King County Water District 90

Summer 2022

Newsletter

Calendar

Board of Commissioner Meetings (1:00pm)

First and Third Tuesdays at the District Office

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Celebrating 70 Years of Growth & Service!

King County Water District No. 90 has been serving customers for 70 years! We will be celebrating our **70th Anniversary in August** and are taking this time to reflect on how much we have grown over the years. Here are some interesting facts you may not know:

The District currently serves **8,192 accounts**. Believe it or not, our steady growth for the past 20 years took place from 2002 to 2016, during which we added on average 171 new accounts per year. Since 2017, our new accounts have averaged 33 per year. Over the **past 20 years**, the District has added a total of **2,730 new accounts** or about **33% or our total** accounts to date.

KCWD 90 currently **serves 7,938 homes**, 150 irrigation accounts, 25 fire accounts, 44 commercial accounts, **16 schools** and 19 District accounts. We currently have **14 staff members and 3 Commissioners serving the District.**

In the past 5 years, the **District has produced**, on average, **130 million gallons** of water **from our wells**. We have **purchased**, on average**, 564 million gallons** of water from **Seattle Public Utilities**. If you think those leaks don't amount to much, think again. 93.5 million gallons, or about **15% of our water per year**, has been **lost to leaking pipes** during this time period (that's why we replace old mains!) **Customers** have **used 600 million gallons** per year on average.

District customers **use an average of 1.6 million gallons per day**. With warmer temperatures, this can increase. On the hottest day of the year in 2021, the District used 3.2 million gallons (Yes…twice as much!).

Most of the water you use in the home is used in **the bathroom**. Your toilet uses more water than your dishwasher, washing machine and shower. A newer model toilet uses about **1.06 gallons per flush** (rebates available!). Taking shorter showers will help conserve water. The District has toilet testing strips that help detect leaks and other items that you can come by and pick up. Stop in and our friendly staff can help with your questions.

Cedar River Watershed

70TH ANNIVERSARY

Pilot Project in the area of 177th Ave SE

We have been working on replacing the existing water main with HDPE pipe in the area of 177th Ave SE. The process involves "pipe bursting" of the old pipe and pulling the new pipe through. This process can be done with minimal disruption to a neighborhood because we do not have to dig up roadways and repave, allowing us to save money. So far, this process has gone relatively smoothly, and we are very excited with the results.

The District will be installing HDPE pipe throughout the Renton Suburban Tracts neighborhood starting this fall.

A Few Reminders for You

- The District offers free **"Savvy Gardener" classes** each year. The final class for this year is on September 7th, "Fall & Winter Chores for Easy Spring Gardening." Visit our website at www.kcwd90.com. To register, email info@kcwd90.com.
- Our **2022 Water Quality Report** for the year 2021 is out now. You can see this information on our website or by the QR Code on your water bill.
- **Planning to move this year?** Stopping your service is as easy as filling in the blanks! We have a Stop/Start Service form you can fill in online that starts the process of closing your account. Visit www.kcwd90.com.
- Think you **have a leak**? Call us and we can email you information on how to get started checking for potential leaks using your meter.
- Do we have your **current phone number?** We use your phone number to notify you of a water emergency, construction shutdowns, and shut-offs for non-payment. We do not share your data!

Annual Report on Senior Citizen and Permanently Disabled Discount Rate

KCWD90 had 89 customers participating in our "Low Income Rate for Senior Citizens and Permanently Disabled" Discount Rate Program. The total cost to the District for the 11th year of this program (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) was $18,853. Customers who qualify for the discount program pay a base rate of $26.25 rather than the full base rate of $66.90. Consumption charges and the Summer Surcharge are at the regular rate.

The *Application for Reduction in Water Rates* form can be found on our website at www.kcwd90.com *under Customers/Online Forms*
or for more information, call the District office at 425 255-9600.

Do you qualify? Here are the requirements that <u>all</u> need to be met:

- You or your spouse are 55-years of age or older, OR permanently disabled.
- You are living in the residence and pay the water bill.
- Your gross income from all sources in the household is under $35,000 if single and $45,000 if married.