

OCTOBER 2022

# PINERY PIPELINE



## *From your Board of Directors*

In last month's Pinery Pipeline, director Joshua Connors reviewed several items in the District's Water Resources Master Plan. This month I thought you'd be interested in how the financial numbers fit with the plan.

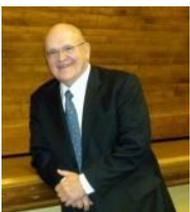
Each year during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter your Board reviews and approves, after public comment, a budget for the next year. The total budget in 2023 will be just over 21 million dollars. We will service over 5,000 water and wastewater connections in 2023. Most of our income comes, of course, from water and sewer services. To avoid special levies and property taxes, and after a public hearing in 2011, a \$12.50 monthly water project fee was initiated. This fee is specifically used to finance water supply projects, including new wells and reservoirs. To date we have spent just over 20 million dollars on these projects.

Major operating expenses in 2023 include the following:

- Employees' salaries and benefits for 23 full-time employees and 2 part time employees - \$3,056,150.
- New capital for water projects including new wells, pipelines, pump stations, and support equipment - \$7,091,500.
- Capital expenses for repair and replacement within the water department including well rehabilitation and inspection, pipeline replacement, and repairs to valves, pump stations, meters and so forth -\$3,061,000.
- Payment for principal and interest on loans taken out since 2002 for capital improvements -\$2,340,628.
- Water supplies from WISE and Cherry Creek projects - \$1,095,000.
- Wastewater capital expenses including repairs to existing pipelines and the wastewater plant - \$850,000.
- Laboratory testing and chemicals - \$508,000.
- Non-capital repairs and maintenance to existing assets in our water and wastewater systems - \$505,000.
- Computer networking and hardware - \$200,000.
- Sewer solids removal - \$121,000.

In addition to the above, we pay for outside services including insurance, engineering, legal, and accounting. It is required by law we pay for an outside financial audit each year.

Each month your board reviews income and expenses to make sure we are on budget and are fulfilling our mission of long-term sustainability, innovative solutions, fiscal responsibility, and excellent service.



**Walt Partridge,**  
**Chairman**  
**Pinery Water and Wastewater District**  
**Board of Directors**

Within the next few weeks, a copy of our proposed 2023 budget will be on our website and we encourage you to review it and, if appropriate, comment during our monthly board meetings.

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

Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on  
Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022  
Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022

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For after-hours emergencies,  
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# How to Read Your Water and Sewer Bill

## Account Number

This is the **4-digit number** associated with this service address

## Newsletter

If you receive an email bill or view your statements online, you can click on the green text that will take you right to our newsletters on our website.

## Eye On Water

The water droplet lets you know you have the EyeOnWater Technology. If you receive email statement or view your statement online, you can click on the red text that will take you straight to the registration page for EyeOnWater.

## Balance Forward

This section shows the amount of the charges from the last billing period minus any payments received. If you paid the amount due your balance forward will be \$0.00.

## Water Service Charges

This charge has two components – the base rate and the volumetric rate. The base rate stays the same every month and the volumetric rate rises as you use more and more water. Please visit the District website to see the current Rates and Fees Schedule.

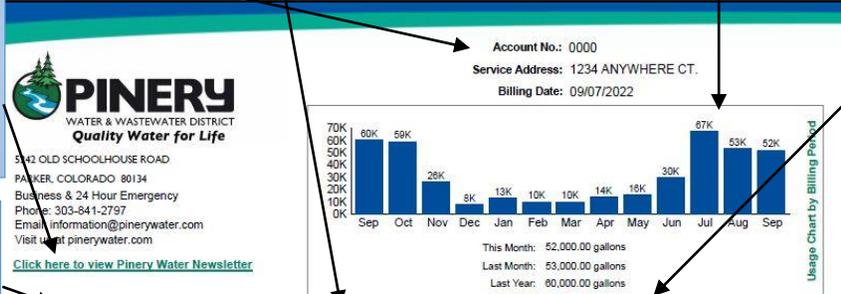
**Payment Stub**  
Please detach and return with your payment.

## Date Bill Printed/Billing Date

This is the date your bill is printed and/or usage charges are applied. It is typically mailed to you within 2 business days of printing.

## Usage Chart by Billing Period

This graph represents water usage, per billing period, in 1,000-gallon increments. Please keep in mind that we bill out for the previous month and the information you are looking at for one month reflects water usage for the previous month. Example: the usage shown for the September billing period reflects water usage in August. Please see the Read Dates to verify what month the usage is for.



## Meter Readings

These numbers represent the actual, current and previous readings from your water meter. To determine your consumption, shown in the 'Actual Usage' box, subtract the previous reading from the present reading.

## Sewer Service Charges

This rate is based on Average Monthly Winter Water Use (Nov-Feb).

- 0-5,000 gallons- \$36.75
- Over 5,000 gallons- \$53.99

(Average Gallons will appear on every bill on the sewer line.)

## Water Supply Project Fee

This is a flat monthly fee that was established by the Board in 2011 to fund current and future renewable water projects to decrease the District's dependence on its non-renewable water sources.

**\*\*Please note that some residents may also see a Groundwater Protection Fee on their bills. This is a flat fee each month to those properties located in the Cherry Creek Alluvium. The District's most precious water supply is in this alluvial system and this fee recoups the extra cost to the District to buffer the alluvium from development. Go to our website for a map of the Groundwater Protection Zone.**

## Amount Due After Due Date

This is the Amount Due plus the late payment fee of \$10 plus 1% per month of the past due balance. This amount applies to payments made after the due date only!

## Amount Due

This is the sum of total water charges, total sewer charges and any balance forward.

## Due Date

This is the date on which your payment is due to the office.

## Service Address

This address should match the location being billed for water service. Some customers pay bills for more than one address.

Read Dates		Reading			
From	To	Days in Cycle	Previous	Current	Actual Usage
08/01/2022	09/01/2022	31	485	537	52,000

Details	Gallons Used	Rate/1,000 gallons	Amount
Previous Balance			\$379.08
Payments Received			-\$370.08
<b>Total Past Due</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Water Usage Charge Total</b>	52,000		<b>\$292.68</b>
Base			\$29.51
Tier 1 (0 - 5,000)	5,000	\$5.91	\$13.05
Tier 2 (over 5,000 - 20,000)	15,000	\$3.78	\$56.70
Tier 3 (over 20,000 - 30,000)	10,000	\$4.76	\$47.60
Tier 4 (over 30,000 - 50,000)	20,000	\$6.20	\$124.00
Tier 5 (over 50,000)	2,000	\$10.91	\$21.82
Sewer	11,000		\$53.99
Water Supply Project Fee			\$12.50
<b>Current Charges</b>			<b>\$359.17</b>
Penalties			\$0.00
<b>Adjustments (Misc. Charges)</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$359.17</b>

Please detach & return this portion with your payment. Please do not include cash or correspondence. Make checks payable to Pinery Water & Wastewater District. If a previous balance is reflected, please remit immediately to avoid a late fee on those charges and possible shut off.



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JANE DOE  
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PARKER, CO 80134

Billing Date: 09/07/2022  
Account No.: 0000  
Service Address: 1234 ANYWHERE CT.  
Name on account: JANE DOE

For Automatic Payment Information, go to  
pinerywater.com/payment-options  
Payment may be made at our office or online at pinerywater.com.

Current Charges	\$359.17
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$359.17</b>
Due Date	09/30/2022
Amount After Due Date	\$372.76
Amount Paid	\$

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

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