

McKinney Water District Annual Newsletter

El Dorado and Placer Counties

March 1, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The District is a public agency formed in 1961 and currently governed by five elected Directors, each of whom is a property owner within McKinney Estates, as shown below:

President	Jerry Swartfager	Secretary/Treasurer	Karla Gunter
Vice President	Vince Dangler	District Agent	Graham Payne
Director	Scott Cotner		
Director	Mickey Noack	(530)-307-9032 Please call Graham in case of	
Director	Kim Arcidiacono	a water emergency.	

Please contact our office if you would like information to serve as a future Board Member.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The District Board Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The District will provide virtual meeting options to accommodate public access. If you would like to attend a board meeting, check the agenda on our website for a physical location, Teleconference, and the Zoom link information.

DISTRICT WATER VALVES

The District water valves located at the street, are property of McKinney Water District and cannot be operated by the homeowner or their agent. Homeowners must call the District Agent to make an appointment for assistance with the operation of the valve at the street. Please provide ample time to schedule an appointment.

DROUGHT STAGE 2

The McKinney Water District Board of Directors declared a Stage 2 Drought Response. This also includes all Stage 1 requirements.

Below is a brief description of Designated Irrigation days and New Construction Landscaping.

Designated Irrigation Days

Properties with street addresses ending in an even number, may irrigate only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; properties with street addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate only on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no irrigation permitted on Saturday. An individual irrigation

zone in a property's irrigation system shall not irrigate more than 30 minutes per day, unless the zone is irrigated exclusively by drip or other low-flow irrigation system.

New Construction Landscaping

Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, water used for irrigating landscaping for new construction shall be limited to new landscaping planted to comply with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Best Management Practices (BMP's) defensible space, or for any other reason, as follows:

- Newly planted sod will be exempt for forty-five (45) days from the date it was installed.
- Seeded lawns, whether by hydro-seed or other means, will be exempt for sixty (60) days from the date of application.
- Bedding plants, including annuals and perennials, will be exempt for fifteen (15) days from the date of planting.
- The property owner, or his/her designee, must notify the District verbally or in writing to obtain an exemption for the establishment of new vegetation as outlined above.

Stage 1 Drought Response

- Prompt repair of water leaks in irrigation or plumbing systems
- Use of potable water that results in flooding or runoff in gutters, streets, or onto the adjacent property is not allowed
- Automatic shutoff valves or nozzles will be used whenever a hose is used for cleaning vehicles, boats, and/or campers.
- Automatic shutoff valves or nozzles will be used whenever a hose is used for cleaning or clearing walkways, patios, decks, windows, driveways, parking areas, or improved areas, whether paving or unpaved.
- All water hoses used in connection with any construction activity shall be equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle
- The operation of irrigation systems shall be discontinued and properly winterized by November 1st every year or earlier depending on temperatures.
- Landscape irrigation controls on new construction irrigation systems (See Ordinance 2010-2 for details)
- All residential new construction shall conform with the requirements of the State of California Model Landscape Ordinance Title 23, Division 2, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2.7 or applicable local ordinances superseding the State ordinance.

- Landscaping, lawns, and open ground must not be watered: (1) between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. (2) at any time while it is raining or snowing and/or (3) where the air temperature is less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Owners shall not use water in a manner that is wasteful and without reasonable purpose.

See Ordinance 2010-2 for Notice of Violations Procedures and Enforcement Costs

Please refer to Ordinance 2010-2 General Policies & Standards Water Conservation for a complete description of the Stage 2 requirements including Notice of Violation Procedures and Enforcement Costs.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The District has implemented an emergency alert system to keep all our property owners informed of any water emergency within the district. It is vitally important that we have everyone's contact information in case there is a water emergency. Without this information, we cannot reach you through our alert system. If there have been any changes to your contact information or you are new to the district, please contact us at (916) 806-0510 or karlagunter@yahoo.com. This information is for district use only and will not be shared.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN 2023

The Board will meet with our Engineering firm to discuss which section of water lines will be scheduled for the next water line replacement project. That project will begin within the next few years.

