

# Oak Creek Water District

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**Well 4 Pump & Motor Replacement Put in Perspective:** First the expense. Estimating it will be about \$40,000 to cover the pump, motor, VFD & three contractors involved. Second the Water Restriction request. By doing this our other wells and storage tanks could handle the daily usage and keep storage in case of a fire. This avoided an outage or utilizing a cross connection from a neighboring water system that utilizes chemicals. Third the big question “Why didn't we have a spare pump and motor on hand?” It would have sat on the shelf since 2013. Not good. Any warranty would have been expired. Not good. These are some of the issues we discuss at our monthly board meetings which are the third Tuesday of every month at 4:30.

## **Special Meeting Held June 5, 2023**

### **Requesting Additional USDA Funds & Affect On Rates**

The Board of Directors had an informational meeting on the current funding status of the arsenic removal & water replacement project. Since 2020 when the original USDA grant/loan funding package was received inflation, COVID and shortage of materials has caused construction costs to double. Receiving only positive feedback the Board has agreed to request the additional \$8.16 Million in funds to complete the project. If received in full this will be a total of \$11.2 Million in grant & \$4.9 Million in a 1.375% loan, 40 year term.

Once knowing the amount of funds we will be receiving a request will be made to modify our 5-year rate plan. There is a full informational packet on the website for those that did not receive the alert nor attended the educative meeting.

## **\*\*\*\*\* CONSTRUCTION \*\*\*\*\***

**Arsenic Removal System:** Arsenic media and backwash tanks have been installed. Contractor completing piping. ADEQ inspection and start up of the system should be by mid July. See attached arsenic notice for the 2nd Quarter.



**Water Main Replacement:** Project is awaiting the approval of the additional grant/loan funds

**2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CC&R):** The CC&R for 2022 is now available on our website . This report includes a summary of a water quality testing is required by ADEQ. Paper copies are available at the office. Come pick up a copy and join us at the next month meeting. Its always the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm. An educated customer is the best customer.

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