

Oak Creek Water District

Serving West Sedona Quality Water Since 1953

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Board Elections: There are 4 of the 7 Board member positions up for election on November 8, 2022. These are four-year terms. Nomination Papers can be submitted to Yavapai County between June 13, 2022 and July 11, 2022. It requires a petition of at least 5 qualified voters. Packets are available at the office or can be found on the County website at <https://yavapaiaz.gov/electionsvr/forms> under the heading "Special District Candidate Packets". This notice of election is required to be posted in the Red Rock News on June 1, 2022 and June 8, 2022.

Board member positions are crucial in keeping Oak Creek Water District the most affordable and most purist water system in the State of Arizona. Essentially each Board member is representing about 150 water customers. They are residents and customers just like you. They act like a second set of eyes to review what the District staff has done, issues they have encountered and what the future plans are and making sure that we are all on the same page in reaching the goals mentioned earlier

Consumer Confident Report: The annual CCR's for 2021 are available on the website. This is an annual requirement by ADEQ to have these posted by June 30, 2022. The CCR's gives the most recent water quality data. Copies can also be obtained in the office.

***** CONSTRUCTION *****

Arsenic Removal System and Tank Rehab: The Contract has been awarded to Fann Environmental. The contractor has began the ordering of the equipment for this removal system. There is about a four month delivery time frame.

Water Main Replacement: The water main plans have been approved by ADEQ and awaiting USDA approval. Most of the water mains have been designed about 3 feet off their current location. Plans are available at the office.

Construction Costs: The cost for construction has almost doubled since receiving the grant/loan funding. USDA is requiring us to bid the project before submitting a request for additional funds. The 5 year rate study consultant was contacted and supplied us with estimates on how various additional loan fund amounts tied to additional grant funds would effect our rates. These discussions have taken place at the last couple of board meeting. They can be found in our Board minutes on the website. Of course we would prefer for you to show up and get involved than just read

Quarterly Arsenic Results: The results were below the limit of 10 ppb and were 9.2, 9.7 and 9.8. Attached is a required public notice due to the fact that the annual average is above 10 ppb.

Service Response Time: The District has now lost a third water operator in the last year due to the impossible housing situation. We are currently interviewing for a new operator. Expect service response times to be longer than expected. Whenever we have had a gap between operators the following delays have occurred. A required wait of an extra day for customers water to be turned off or back on due to a leak on their property. The District used to be able to turn customers water back on after lack of payment immediately upon receipt, but now customers are waiting an extra day. This is just a few examples of what has been going on. **This Short Term Rental issue is serious and effecting our District.** Please contact this office or come to a Board Meeting if you have a solution.



Yavapai County

**Nonpartisan
NOMINATION PAPER
DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION
A.R.S. § 16-311(B)**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, a qualified elector, am a candidate for the office of _____ at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

I will have been a citizen of the United States for _____ years before my election, will have been a citizen of Arizona for _____ years before my election, and I will be at least _____ years of age upon taking said office. I have resided in _____ County for _____ years and in precinct _____ for _____ years before my election.

Actual residence address _____ City or Town _____ Zip _____
or description of place of residence (required)

Post office address (if applicable) _____ City or town _____ Zip _____

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in this Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification is true and correct, and that at the time of filing I am a resident of the county, district or precinct which I propose to represent, that I have no final, outstanding judgments against me of an aggregate of \$1,000 or more that arose from failure to comply with or enforcement of campaign finance law, and as to all other qualifications, I will be qualified at the time of election to hold the office that I seek.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

DATE

Nonpartisan Nomination Petition

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I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of , state of Arizona, and of
 (here name political division or district from which the nomination is sought) hereby nominate
 who resides at in the county of for the office of
 to be voted at the election to be held , and I hereby declare that I am qualified to vote for this office and that I have
 not signed, and will not sign, any nomination petitions for more persons than the number of candidates necessary to fill such office at the next ensuing election. I further
 declare that if I choose to use a post office box address on this petition, my residence address has not changed since I last reported it to the county recorder for purposes
 of updating my voter registration file.

	Signature	Printed name	Actual residence address, description of place of residence or Arizona post office box address, city or town	Date of signing
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
OAK CREEK WATER DISTRICT PWS #13041
Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system Oak Creek Water District recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor of the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we receive in May 2022 for the second quarter of 2022 show that our system met the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The MCL for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). The test results for the three wells were 9.2, 9.8 and 9.9. The required noticed is due to the average level of arsenic over the last four quarters has exceeded the 10 parts per billion (ppb).

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with circulatory system, and many have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

Drawings for the new Arsenic Treatment system have been approved by ADEQ and are now waiting final approval from USDA. We anticipate construction for this new treatment system to start this coming Spring.

For more information, please contact Doug Bowen, Board of Directors or Brian Bratcher, Operator at 928-282-3404.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Oak Creek Water District. Public Water System ID#: AZ-04-13041. Date distributed: June 6, 2022.

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