

QUARTERLY UPDATE

BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 15
5pm

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, June 26
5pm

(Note: This meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, the third Wednesday is a state holiday.)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, July 17
5pm

What's Happening in the District?

All District Board Meetings are hybrid, in-person meetings that you can attend virtually through Zoom. Now, the public can attend either in person or join the meeting virtually. Here's the link if you'd like to join in:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdezc5md>
Meeting ID: 849 3064 6501
Passcode: 474179

Do you need assistance with our On-Line Bill Pay Service? Please contact us at 503-292-2777 or at customer.service@wswd.org

We're here to help you!

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

CONTACT US!

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On the web at:
www.wswd.org

Email:
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Also, check the website for our newsletters, past and present.

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What's Going On at West Slope Water District

Project Complete! Our big construction project on Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy is complete now that the paving work is done. Thanks for your patience during construction. We are happy to have over a mile of new, earthquake resilient water main in Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway to better serve West Slope WD customers!

The Next Water Main Project! Our attention now turns to our next capital pipe replacement project on SW Garden View Drive, between SW Canyon Road and SW Scenic Drive. With our engineering design consultants, we are starting the design for a new water main to replace 2,100 feet of 8-inch cast iron water main installed in the late 1940s and early 1950s. The area we are working on is the site of the large water main break in August 2022. Our design should be complete in early Fall 2024, and we are anticipating that construction could start in November 2024. Local traffic will be allowed to travel on SW Garden View during construction, but we will also be working with Washington County Transportation for a detour route for "passing through traffic" during construction. More on the short-term impacts to our customers as we get closer to the end of summer.



SW Garden View Drive pipe replaced during main break in 2022.

Planning for the Future The District has started work on a 20-year Water System Master Plan that will help the District assess and prioritize the most critical parts to our Distribution System that need to be replaced with new, earthquake resilient and restrained water pipe. The Master Plan will also lay out strategies for the District to follow to finance capital projects from water rates as well as outside loan and grant funding sources. We anticipate the Master Plan will be completed by June 2025.

Water Rate Study Since it began, the District has used a flat consumption rate as a basis to charge its customers. During this past year, at the direction of the Board of Commissioners, the District hired a professional consulting firm to conduct a water rate study to explore the option of replacing the current flat rate with a tiered rate structure to provide a more equitable distribution of costs to District's customers, as well as plan for future financial needs. Once the study is completed and options are presented to the Board, the District will provide an opportunity for customers to hear about the new rate structure and provide input. Information about these future meetings will be noticed on our website as they are scheduled most likely later this year.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget The District staff is currently working on the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All District customers are invited to attend the Budget Committee Meeting to hear about plans for this next coming year and give input to the Committee on the FY2025 proposed budget. The FY2025 Proposed Budget Document will be posted to our website by the end of April 2024. The Budget Committee Meeting will be held May 15, 2024, at 5pm at the District's office at 3105 SW 89th Ave, Portland, OR. An option to attend the meeting via Zoom will also be available. See our website at www.wswd.org for the meeting link.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING, the big construction project on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway between SW Western Avenue and SW Jamieson Road is NOT a West Slope WD project.



This project is part of Tualatin Valley WD's Willamette Water Supply Project.

For more information on this project, go to www.tvwd.org.

Our Mission is to provide safe, clean, reliable water for customer use and fire suppression

Spring is Here! Time to do Some Irrigation and Sprinkler System Maintenance!

Before you bring your irrigation system out of hibernation to work all summer, follow these tips in the Spring to keep your system in prime condition well into late Summer.

TIPS

✓ Close all manual drains.

Drain valves may have been left partially open when the sprinkler system was drained and winterized last Fall.

✓ Slowly open the main valve,

allowing the piping between the valve and the cross connection (backflow) prevention assembly to fill with water (see photo at right).

✓ Pressurize the mainline from the backflow prevention assembly to the control valves.

Have one of the control valves open while this is done so air trapped in the irrigation piping can escape through the sprinkler heads as the pipes fill with water.

✓ Have the backflow prevention device tested by a state certified tester.

Contact West Slope Water District for specific information on rules and regulations regarding backflow prevention devices – on our website, we have a link to the list of State certified testers who work in Washington County: <https://www.wswd.org/backflow-22252ed>

✓ Run the entire sprinkler system, one zone at a time.

As this is being done:

1. Check for signs of leakage, especially damage to sprinkler heads or piping which could have occurred over the winter. Repair and replace as needed.
2. Check for accurate spray patterns. Adjust the sprinkler heads so they water your landscape and not sidewalks, driveways, or streets.
3. Make sure spray patterns are not blocked by plants or other materials.
4. Clean clogged nozzles and sprinkler head.

✓ Install a rain sensor.

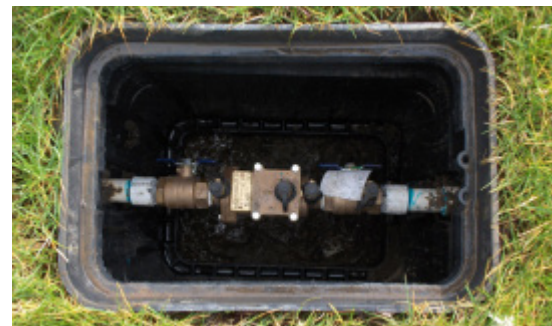
Rain sensors are designed to shut off sprinkler systems when rainfall reaches a preset amount, usually 1/4 inch. Once the moisture level subsides, the sensor reenables the sprinkler system, resuming the previous watering schedule. Rain sensors should be mounted in an unobstructed area exposed to open sky – minimizing the potential for fallen leaves or other debris from blocking the sensor.



BEWARE OF CROOKS AND SCAMMERS!

Be aware of crooks and scammers claiming to be utility staff! As a reminder, West Slope Water District field staff:

- **WILL ALWAYS** be wearing hats & clothes bearing our District logo
- **WILL ALWAYS** be driving in white utility vehicles bearing our logo on the front doors
- **WILL NEVER** ask for cash, credit cards or gift cards in the field
- **WILL NEVER** demand access into your home (our infrastructure stops at the water meter)



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