

# PINERY PIPELINE



## FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Pinery Water & Wastewater District is a Quasi-Municipal Corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado. Limited (quasi) power is given to the District as long as it adheres to State statutes. Incorporation refers to the autonomy created within the District giving it separate and distinct powers from other special Districts, enabling local control and allowing residents to participate and make decisions that affect them, rather than be dictated to on a State level. What this all means is that the residents of the District have the power to create an official governing body, which in this case, is the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is made up of five “electable” members who may be elected by eligible voters (residents of the District). Presently, the Board consists of three members who reside in the Pinery, one in the Timbers and one in Pradera. Each member serves a four year term. The selection process can also be made through appointment by current Board members. If a Board member vacates his or her position for whatever reason, the remaining Board members can then appoint someone for the remaining term of the vacated position without calling for an election.

Once elected, or Board appointed, a Board member can vote for, or against, measures so long as they do not conflict with State laws. Legal counsel also participates in the monthly Board meetings to advise on legal matters. For example, the Board can decide, at its discretion and with the help of outside consultants, what residents will pay for water and sewer usage. For any measure to pass, it must get a majority vote (three out of five) or the majority of a quorum (two out of three). Whenever three or more members of the Board associate, where public interest is discussed, it must be open to the public and recorded as such. This reduces the potential for fraternization.

Directors receive compensation of \$100 per meeting and by law cannot exceed \$1600 for any given year. With minimal compensation, the positions are more community service related and a way for people to become involved in local decision making that affects how the District functions and operates.

In May 2018, three Board positions will be open and in 2020 the other two. Those interested must execute a self-nomination letter prior to a deadline usually around the end of February of the election year. If more eligible residents are interested in a Board position than are open, an election will be held. If not, those that self-nominate will automatically gain a position on the Board. While we do have representation from three residential areas in the District, what we lack is a balance between those residents who have smaller properties versus those who have large ones.

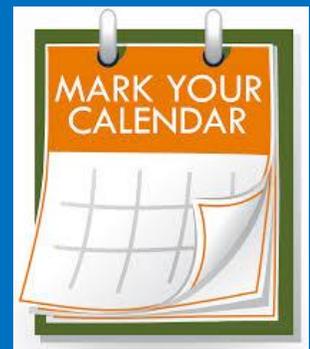


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Board Treasurer – Pinery Water & Wastewater District



Be sure to check out the backside of your newsletter for more information on the exciting changes to come!



Don't forget to join us at our District Office for our regularly held Board Meetings at 6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Our next Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 17, 2017



**Did you know that we are currently in the midst of transitioning into a new and improved billing system to help better serve our customers?**

As we prepare for this change on the District side, there will be some changes to come for our customers as well. One of those changes will be a new phone number and web portal for customer payments and online accounts. With these upcoming changes, customers will eventually need to re-register their online accounts and re-enroll in automatic payments (recurring credit card payments only). No need to panic just yet – we will do our best to notify customers when this change occurs and we are happy to help with any questions you may have!

One of the most noticeable changes so far is the updated look of our water and sewer bills to residential as well as commercial customers. Hopefully you've had some time to look at the "How to Read Your New Water and Sewer Bill" article in the March 2017 newsletter; there is a ton of useful information to read through as well as a new usage graph for your reference. If you missed it in the last mailing, you can find it anytime at <http://pinerywater.com/articles-information/>

Another change that the District is already getting inquiries about is the change from a five-digit account number to a four-digit account number. Until we are fully transitioned into our new billing system, please continue to use your five digit account number for payments via phone or web; for most, this simply means adding a preceding zero to the four-digit account number printed on your bill.

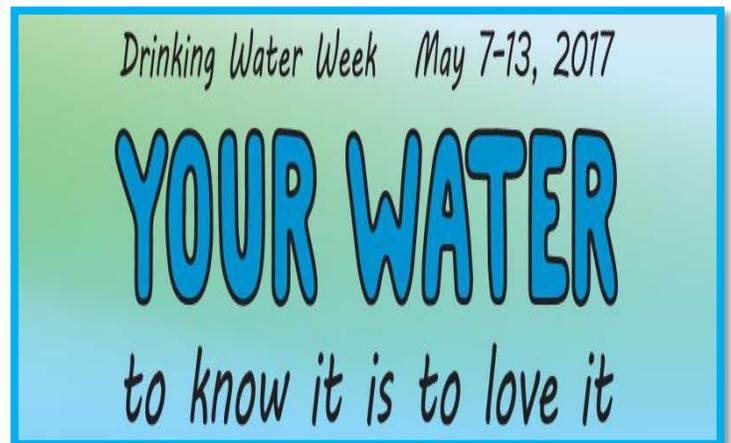
We know that change isn't always easy and we thank you for your patience during this time of transition. As always, feel free to call our District office at (303)841-2797 as we are happy to answer any questions you may have!

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