

MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Newsletter from the Manager & 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

It is time again for the District to publish its annual water quality report also known as the “Consumer Confidence Report” (CCR) for 2022. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office between 8am-12pm Monday – Friday at 928-632-4113. For information and updates visit us online at our website; MayerWaterDistrict.com or visit our Facebook page; Facebook.com/MayerWaterDistrict.

MANAGER’S UPDATES

I would like to take this opportunity to give the community an update on what has been happening over the past year and what projects we have coming up.

DISTRICT WELLS

I know this is not a popular opinion, but I loved all the rain and snow we received this winter. Arizona is always in a perpetual drought and the District’s water supply is always a top concern for me. From year to year and season to season we can see major differences in our well levels. This winter, our wells were full, but now that summer is coming that will change as the water demand goes up. I would like put together a few water conservation events for the community to learn how they can help conserve the water in their homes and businesses. Water is our most valuable resource.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Water leaks are common in an aging water distribution system, we are no different than other distribution systems. The Mayer Water District’s distribution system has been around since the early 1900’s, and at one point had wood pipes which over the years were replaced with what was adequate at the time. But we have grown over the years and have thousands of feet of aging and undersized water lines needing to be replaced to meet our current and future demands. We also have vulnerable water lines in our washes and creeks, old and under-registering meters, and outdated and aged assets. Over the years efforts have been made to make many of the necessary improvements but the high cost of the improvements has always been the biggest obstacle and roadblock for the District. We can’t spend funds we do not

have or take out loans we cannot repay, so we scrimped and saved and have made do with what we have. But for the stability and future of the distribution system, we need to start taking the necessary steps to make the essential improvements to our infrastructure.

To avoid steep rate increases we have focused on grant sources to fund many of the needed improvements. We are happy to announce we have received several grants this past year:

- Two (2) from Yavapai County,
- One (1) from Bureau of Reclamation,
- One (1) from Arizona Department of Environment Quality (ADEQ) and
- One (1) from United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS),

All totaling over \$1,000,000. These grants will be used to replace undersized and aged water lines, aged and under registering meters, add cellular technology for our meter reading and allow customers to monitor their own water usage throughout the month, engineering for the waterline replacement, engineering to support the elevated water line above the wash as well as engineering for the shoring for the wash below our elevated waterline. While we have received notice of approved funding for these projects there are several administrative tasks that need to be completed prior to receiving the funds and before the improvements can begin. The area of the distribution system we will be focusing on for the water line replacement with the ARPA grant funding will be portions of Main Street east of Miami.

Poland Junction will be getting an upgrade at our booster house. With the current pressure tank aging out and past the point of repairs, we will be installing new booster pumps and a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) which will allow the water to be boosted to our customer at a more consistent pressure. We are hoping to have this project completed by the end of August.

I would like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement when you come into the office, or I see you in public. **Mardi Befort – District Manager**

Get to know the Mayer Water District Board of Directors

Details about the staff are available on our website.

Kathy King – Board Chair, 2016

Mayer has been home for 35 years. I love the open spaces at the base of the Bradshaw Mountains, they are perfect for trail riding, dog walking, clear air, clean water, not to mention a short trip to either Prescott or Phoenix. Mayer is a perfect location to raise a family like my husband and I did with our four children. When you move to Mayer you are automatically a part of the library, the recreation center, fire department, churches, and school, which is how I got involved on the School Board and Water Board. I am thankful for all the wonderful people I have gotten to know over the years and new friends and neighbors to come. God put our family here for a purpose, at this point it's not just my children who grew up here. I encourage everyone to get involved in this wonderful place we live! God Bless you and America!

Shasta Guthrie – Board Clerk, 2023

Has lived in Mayer for 4 (four) years (since 2019) plus one in 2004. I wanted to be on the water board to serve my community and contribute relevant experience. I believe leadership means behaviors that earn trust and inspire others. One of my many favorite lines from a movie is: "Never give up. Never surrender" (Galaxy Quest) My hobbies and interests include dog & cat rescue, trivia games, theatre & showtunes. The best piece of advice I ever received was: Don't let bad teachers get in the way of your education. (Thanks, Dad.) My personal motto/philosophies are "Say yes" and "No fear". Both are meant to encourage discovery and growth. If I could travel anywhere in the world, it would be everywhere, but Europe first. I am happiest in nature, especially on/near water or with critters. My favorite word in the English language is: Peace (tranquility, acceptance, the absence of chaos, fear and persecution). When I was a child, I wanted to be many things, including a teacher, an actress/dancer, an adoptive parent, an animal advocate. To greatly varying degrees of success, I have done them all!

Kevin Jones – Board Member, 2006/2019

Has lived in in Mayer since 1995. I wanted to be on the Mayer Water Board to ensure people have good drinking water. I believe leadership means you are making a difference. My favorite line from a movie is "I'll be back". My hobbies and interests are working with dogs. My greatest achievement is working in search and rescue and being a fireman. The best piece of advice I ever received was "listen before you talk". My personal motto/philosophy is treat people the way you want to be

treated. If I could travel anywhere in the world, it would be Mt. Everest adventure. I admire Ronald Reagan for his achievements for peace. I am happiest being in nature. My favorite word in the English language is: Peace When I was a child I wanted to be a fire fighter.

Jacque Burruss – Board Member, 2017

Has lived in Mayer for 55+ years - off and on. I wanted to be on the water board because it seemed at the time like the only right thing to do, to try and help our community. I believe leadership means the ability to lead, influence or guide while setting a favorable and positive example. My favorite line from a movie is "After all, tomorrow is another day" Scarlett O'Hara Butler - Gone With The Wind. My hobbies and interests include reading, gardening, research and the love of animals and their welfare. My greatest achievements are my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The best piece of advice I ever received was: Follow your heart - and the rest of life will fall in place. My personal motto/philosophies are Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Live and let live. If I could travel anywhere in the world, it would be Australia it fascinates me. I admire my younger Brother for his ability to love, listen, appreciate and not judge. I am happiest when relaxing with my family and pets. My favorite word in the English language is: Possibilities. When I was a child, I wanted to be an Archaeologist and a Veterinarian.

Keith Francen – Board Member, 2023

Has lived in Mayer for almost 8 years. I moved to Mayer because I grew up on a ranch and wanted to get back to that life again. I believe leadership means to make good decisions and to be justified in those. I like to ride horses and play stringed instruments. But I am not good at either. My greatest achievement is tricking my wife into marrying me. The best piece of advice I ever received was "When picking a career make sure it is something you like to do. Otherwise, every day seems like it lasts forever." My personal motto/philosophy is do unto others as you would like them to do unto you. There is nowhere I would like to travel because I have no desire to leave my land. I am happiest when I fall asleep in the lower barn with the horses standing around me. My favorite word in the English language is: Quiet. When I was a child, I wanted to be happy, rich or both.