



SPUD FALL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER~OCTOBER ~NOVEMBER 2022

WATER CONSERVATION

The District's Board of Directors has implemented Level 1 Water Conservation Measures required by State Mandates.

LEVEL 1 DROUGHT RESPONSE:

- a. Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- b. Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
- c. Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only.
- d. Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
- e. Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
- f. Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.
- g. Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
- h. Offer guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- i. Repair all water leaks within five (5) days of notification by the District unless other arrangements are made with the District.
- j. Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.



BOOSTER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The District expects to secure a total of \$1,126,410 in Grant Funding towards this critical infrastructure Project.

- The Contractor is Farr Construction Corporation of Sparks, Nevada which is the same Contractor that constructed the replacement water storage tank in 2019.
- The Contractor has until October 15, 2023 to complete the Project to provide sufficient time to procure the specialized mechanical and electrical equipment.
- Work began on August 16, 2022. Work in 2022 will be limited to site clearing (tree removal and grading) and installation of some underground pipeline(s).

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT OUR BPSRP TO COME IN THE NEAR FUTURE!!

NEW METERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO THE NEW METERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSMIT DATA REAL TIME TO SOMEWHERE?

Yes! The new meters are reading and transmitting in real time by cellular communication. The new meters "check in" with the Badger Cloud Server several times per day.

TO A CUSTOMER?

Yes, a customer can view their usage in near real time by creating/registering their account at <https://eyeonwater.com>. Once your account is active, then you can see your water usage in real time.

DOES SOMEONE HAVE TO STILL DRIVE BY TO TAKE MONTHLY READINGS OR DOES NEW METER SEND THAT INFO AUTOMATICALLY TO WHOEVER USES IT TO SEND OUT BILLS?

No. We no longer maintain a meter reader that has to go by each meter and take a reading. SPUD has billing software that is "attached" to the meter reading software which SPUD can also view in real time.

THE LITTLE CLOCK TO CHECK FOR LEAKS IS GONE FROM NEW METERS

SO WHAT REPLACES THIS DIAL?

The new meters have a digital face. They transmit data for each customer's usage that is accessible in the customer portal and through the billing software. The digital face will also show the word LEAK if it detects usage continuously for a prolonged period of time.

WHAT ABOUT WHEN A GOOD WINTER HITS AND SNOW COVERS BOXES.

CAN A SIGNAL STILL GO OUT OR DOES BOX TOP HAVE TO BE UNCOVERED?

Yes, the signal still transmits even when snow is covering the boxes. That is why the District selected this particular Meter model, providing improved accuracy. SPUD can now monitor usage year round.