

PINON PINES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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2nd Quarter Update

April 1, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

Fluoride Mitigation Project:

Early in 2019 we submitted a grant application for funds from the California Water Resource Control Board Division of Financial Assistance to start construction on our project. After taking two years to review our application, the SWRCB DFA has provided us with a draft funding agreement for the project. We are now reviewing the agreement with the assistance of our counsel and Self-Help Enterprises, and are working to get the agreement signed and returned to the State so that work can begin.

Once funding is secured, final plans will be drawn, and the project will go out to bid. Then construction will begin on a new well, a blending station, and a new storage tank. We hope to complete construction during 2021. The goal of this project is to facilitate the supply of clean, safe drinking water and replace two of our aging water storage tanks.

Water Meters:

We have installed water meters on over 150 customers connections. This year we plan on installing smart water meters on most of the remaining 140 connections to our system. Once a meter is connected, we will be able to let customers know how much water they are using, and let them compare their usage with what we consider a safe yield for our water resources. **We will not begin billing based on metered usage until a full rate study has been completed, using the data collected from some or all of the meters.** This process will likely extend through the end of 2021. When your residence is selected for a meter installation, you will be given a notice with more information about what to expect.

Board Opening:

We have two openings on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping to guide the direction of our water company, or would like more information, please contact any of the individuals listed on the next page, or email us at pinonpineswater@gmail.com

Spring Cleaning:

As the weather warms up many of us will be turning the sprinklers on again. Be sure to check your irrigation systems for leaks as you turn them on. Water left in the system to freeze over winter, even when depressurized, can cause damage to pipes, valves, and sprinkler heads that will waste large amounts of water if not repaired.

YOUR WATER BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Brandon Grosh, President	(661) 295-4900
Vice President - Vacancy	
Dave Adams, Treasurer	(661) 491-5022
Karen Laumbach, Secretary	(661) 245-1793
At-Large - Vacancy	

Please contact any of the Water Board Members if you have any questions.

Austin Mielke, General Manager	(661) 245-4420	This is also the Maintenance number
Kelly Mielke, Bookkeeper	(661) 245-4003	This is also the Bookkeeping number

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company Has Levels of Fluoride Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water analyses taken on 3/5/2020 showed that *the drinking water provided by Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company has a fluoride concentration above the maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 2.0 mg/L: Well #5 of 2.1 mg/L, Running Annual Average; Well #7 of 3.3 mg/L, Running Annual Average.*

What should I do?

Children under the age of nine should use an alternative source of water that is low in fluoride. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products.

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Rather, *this is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis).*
- *Dental fluorosis may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.*
- *Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Although bone disease may develop in anyone exposed to years of drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, dental fluorosis can occur after a relatively short period of exposure (i.e. months) in children under the age of nine.*
- For other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.
- *Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call the California Department of Public Health, Water Treatment Device Unit at (916) 449-5600 or visit the Department's website at:*
- http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.shtml

What happened? What is being done?

Fluoride contamination is rarely due to human activity. Fluoride occurs naturally in some areas and is found in high concentrations in some of our source water.

We are working with the California State Water Resource Control Board on a funding project to install a blending station and new well to mitigate the fluoride problem.

For more information, please call Austin Mielke of Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company, at (661) 245-4420 Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.