

# OZARK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY

*City of Marshall  
Town of Valley Springs  
Town of Lead Hill  
Town of Leslie  
Nail-Swain Water Association  
Deer Community Water Association  
Searcy County Regional Water District  
South Mountain Water Association  
Morning Star Water Association  
Parthenon Water Association*



*City of Jasper  
City of Diamond City  
Town of Western Grove  
Mt. Sherman Water Association  
East Newton County Water Association  
Mockingbird Hill Water Association  
SDM Water Association  
Lake Bull Shoals Estates Water Users  
SP&G Water Association*

To Entities Served by OMRPWA:

November 11, 2015

The Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority Board of Directors will meet next Thursday, November 19, 2015. Time is 6:00 PM and the location is the Western Grove City Office Building on Highway 65.

One item on the agenda will directly affect your system. This is the meeting where we must make a decision whether or not we will add Hydrofluorasilic acid to the water supply to comply with Arkansas Act 197. Act 197 mandates that all systems serving 5,000 persons or more must add fluoride. Several of you had fluoride in your ground water and one of the reasons this project was funded was to get a water supply that did not have fluoride and other contaminants.

We have been given extensions to the time to begin fluoridation due to our legal and financial issues. We have now run out of time extensions and must make a decision this month. I have received several letters and phone calls over the past 4 years since ACT 197 was adopted telling me that most of you did not want fluoride in your water. The Board will comply with the wishes of the majority. If we do not comply with ACT 197 we will eventually end up in a lawsuit with the Arkansas Department of Health. This will cost some amount of money for legal filings and attorney fees. The Board needs assurances that you are willing to help with those expenses. On the other hand, if we do start adding fluoride there is an additional expense that was never planned and the cost for water will have to increase on a permanent basis.

If for some reason you can not have a representative at the Board meeting, I need something in writing (preferable an email or letter) stating your wishes and that you are willing to help finance the legal battle. My thought on financing is to temporarily add a few cents per thousand to your monthly bill that is earmarked for legal expense if we do get involved in a lawsuit. Those letters and other documents that I have received could be used during our legal battle should we choose to go that route. We will make every attempt to avoid a legal action.

I hope to see everyone next Thursday,

Andy Anderson – Chairman  
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