

Oak Creek Water District

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Public Notice: 2023/2024 Budget, 2023 Rate Increase following the 5 Year Rate Study

The District will discuss the above topics at our January 17, 2023 at 4:30PM at 90 Oak Creek Blvd. Included in this newsletter is the proposed budget and proposed rate increase for 2022. This rate increase follows the 5 year plan that was approved last year. After public comments the Board of Directors will vote on a final Budget and Rate Increase at the February 21, 2023 Board meeting. This notice will also be published in the Red Rock News twice as required by the Arizona Revised Statute 48-910. The complete 5-Year Rate Study is posted on the Website.

***** CONSTRUCTION *****

Arsenic Removal System and Tank Rehab: Tank rehabilitation has been taking place and should be completed by the end of January. The Arsenic contractor is still waiting on delivery of the tanks, valves and piping that was ordered over 6 months ago. It is anticipated that the system should be online by the end of March.



Water Main Replacement: The water main project went out for bids this past summer. The cost estimate in the bid package was increased from 6 Million to 9 Million due to increased costs and we received one embarrassing 32 Million bid. We talked with smaller contractors that took out plans but could not bid due to high bid bond requirements. They stated they were close to the cost estimate and gave suggestions on making the plans more detailed to give more comfort in bidding. Plans should be going out again before the end the year. Based on rising costs, we will be requesting additional funds from USDA. Depending on how bids come in, portions of the project might be cut. It's a balancing act since we are trying to take advantage of the once in a lifetime 75% Grant 25% loan agreement.

Elections: Yavapai County cancelled the November elections due to the County receiving only two applications for the four board openings that become effective January 1, 2023. The Board will appoint those two applicants along with discuss any other nominations that come in at the December 20, 2022 Board meeting. Reminder this is your water system and getting involved is what makes Oak Creek Water District the best

Arsenic Notice: See attached Arsenic Notice for the third and fourth quarter of 2022. The results for July and November were 9.1, 10.2, 10.2 and 9.8, 10.0, 10.0 respectfully. The maximum contaminate level is 10.0.

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