

# McKinney Water District Annual Newsletter

El Dorado and Placer Counties

March 1, 2022

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The District is a public agency formed in 1961 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. Due to Covid concerns, 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. We are currently complying with the state-mandated Covid-19 meeting guidelines.

## 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.

## 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 will not be able to 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](mailto:karlagunter@yahoo.com). This information is for district use only and will not be shared.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN 2022

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, 2022. **Payment is due no later than June 30, 2022.** 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.

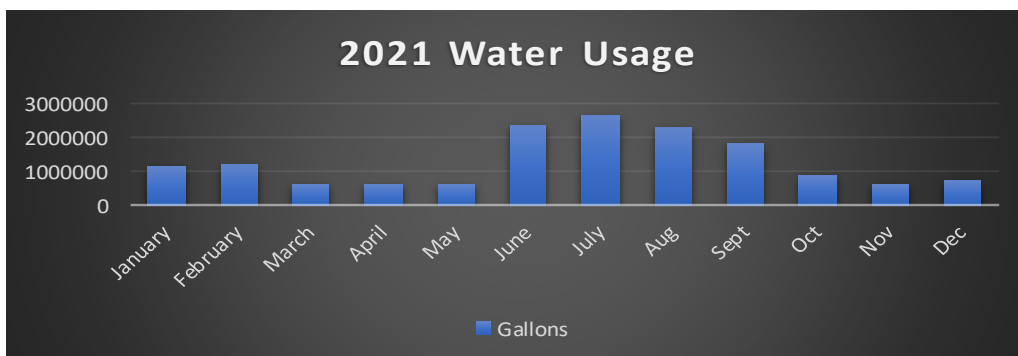
**The 2022 deadline for testing the backflow devices is August 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid water shut-off.** Thank you to all of the homeowners who have participated in the backflow program.

## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2021

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 2020 Consumer Confidence Report.

This report is available on our website at [www.mckinneywaterdistrict.com](http://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 15,527,619 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](http://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.