

APRIL 2022

PINERY PIPELINE



From your board of directors

I am the newest member of our board, having only joined in January 2022. Prior to joining the board, I served on the Water Efficiency Task Force, providing input to the district staff and board on various matters affecting our community. I look forward to continuing to serve and engage with our community in this new role.

I was recently reading an article in the Douglas County News-Press titled [How thirsty is Douglas County?](#) reported by Elliott Wenzler that discussed water use within our county and the lack of diversity in the water supply of several local water providers. It got me thinking about the topic of resiliency. Specifically, the resiliency of our district, considering our water supply and the demands on that supply.

From a supply perspective our district is in a much better place. Unlike many of the water providers discussed in the article that are over reliant on non-renewable groundwater supplies, we primarily rely on renewable surface water supplies. Specifically, water from Cherry Creek. We do also use groundwater to meet peak demands in warmer and drier months, as well as for other specific uses. We also receive water as a part of our involvement in the Water, Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) partnership. To increase our water storage capacity the district is also participating in the development of the Walker Reservoir down near Franktown.

In terms of demand, the district has also taken several steps to try to help community members be more efficient with their water use. This includes offering programs such as the Garden in a Box program that offers discounted water-wise garden kits. There is also the Slow the Flow sprinkler consultation program, which I participated in last summer and learned a lot about maintaining and configuring my sprinkler system. The district is also installing EyeOnWater meter technology, at no cost to customers, permitting near real-time monitoring of water use.

This past month the board also adopted a new Drought Response Plan that was developed by district staff with input from the Water Efficiency Task Force and the public. This plan will establish processes, guidelines, and possible measures that the district may take in the event of an extreme drought that results in supply not being sufficient to meet demand.

All of these measures and more are being taken to continue to improve the resiliency of our district. Hopefully these measures will support our district in continuing to provide Quality Water for Life.



**Josh Connors, Director
Pinery Water and
Wastewater District
Board of Directors**

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 20, 2022
Wednesday, May 18, 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. Make sure to get your garden before they sell out! Order your garden at ResourceCentral.org/Gardens and receive \$25 discount for being a Pinery Water and Wastewater District customer.



gallons of water each year. It's easy to sign up and get long-lasting results! **Registration starts in May.** Simply call (303) 999- 3824 or sign up at ResourceCentral.org/Sprinklers.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

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 information@pinerywater.com.



SLOW THE FLOW | SOLVE YOUR SPRINKLERS

Are you struggling to wrap your head around your sprinkler system? Pinery Water and Wastewater District and Resource Central can help with a free sprinkler evaluation. Resource Central Technicians will run a few tests to check your sprinklers' efficiency and diagnose any problems your system might have. At the end of your evaluation, you'll receive a customized watering schedule designed to reduce water usage and keep your lawn healthy and beautiful all summer long!

Evaluations last about 75 minutes and could help you save thousands of



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