

Oak Creek Water District

“Serving West Sedona Since 1953”

90 Oak Creek Blvd
Sedona, AZ 86336

Date: September 13, 2024

RE: General Manager Report

Financial

The billing charges for September were \$59,000

Infrequent and one-time major expenses in September:

\$6,500 Ullman & Associates - Annual Financial Audit/Adjustments

\$ 670 Ferguson Waterworks -end points

Infrequent and one-time major revenue for September:

None

Operations

-Wayne passed is Distribution 3 test. Meets all ADEQ requirements as operator of record.

-Installing transmitters and preparing eye on water presentation for public.

-Summit finishes Inspirational and moving onto View.

-Last TC samples good, however lately been positive, most likely due to construction.

Management

USDA Grant/Loan Update: Inspirational Drive being completed this week. Next street will be View Drive. Loan closed so we are now making payments on both loans. USDA requires an audit after all loan monies are spent and into grant. This will take place after Ullman completes their annual audit, which should be next week.

USDA Reserves

After discussions with the governmental branch of Flagstar, they gave us a checking account at 4.75% interest for 13 months, equal to a CD but we can add more at any time. Since we are a public entity, we get \$250,000 FDIC coverage twice, checking and savings.

Lead and Copper Inventory: The ADEQ consulting firms has everything to complete the first phase of the inventory requirement listing of our service connections and dates installed. See attached insane letter we have to send to all customers.

Beacon/Badger Meter Program: Wayne will give a training at the November meeting for residents that want to monitor their own water usage. See attached.

Saddlerock Crossing: City Council has the continuation of their Public Hearing on September 24, 2024 at 4:30 P.M.

Sedona Lofts: Appears to be on hold

5-Year Rate Study: A full review by Tom Bourassa will start next month.

Outstanding Leaks: 140 Northview and 225 Airport/Valley View. Hydrant in Elks

**Oak Creek Domestic Water Improvement District
Public Meeting - held at 90 Oak Creek Boulevard, Sedona, AZ
August 20, 2024**

1. Call to order and roll call:

Called to order at 4:30 P.M..

Present: Bob Bareuther, Doug Bowen, Ed Dowling, Paul LeFevre, Creed Ostler, Paul Slevin,
Chan Smith

2. Call to the Public for Item not on the Agenda:

Members of the public may address the Board regarding items not on the Agenda.

3. Manager's Report:

General Manager and Operation Manager updated the BOD - See attachment.

4. Consent Agenda Items:

A. Approval of July Board meeting minutes

B. Approval of July financials.

**Ed Dowling made motion to approve minutes and financials. Seconded by
Paul Sleving/ All approved.**

5. Regular Agenda Items:

A. Status Update and Discussion about USDA Grant/ Loan Projects.

6. Executive Session:

A. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session.

7. Announcements:

A. Next Regular Board Meeting: September 17, 2024,, at 4:30 P.M

B. Future Board agenda items.

8. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn/ 5:00 P.M./ Chan Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Creed Ostler

Secretary, Oak Creek Domestic Water Improvement District

November Newsletter

-Lead Service Line Inventory

-Eye On Water Training

LEARN HOW TO MONITOR YOUR OWN WATER USAGE!!!

When: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5pm. (right after 4:30 board meeting)

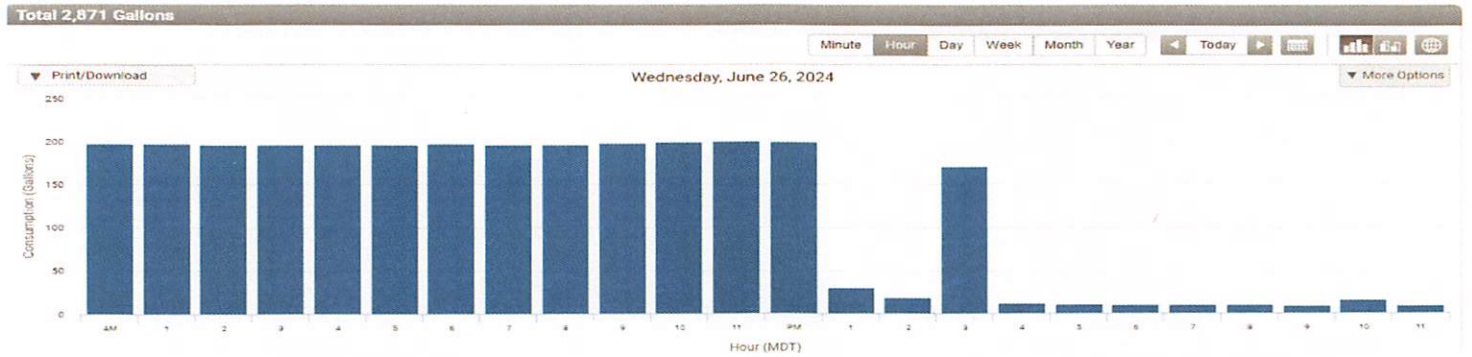
Where: Oak Creek Water Office, 90 Oak Creek Blvd

What: See below. An actual water leak in our neighborhood.

