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## *Fall 2023 NEWSLETTER*

- 💧 **METER READING/IRRIGATION TURN OFF:** Due to the increased number of homes served, the District will begin reading meters **mid-October 2023**. *Homeowners should shut off irrigation on or before October 9th to avoid winter overages.* The stop and drain valve should be turned one quarter (1/4) turn clockwise to shut the water off. Owners are also responsible for protecting the domestic meter from freezing and other damage of the outlet piping and valves. Frost levels vary from year to year. Proper insulation can save you the cost of replacing a frozen meter. See tips below.
- 💧 **TEMPORARY CHLORINATION:** The District will be temporarily chlorinating the water system north of the Spokane River for the period October 16, 2023 through November 17, 2023. We hope that by taking this proactive approach, our water samples will be free of any coliform bacteria contamination introduced by improper sprinkler system blow-outs. Positive coliform samples affect the District's status with the Washington State Department of Health and could result in permanent chlorination. Please do your part and call the District if you see any improper sprinkler blow-outs.
- 💧 **BILLING CHANGES:** The Board of Directors reviewed overage rates. Beginning the spring of 2024 the summer overage rates will increase. The new rates will be included in the Spring Newsletter.
- 💧 **WATER USE EFFICIENCY – Rebates:** Partner with Consolidated Irrigation District in its goal on reducing water use by: Replacing toilets with water efficient toilets - 1 Toilet per house \$50 rebate; Installing a sprinkler rain sensor – 1 sensor per house \$25 rebate; Installing hose bib timers – 2 hose bib timers up to \$20 (receipts must be provided); Help the District in reducing water use during the summer months sign up through the Districts website to observe your water consumption history, visit IWAC (<https://www.iwac.us>) and SAJB ([spokaneaquifer.org](http://spokaneaquifer.org)) for water conservation tips.
- 💧 **DIRECTOR ELECTION:** Director elections will be held for Division Nos. 3 and 4 in December of this year. A Petition for Nomination must be filed in our office by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 6, 2023. Each candidate must obtain a minimum of 10 signatures from landowners within said Division and candidate must be a landowner in the Division being petitioned. Please refer to RCW 87 or our Bylaws posted on the District website for further information.
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## **COLD WEATHER TIPS:**

- (1) **Insulate the meter box properly** Insulation sealed in a plastic bag or a piece of Styrofoam placed over the top of the meter and tightly against the sides of the meter box are good methods of insulation. It is not necessary to wrap the meter or pipes.
- (2) **Remove hoses from outside faucets** and be sure they are drained and shut off. Also, make sure your underground sprinkler system is properly drained.
- (3) **In extremely cold weather,** a pencil size stream of water left running will help prevent your service line from freezing.
- (4) **If you plan on leaving for the winter months** you may wish to winterize your home, draining all water.
- (5) **Make sure your irrigation valve has been** shut off and your system drained.

 **IMPORTANT SPRINKLER SYSTEM BLOW-OUT INFORMATION:** If a sprinkler system is blown out incorrectly, contaminated water may be forced back into the drinking water. Contamination could include decayed vegetation or other organic or inorganic materials which may cause illness. **Backflow prevention devices are required by the State of Washington on all sprinkler systems and must be tested annually.** Please make sure backflow devices are installed properly and the main shut off valve is closed prior to blowing out your system. A little care will prevent potential serious health risks. Your cooperation is appreciated. There is an informative video that explains the purpose of proper blowouts at <https://vimeo.com/457804658/3513ddd86>

 **WATER QUALITY:** Consolidated Irrigation continually monitors the water supply to ensure its purity and quality. Over 80 substances (required by EPA and State Dept. of Health) are regularly tested for. Listed below are ongoing programs that help protect and ensure our water quality. You can find our Consumer Confidence Report on our website.

### **Programs for Protecting Water Quality**

**Wellhead Protection Program** to protect the District's groundwater resources.

**Cross Connection Control Program** to protect the District's water from contamination.

**Chemical and Bacteria Monitoring Program** to ensure that the water is safe.

**Reservoir Maintenance and Inspection Program** to protect distribution system water quality.

**Flushing of "Dead End" lines** to prevent stagnant water and taste and odor problems.

**American Water Works Association (AWWA) Member** – this is a professional organization committed to delivering safe and reliable drinking water.

### **PRESENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Division No. 1	Paul Schultz	Division No. 4	Jeff Bass
Division No. 2	Steve Schultz - President	Division No. 5	Dan Evans - Vice President
Division No. 3	Denis McLaughlin	Manager	Shane Sheppard

### **DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS**

Board Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month with the exception of the December meeting which is held on the Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. All meetings are held at the District Office. If you have any questions regarding the operation or policies of the District feel free to contact our office on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.