is turned off, either by us at the meter or in your house by you, shut off your hot water heater too. Be sure outside hoses are shut off and drained as well.

## Holiday Hours



Office hours for the upcoming Holiday season are as follows:

Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	closed
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	closed
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	closed
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	closed