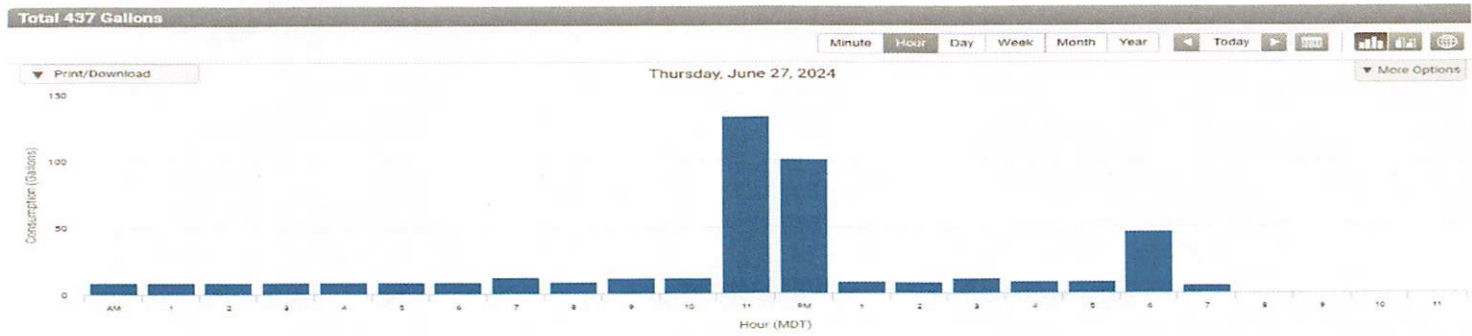
4,800 gallon/day leak. (\$250 bill) Normal usage: 200 gallons/day. (\$25 bill)

Major leak detected. Graph shows 200 gal/hr hourly. At 1:00pm it was fixed. A minor leak still present. Graph shows 5 gal/hr from 1pm onward. Graph shows actual usage at the 2:00pm hour (irrigation, laundry, or shower).

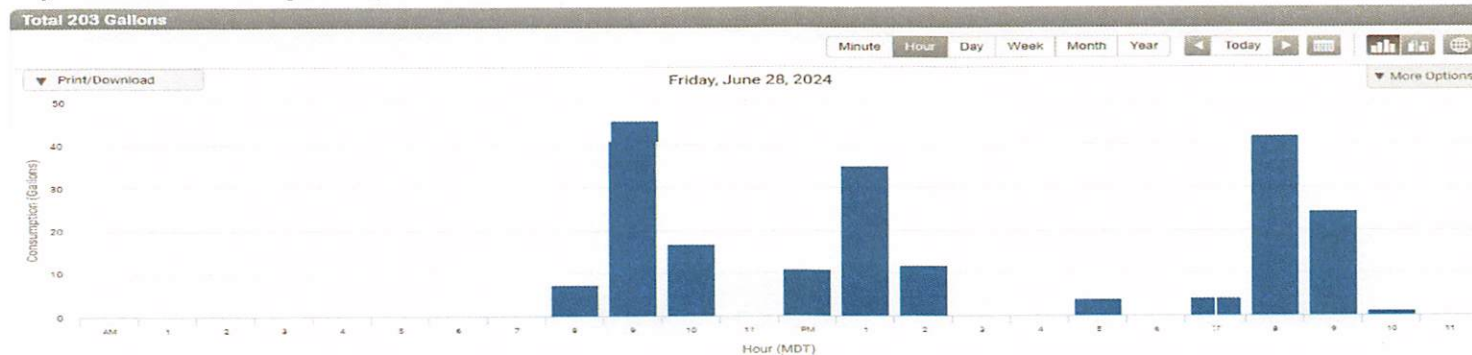
Note: The graphs can be deceiving when comparing days, the gallon usage scale range (left side of the graph) is based on the highest usage that day.



