

MARCH 2022

PINERY PIPELINE



From your board of directors

I was introduced as a new board member by our Chair, Walter Partridge, in the December newsletter. I am excited to serve on the board and look forward to continuing my efforts. My journey to service started by joining the water-focused community-based task force and resulted in my appointment as a member of the board of directors.

My husband and I built our home in Pradera in 2014, while we were on work assignments in Shanghai, China. Since I knew that Colorado has always had water issues, as techies, we opted for all of the possible water and energy efficiency technology that we could include in our home. We thought we understood the issues and wanted to do our part as members of our new community. I quickly learned that there is more than tech that we needed to understand. Having grown up in Denver, I understood the dry climate led to water shortages, but I didn't understand water rights, water production processes, or other issues associated with water. I wasn't exposed to the variety of water sources that serve rural and suburban counties in Colorado.

Moving to Douglas County during one of the growth peaks, there were a lot of conversations about water and concerns about scarcity. So, I took a continuing legal education course on water law and although not the most exciting material, I learned a lot. About eighteen months ago I learned about the Water Efficiency Taskforce and became a member. This group is comprised of homeowners who serve as a voice for those in our community who share similar concerns and want to make sure there is a broader understanding of our water infrastructure in our community. The Taskforce gave me first-hand insight on what we can do to support our small water district staff and the small board of directors that are responsible for making decisions in the best interest of our community.

As a member of the Taskforce, I had the privilege of meeting the members of our small and mighty water district staff, attending workshops hosted by the staff, and providing feedback on proposals and plans set forth by staff for approval by the Board of Directors. Having served on the Taskforce, when a director position seat became available, I was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy. My work on the Taskforce made my transition to the board smoother because I was already aware of the efforts underway, familiar with the members of the staff, and had met the other board members.

I am excited to serve on the board and look forward to continuing the work. To ensure I am contributing as much as possible as a non-water professional, I recently enrolled in the upcoming [Water Education Colorado Water Fluency program](#). When I was elected to serve on the Board, I was asked to serve as the liaison for the Taskforce and to make sure the group is actively engaged in supporting the board and the staff as needed.

Are you looking for ways to support your community and learn more about our community water infrastructure? Please join our Water Efficiency Taskforce by completing the [Contact Form](#) found on the District's website,



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uploading your resume, including Water Efficiency Taskforce as the Subject, and providing a brief message describing your interest in being a part of our Taskforce. I look forward to hearing from you and I'm excited to continue my work on the Board and our efforts with the Water Efficiency Taskforce.

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

GARDEN IN A BOX | PLANT A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Maybe you participated in last year's Garden in a Box program. Or maybe you've decided that this is the year you'll finally get your yard in shape – but how can you get the gorgeous, colorful garden you've always wanted without paying the professional price tag and doubling your water bill? Easy. With just a click, you can order a low-water garden kit that's ready to pick up and plant in May. These pre-designed kits are tailored to Colorado soil, and the simple plant-by-number maps take the guesswork out of buying and planting. Plus, the garden kits can help you save around 1,000 gallons of water compared to a traditional grass lawn (not to mention savings on your water bill).

Benefits from purchasing Garden in a Box:

- ◆ No green thumb required
- ◆ professional landscaping (without the price tag)
- ◆ instant curb appeal – just add (very little) water
- ◆ be part of the water-saving solutions
- ◆ millions of pollinators can't be wrong
- ◆ keeps your money in your pocket (not on your lawn)



There's a Garden in A Box to fit your budget. **Gardens went on sale March 1st.** Make sure to get your garden before they sell out! Order your garden so you don't miss out - visit ResourceCentral.org/Gardens and receive \$25 discount for being a Pinery Water and Wastewater District customer.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

As an essential part of our system's maintenance program, the District will begin flushing water mains through the Pinery. 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.

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 begin flushing the middle of March, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM with plans to wrap up around May 15. For questions or concerns, please call the District office at 303-841-2797 or email us at info@pinerywater.com.

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