

PLEASE READ

Dear Irrigation Customer,

As some of you may know, your neighborhood is in the initial process of forming an Irrigation Water Delivery District (IWDD)

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT EVERY OWNER SIGN "YES" FOR THE FORMATION OF AN IWDD.

IWDD's benefit a neighborhood by creating a funding mechanism to quickly and reliably repair irrigation infrastructure as it ages and fails, causing costly breaks in the water delivery pipes. There is currently no sustainable fund available to repair the irrigation infrastructure, which means that when an irrigation pipe breaks-it stays broken until the neighborhood can collect enough money from the community to pay for the repair. Forming an IWDD will change that.

Many community members were present for the May 14th meeting regarding the formation of an IWDD, but I'd like to give a quick recap, anyway. The proposed IWDD would:

- Be specific and exclusive to your neighborhood, bound by Avalon to the north, Catalina to the south, 44th Street to the east, and 40th Street to the west (and Pinchot right in the middle);
- Supply your neighborhood with secure access to money designated solely to maintaining and repairing your aging irrigation pipes and stand boxes;
- Be funded by adding a small amount (about \$20 to \$30 per year) to annual property taxes on each home covered by the IWDD;
- Cause every neighbor to contribute through their homes yearly property tax, bringing an end to door-to-door fund raising after a pipe breaks;
- Speed up irrigation infrastructure repairs; and
- Help your neighborhood keep access to a very inexpensive water source (City of Phoenix water is 75 times more costly!!!).

As an irrigator, I have seen direct benefits to other neighborhoods that have formed an IWDD. As your irrigator, I recommend that you take advantage of the neighborhood safety-net that forming an IWDD provides. Arcadia is one of the most desirable locations in Phoenix, a beautiful, green, tree-lined sanctuary that helps reduce city temperatures (Thank you plants!). A strong irrigation system is what has, historically, allowed Arcadia to be such a sanctuary and will allow it to continue being so.

An IWDD will only pass with over 50% of property owners and acreage signing "yes", so every vote counts! Your neighbor on Pinchot, Jeff Bloker (jeffbloker@gmail.com, 480-283-5522) is working with other neighbors and Salt River Project (SRP) to spearhead this effort. Reach out to him if you have any questions or would like to help. Please vote "yes" for an IWDD as soon as the forms are available.

A NEW TEAM MEMBER

For those who have not noticed, you now have another irrigator on the team! Brett Crowther is your neighbor and fellow irrigation user. He will be working the graveyard shift so that he can still be available for his son Colton, during the day. The addition of Brett will allow Steve and me to switch to eight-hour work shifts. This will actually be the first time in 25 years that I won't be working twelve-hour shifts in the summer heat... I'm truly not sure what I will be doing with all that extra time!

SHIFTING HANG-BACK TIMES

I am going to try to have SRP schedule the subdivisions in the order that they run irrigation water. What this means for irrigation customers is that hopefully the time SRP schedules you for water will be closer to the time that you actually get water. The scheduled and actual water delivery times will never be perfect, but I hope this helps a bit.

Thank you for all of your support and help. Have a great summer!

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