

PINERY PIPELINE SEPTEMBER 2024



Please join us at our District Office for our monthly Board Meetings typically held at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, September 18th and Wednesday, October 16.

From your Board of Directors

It is hard to believe that Labor Day is already in the rear-view mirror. I hope everyone has had a great summer.

Now that we are (hopefully) through the warmest temperatures, I wanted to share an update on my personal experience this year with reducing outdoor water use. You may recall last year I shared a similar update on a number of changes my wife and I made to our irrigation system, but due to how wet last year was I could not gauge the impact on water use. I hope that sharing information on our personal journey may be of help to those also looking to reduce their outdoor water use.

Last year we had eliminated a large number of individual sprinkler heads and had converted several others to drip irrigation; however, we had not managed to eliminate overhead watering entirely from any of my zones.

This year we have continued that work and I can now say that three out of eight zones no longer have overhead watering. There are still a few overhead sprinkler heads in these three zones, but we have replaced them with new heads that have shutoff switches. These are then kept off most of the time and are only turned on as needed.

To accomplish this, we dug up and capped most of the remaining sprinkler heads and then in each zone used a conversion kit to switch one or two of the heads to drip. We then connected half inch irrigation lines to the converters and installed large loops in various new planting beds. We then branched off these with drip heads running to the base of each plant.

This has reduced outdoor water use by approximately 2,000 to 4,000 gallons per month, depending upon the weather. We are also anticipating further savings in future years, since we used water-wise plants in these areas. This should allow for further reductions in watering over the next few years as the plants become more established.

I would also like to highly recommend everyone sign up for the Eye on Water app that is available at no additional cost to District customers. We have made significant use of the app this summer to test how much water each of my zones use. We would run various zones at different times throughout the day. We could then go into the app the next day and see usage data by hour. This allowed us to roughly estimate how much water each zone was using.



Josh Connors, Treasurer,
Pinery Water and Wastewater District

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... your phone alerted you to possible leaks?

... you could monitor sprinkler usage on a daily basis?

... water bills weren't surprising?

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