

FEBRUARY 2020

PINERY PIPELINE



From your board of directors

DID YOU KNOW...ITS ELECTION TIME FOR OUR DISTRICT!

We have an election for two Directors this spring. The regular election for two Director seats for the Board of Directors of the Pinery Water and Wastewater District will be held on May 5, 2020. The Director terms will last three (3) years starting in May 2020 and will terminate May 2023. The election statutes require that 2020 is a transition year for (3) year terms to expire in 2023. After that, the next term will be a four-year term, expiring in 2027. This allows Special Districts, like ours, to hold elections in ODD years.

The Board of Directors meets once each month (3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the District office) to conduct business and direct staff regarding policies of the District. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, you may pick up a Self-Nomination form at the Pinery WWD office located at 5242 Old Schoolhouse Road. The form must be returned and verified no later than February 28th for you to be considered a candidate. If there are more than two residents interested and verified to run, then the District will distribute Mail-In ballots for the election in April. Please consider coming to one of our Board meetings to check us out.

Pinery Water District also has an active Water Efficiency Task Force (TF). The TF is an advisory group to the District staff and the Board. They discuss and recommend action to the Board on items such as our District's Water Efficiency Plan (a 10-year plan required by the Colorado Water Conservation Board) and our District's Water Resource Master Plan (in process for 2020). If you are interested in serving on this Task Force, please give our District office a call for more information at: 303-841-2797.

Speaking of water efficiency, I encourage you to check out our website: <https://pinerywater.com/conservation/> and look at all the great info under the Conservation Tab. I urge everyone to take advantage of the Eye-On-Water program that the district offers. I subscribe to this program and highly recommend it for all District customers. It's a great way for you to "monitor" your water usage at home or when you are away for any length of time. There is a one-time \$206 installation fee (goes on your water meter pit outside) and a \$0.91 monthly fee for the data monitoring. One of the best features is a "leak detection" monitor. Again, check out our website for details.

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:30pm on

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020

Wednesday, March 18, 2020



**Jim McGannon, Board Member,
Pinery Water and Wastewater District
Board of Directors**

WATER VALVE EXERCISING / HYDRANT FLUSHING

As an essential part of our system's maintenance program, the District will begin exercising a portion of the District's water main valves as it flushes hydrants. The District opens hydrants and blow-off valves each spring in an effort to clear our water mains of sediment and mineral buildup. This practice not only extends the life of our water mains but improves the water quality. It also offers us the opportunity to test our hydrants so that we know they are operating properly. Similarly, with the valves, exercising them regularly helps ensure proper function and extend its life.



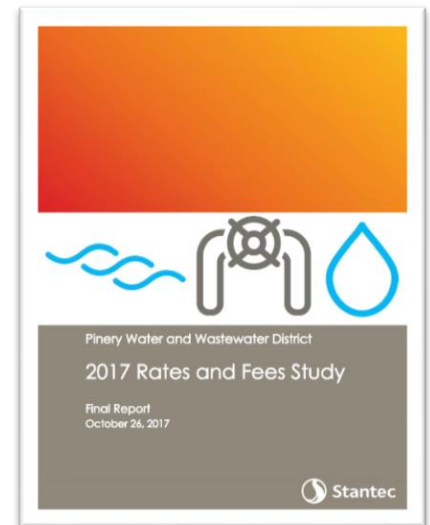
To cleanse the system, we systematically open hydrants or blow-off valves to increase flows in the water mains, allowing us to “flush” minerals and deposits from the pipes. Though flushing will not interrupt your water service, when crews are working in your area, you may notice a temporary drop in water pressure or discolored water. This is normal. After flushing in your area, you may need to run cold water briefly until the water runs clear, drawing out any mineral deposits from your service line.



Crews will be flushing beginning in March, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM with plans to wrap up by May 15. For questions or concerns, please call the District office at 303-841-2797 or email us at info@pinerywater.com.

RATES AND FEES STUDY

The Board of Directors recently signed a contract with Stantec, and their team of financial experts, to assist the District in updating its Comprehensive Rates and Fees Study. One of the District's four mission statements is to be fiscally responsible to our customers. Being responsible and accountable to you, the customer, means that the District routinely (every three years) makes sure its rates/charges are adequate to maintain utility financial integrity while fair and equitable to the customers. Along with evaluating the District's current 6-tier rate structure, the Board will be investigating a “budget” based rate structure. This type of rate structure aims to provide each customer with the amount of water they need at lower rates while excess water would be charged at higher rates. The study update will begin in March and will wrap up in early August. There are currently plans for three Board workshops during regularly scheduled monthly Board meetings that are open to the public. So please make plans to be informed about the District's rate making process.



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