Shows the 5 gallon/hour leak continuing the next day. Graph shows normal water usage at 11am, noon and 6pm. Small leak fixed at 7pm (toilet running, leaky faucet, etc...).



Normal water usage after all leaks fixed. Graph shows hourly flows ranging from 2 gal/hr to 45 gal/hr. Graph shows 50% of the day there was zero usage. No presence of a leak.



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October 25, 2024

Subject: Notice of Unknown Service Line Material

Dear [Resident's Name],

We are writing to inform you of an important matter concerning the water service lines in your area. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and quality of the drinking water supply, we have recently completed a survey of service lines within our community.

Notice of unknown service line material

Oak Creek Water is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share this information with anyone who drinks and/or cooks using water at this property. In addition to people directly served at this property, this can include people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, as well as parents served by childcare at this property.

Oak Creek Water is working to identify service line materials throughout the water system and has determined that the water pipe (called a service line) that connects your home, building or other structure to the water main is made from unknown material but may be lead. Because your service line material is unknown, there is the potential that some or all of the service line could be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was previously connected to lead. People living in homes with a lead or galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.



Identifying service line material

To help determine the material of your service line, please visit our website or call the office. EPA has developed an online step-by-step guide to help people identify lead pipes in their homes called Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead. It is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead>.

Health effects of lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to

lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.

Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water.

Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead in drinking water.

Use filters properly. Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, see EPA's <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.

Clean your aerator. Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.

Use cold water. Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.

Run your water. The more time water has been sitting in pipes providing water to your home, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, as well as the length and diameter of the service line and the amount of plumbing in your home. [Include tailored flushing information, if appropriate, or add following language] Residents may contact us at [phone number and/or email address] for recommendations about flushing times in their community.

Learn what your service line material is. Contact our office or a licensed plumber to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead, galvanized, or other materials.

Learn about construction in your neighborhood. Contact the office to find out about any construction or maintenance work that could disturb your service line. Construction may cause more lead to be released from a lead service line or galvanized service line if present.

Have your water tested. Contact us, your water utility, to have your water tested and to learn more about the lead levels in your drinking water. Alternatively, you may contact a certified laboratory to have your water tested for lead. A list of certified laboratories is available by contacting the office. Note, a water sample may not adequately capture or represent all sources of lead that may be present. For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>.

Get your child tested to determine lead levels in their blood.

Although there is no confirmation of having a lead service line, you may wish to speak with a healthcare provider to see if your child's blood lead level is elevated and/or if there is a need for blood testing, if you are concerned about potential exposure. Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/advisory/acclpp/actions-blls.htm> for information on these actions.

For information about potential financing solutions to assist property owners with replacement of lead service lines, please contact the office.

For more information on reducing lead exposure from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

**Arizona Water
48% Rate Increase
A.C.C. Application**

BASE RATE COMPARISON

	Arizona Water Proposed	Big Park Water	Oak Creek Water District
¾-inch	\$49.20	\$28.71	\$19.43
1-inch	\$82.00	\$47.85	\$32.39

WATER COMMODITY COMPARISON

	Arizona Water Proposed	Big Park Water	Oak Creek Water District
¾"-inch	\$5.13 (0-3,000)	\$1.80 (0-2,000)	\$2.28 (0-4,000)
	\$7.18 (3-9,000)	\$2.56 (2-14,000)	\$3.96 (4-10,000)
	\$8.21 (9-17,000)	\$3.25 (Over 14k)	\$5.05 (over 10K)
	\$9.23 (over 17k)		
1"- inch	\$7.18	\$2.56	\$2.28
	\$8.21	\$2.56	\$3.96
	\$9.23	\$3.25	\$5.05
	\$9.23		

The application filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission is 7,505 pages which includes all the initial supporting documentation for the 48% rate increase. The document took a good 5 minutes to open on the computer. When trying to print the proposed rate pages the computer freezes up. This makes it's impossible for any customer to review the information. There is a whole page of owners and management giving presentations. Sure that is big bucks just for that.

Per Tom Bourassa, the average ¾-inch water bill is for 7,100 gallons.
Comparing a typical bill at 7,100 gallons.

Oak Creek Water	\$40.83
Big Park Water	\$46.89
Arizona Water Proposed	\$94.03

Interesting:

OCW commodity rates are the same for ¾-inch and 1-inch.

BPW commodity rates ¾-inch is below our average and 1-inch is above our average