ANNUAL WATER BILLS

The annual water bills for users (and standby connections) will be mailed on April 01, 2023. **Payment is due no later than June 30, 2023.** Any late or non-payment will be assessed with a penalty and placed on the County Property Tax Roll for collection. (10% for users and \$10.00 for standby connections)

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

The program is mandated by the California Department of Public Health (CPDH) and the backflow prevention device(s) must be tested annually. The MWD has contracted with B&L Backflow to administer this required program. If you have plans to build, remodel or install outside irrigation, please contact B&L Backflow to help determine the appropriate device(s) for your project and help protect our drinking water at (775) 831-0123.

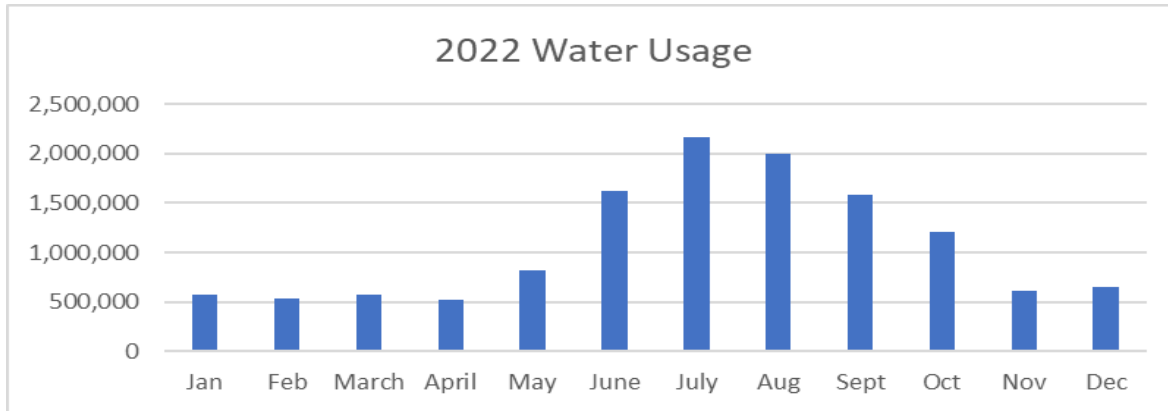
The 2023 deadline for testing the backflow devices is August 15th to avoid water shut-off. Thank you to all the homeowners who have participated in the backflow program.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The report contains information about detected contaminants in your drinking water and related required language of specific health risks and phone numbers for more information. All of the most recent testing has been completed by the MWD and that data is provided in your Consumer Confidence Report.

This report is available on our website at www.mckinneywaterdistrict.com. If you would like to receive this report via regular mail or email, please contact our office at (916) 806-0510.

Annual Water Production 12,877,018 Gallons



WINTERIZE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS BEFORE FIRST FREEZE

It's important to winterize your yard to prevent freezing and/or breakage of your water lines, this will also make it easier to get your yard ready for spring. We suggest winterizing your irrigation systems in September or October.

- For underground irrigation systems, turn off the water to the irrigation system at the main valve and release the pressure in the pipes. Drain water out of any irrigation components that might freeze and remove any remaining water. Be sure to insulate any exposed pipes.
- For above-ground irrigation systems, turn off outdoor faucets and disconnect garden hoses, drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets and insulate outside faucets.

WEBSITE

Check out our website. www.mckinneywaterdistrict.com. You can access the Board Meeting Minutes, Meeting Agenda, Ordinances, Consumer Confidence Reports, and informational links to other water-related websites as well as our contact information.

Please contact the District Office at (916) 806-0510 with any water district-related questions and/or comments.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FOR CONSUMERS

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers – a 5 minutes shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair, and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaking toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the
- cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit <https://www.epa.gov/watersense> for more information.