

# Pinery Pipeline

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## **DISTRICT SAFETY**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the District employees reached a huge milestone: **3000 straight days without a lost time injury!**

This is an incredible accomplishment, and the Board wishes to thank all employees for their continued effort!



## **Winter Water Conservation**

Typically, winter months don't readily bring to mind thoughts of "Water Conservation," but creating habits of conserving indoors are as critical as conserving outdoors in the summer time. The obvious suggestions include taking shorter showers and running only full clothes and dish washer loads, but here are a few more tips to consider:

- ◆ Use the garbage disposal sparingly, consider composting instead!
- ◆ Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive and can save 140 gallons a week!
- ◆ Teach your children to turn off the faucets tight after each use.
- ◆ Don't run the water constantly when brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Cook foods in as little water as possible; this will also retain more nutrients

*"All the water that will ever be is, right now."*

~National Geographic, 1993

## **SDA Manager of the Year**



**Congratulations to District Manager, Charlie Krogh who was recognized as "Manager of the Year" by the Special District Association. Charlie's ten years of outstanding leadership and service to the District, its Board and employees, as well as to the community was recognized in September at the annual SDA conference in Breckenridge.**

*"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water."*

~Ben Franklin, 1746

The District offices will be closed on November 27 and 28, December 25 & January 1 in recognition of the holidays. If you have a water emergency, please call the District's answering service at 303-688-7069.

# A Note Direct from your Water Meter

As a water meter, I've been accused of everything in the book. Some say I run when nothing in or outside the house is flowing. They've accused me of even spinning out of control. But, I'm really a steady, accurate and capable guy. I am one of the most exact measuring devices in modern times, working day and night, 24/7, through drought, rain, sleet and snow, holidays included! I'm even forced to work in the depths of your meter pit....a dark, spooky place I must say!

Sometimes because of a leak or high water usage, I get accused of making false reports on the day Dave, the meter reader, comes to visit me. Funny, my cousin (the gasoline meter) never gets blamed for poor gas mileage in the family car! Believe it or not, as I get older I can actually slow down because of mineral build-up and age. In other words, you may actually be using MORE water than what I'm reporting to Dave.

Sometimes my homeowner questions how I can have a higher reading than a neighbor's meter. I'd like to say to them, "Don't fool yourself, it's all about YOU!". Even if all of the irrigation systems, washing machines and bath tubs in everyone's homes were identical, people's living habits truly make the difference. Some families just use more water when cooking, bathing and washing clothes or dishes. Some have found that watering their lawns 2-3 times per week is sufficient, others still insist that truly green grass requires a daily application. No matter, I just keep on ticking away the gallons!

And then there are the old fashion toilets – using multiple gallons on every flush. Or, the less than efficient washing machines and dishwashers. I can just run on and on when these appliances are in action, it's exhausting! Yes, I am the object of much criticism. But when most people think it over, they begin to realize that I am just doing my job well and that conserving water is a daily personal commitment. So, you see... I am not a crook at all, I merely speak the truth and don't judge those around me.

*Thank you for listening, Your Water Meter*

**A Day in the life of.....** When Tim "TR" Richard joined the District 8 years ago, he had already been in the District for a number of years, cleaning our sewer mains as an operator with the private contractor, DRC. So you could say he's learned his job from the inside out, probably better than most of us. When he's not overseeing and maintaining the collection system, he's working at the other end of wastewater, managing the solids handling and Biosolids production processes. His agricultural background gives him an "intuitive feel" for producing this soil amendment for our customers. He also does a lot of general maintenance around the treatment plant and vehicle maintenance for the District.

In the summer, TR enjoys taking long motorcycle rides in the Colorado mountains and camping in the high country with his wife. His other passion is all types of hunting, mostly archery, in the fall and winter months.

When asked what he likes about his work TR says, "Each day there is something different to do. I also like the consistent hours." And when there is a backup in a sewer main, TR will usually be the first man on the job, driving up in the jetter truck he helped custom design for the District, doing whatever he can to make it right again.



Tim ("TR") Richard

## WATER CLASSIFICATIONS

**Did you know that some bottled water actually comes from the tap... Where does *your* water come from?**

**Artesian Well Water:** Is water from a well that is tapped from an aquifer--layers of porous rock, sand and earth that contain water--which is under pressure from surrounding upper layers of rock or clay. Despite the claims of some bottlers, the EPA says there is no guarantee that artesian waters are any cleaner than ground water from an unconfined aquifer.

**Fluoridated Water:** Water that contains fluoride; levels are set by the FDA.

**Mineral Water:** Water which comes from an underground source that contains at least 250 parts per million total dissolved solids (minerals).

**Spring Water:** Derived from an underground formation from which water flows naturally to the earth's surface. Spring water must be collected only at the spring or through a borehole tapping the underground formation feeding the spring.

**Well Water:** Water from a hole, drilled into the ground, which taps into a groundwater aquifer.

**DRINK UP..... Water has zero calories & tastes fresh!**

