

PINON PINES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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2nd Quarter Update
April 1, 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

Fluoride Mitigation Project:

The State Water Resources Control Board has reviewed the plans and specifications, but they need additional clarification on some items. We still anticipate the project going out to bid soon so we can begin the construction of our new well, blending station, and new storage tank. We are still aiming for construction to be completed by March of 2023. This project will aid in our continuing effort to supply clean, safe drinking water and replace our aging storage tanks.

Water Meters:

We have installed water meters on all 273 active customers connections. Smart Water Meters have now been installed on all but one of the existing connections to our system. We are now 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 are currently waiting on assistance with a rate study and do not have a timeframe established as of this moment. **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.**

Board Opening:

We have an opening 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 at the bottom of the page, or email us at pinonpineswater@gmail.com

Spring Weather:

We had some ups and downs this Winter with our temperatures. As we have experienced in the past, we can still have those cold days and nights in the Spring and have even had snow. Please remember to insulate your pipes and especially any exposed irrigation lines and control valves as this was the most common break this past Winter. A simple irrigation line break, when unnoticed, can easily waste 15,000 gallons per day or more.

New Operator/Manager

It has been a pleasure taking on this role for the community. Everyone has been very welcoming over these past three months; I have enjoyed speaking with and getting to know a lot of you here in Pinon Pines, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you.

New Billing Format:

We are continuing to try out new software that will enable billing based on usage once the meters are all installed. We have listened to our community, and we are now one step closer to accepting ACH and debit/credit card payments. It has taken a little longer than we had anticipated but are hopeful that this feature will be available to you on our next billing cycle.

Remember, the new invoices will detail your usage history in cubic feet. A cubic foot of water is 7.48 gallons. The average person uses approximately 200 cubic feet per month. If your household usage exceeds this amount, please look for ways to conserve.

YOUR WATER BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Brandon Grosh, President	(661) 295-4900
William Vanek, Vice President	(818) 451-9329
Vacant Position, Treasurer	
Karen Laumbach, Secretary	(661) 245-1793
Roger Huff, Member-At-Large	(818) 438 3978

<p>MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 p.m. at the corner of Deer Trail and Coldwater Drive</p>

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

Chuck Winagura, General Manager	(661) 245-4420	This is the Maintenance number
Kelly Mielke, Bookkeeper	(661) 245-4003	This is 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 3/9/2022 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 2.2 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 Chuck Winagura 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.