

QUARTERLY UPDATE

BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, November 15
5pm

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, December 20
5pm

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, January 18, 2024
5pm

What's Happening in the District?

All District Board meetings are now Hybrid meetings, in-person meetings that are also available to be attended virtually through Zoom video conferencing. Now, the public can attend either in person or join the meeting virtually on Zoom! Here's the link if you'd like to join in: <https://tinyurl.com/49e4znj6>

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We're here to help you!

Check out our Water Quality Report at www.wswd.org

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October to December 2023

What's Going On in West Slope Water District

It has been a busy summer for West Slope, and as we near the end of 2023, we want to share with you where we are with some projects and what is ahead for the District:

1) New Water Main on Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. Our contractors have been doing an excellent job with a very complex project. All of the pipe installation work should be completed by the end of October and all services should be switched over to the new water main before Thanksgiving. Repaving of the highway will likely take place in April 2024.

2) Next Projects Up for Design. This Fall, the District is working through the process to select an engineering consulting firm to design a pipeline replacement for SW Gardenview Avenue (site of a large water main break in August, 2022) as well as selecting an engineering consulting firm to create a water system master plan that includes a new water rate study. That study will consider rate equity for customers whose monthly consumption is relatively low in comparison to customers whose monthly consumption in the summer is significantly greater due to outdoor irrigation. The water system master plan will help guide the District in replacing aging water infrastructure. Knowing which water mains to replace in the next 20 years, as well as how to pay for the construction costs, is very important!!

3) Long Term Source of Supply. Before the end of 2023, West Slope will be able to sign a long-term wholesale water contract with the City of Portland to keep Bull Run water as the District's source of supply ... a tradition dating back over 100 years!

4) West Slope and Social Media You may have seen comments on some social media platforms that West Slope was working on a merger with another water system. Like many things on social media, there is no truth to those rumors. As a rule of thumb, if we are not talking about an issue here in this newsletter, on our website, or in our Board meetings, it isn't an issue to West Slope. One of our core values is to be transparent in our activities, and we take that seriously.



Bull Run, the District's water supply source for over 100 years.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT FOR 2024

We are currently recruiting for an open position for our Budget Committee. As defined by public law, the Budget Committee is an advisory group comprised of the Board of Commissioners and an equal number of appointed members from the District. The appointed members of the Budget Committee serve for staggered three-year terms. The Budget Committee conducts public meetings to hear the budget message and review the budget proposed by the budget officer in May of each year. One of its most important functions is to listen to comments and questions from interested citizens and consider their input while deliberating on the budget.

The annual estimated time commitment for each Budget Committee volunteer is about 3-5 hours, including reviewing the budget document prior to meeting and attending the Budget Committee meeting on May 15, 2024. If you are interested in serving on our Budget Committee or have any questions, please email us at customer.service@wswd.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the budget process and copies of previous budget documents, check out our website at this link: <https://www.wswd.org/annual-budget>



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A Pre-Thanksgiving Holiday Message About Water

Thanksgiving means a lot of different things to different people and we each have our own traditions surrounding the holiday. But one thing we all have in common is water, and it does a lot for us! Water plays a key role in all of our lives, making public health, firefighting, manufacturing, and life itself possible. This Thanksgiving, give thanks for water these two ways:

1 Conserve water at home by checking for leaks, installing a faucet aerator, and making sure your toilet is using water efficiently.

2 Protect your drinking water at the source by clicking the **RESOURCE LINKS** below to follow the **EASY TIPS** to keep our waterways healthy, protecting water when you garden and wash your car, and getting ready for the rainy season the water-safe way.

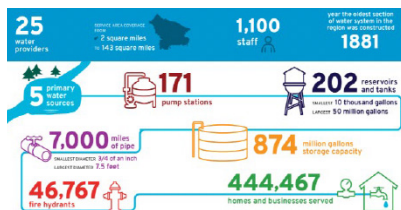
This Thanksgiving, give thanks for water. Remember – your dinner wouldn't be possible without it!

November 20



Thanksgiving is this week and it has us thinking a lot about how thankful we are for water. Without it, public health, firefighting, the economy, and life itself wouldn't be possible! Start the week of giving thanks for water by learning all about yours.

November 21



We're thankful for our drinking water being there when we need it. It takes a tremendous amount of people, infrastructure, and technology to keep water flowing from its source to your tap. Find out about our region's drinking water by the numbers.

November 22



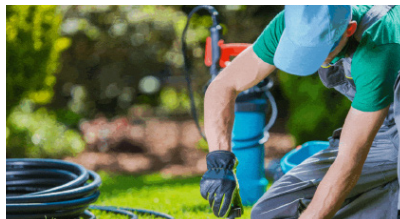
Water is a shared resource and we all play a part in protecting it. Everyday activities we do at home can pollute local waterways, but thankfully there are easy ways you can help keep our drinking water safe! #thankful

November 23



We're reflecting on all of the things we're thankful for this year and we wanted to say thank you to all of you, our customers. Thank you for conserving water, protecting it at the source, and using it to prepare for emergencies. We couldn't do it without you! #thankful

November 24



There are so many ways to show that you're thankful for water, and one of the best ways is to conserve it. Using water efficiently ensures that we have enough water now and into the future. Do your part to use water wisely. It's just the right thing to do.

RESOURCE LINKS

- [OUR REGION'S WATER](#)
- [10 TIPS FOR INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION](#)
- [10 TIPS FOR SOURCE WATER PROTECTION](#)
- [WATER BY THE NUMBERS](#)