



Homeowners Irrigation Information

If you are receiving this memo, it is because you have been identified as owning a home in the Buckeye Water Conservation & Drainage District (BWCCDD). This memo is meant to inform you of some of the Arizona Groundwater Laws with regards to irrigation water and how the BWCCDD functions in delivering water to your property.

BWCCDD provides irrigation water to the agricultural lands in the Southwest Valley that have Irrigation Grandfathered Rights by diverting water from the Gila River at the Districts Dike through the Buckeye Canal and South Extension Canal. In addition to these canals, there are also multiple wells, laterals and O&M roads owned and utilized by BWCCDD to deliver irrigation water to our customers. To assist in maintaining these assets, there is an assessment fee charged annually by BWCCDD that will appear on your annual property tax bill. Please ensure timely payment of this assessment to prevent interruption in irrigation deliveries.

BWCCDD maintains prescriptive easements over these canals, wells, laterals, and O&M roads that extend to the toe of the bank of the O&M Roads. These roads are used for efficient delivery of water and to maintain the integrity of the BWCCDD canals and other district owned assets. These O&M roads are not for public use and any unauthorized use of these facilities will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We may deem it necessary to barricade these roads with locked gates to ensure the safety of our employees and others.

Deliveries are accomplished by utilizing Zanjeros to route the water to the high point of the property. Once it reaches the high point of the property, our responsibility ends. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that there are adequate means to obtain the delivery of irrigation water. Please consult with the developers to ensure that these were installed so that you may receive irrigation water now, or in the future.

If you have yet to set up an account with BWCCDD, and wish to start receiving irrigation water, please see us at 205 E Roosevelt Ave in Buckeye. Our Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7AM to 5PM and Friday, 8:30AM to 5PM or you may contact us by phone at (623) 386-2196 if you have any questions.

Property owners must have an active account and schedule in advance for water deliveries. For communities, sign-up sheets have been provided with a designated pick-up time of Thursday morning for that week and scheduling completed by 2:30PM the same day. It is the homeowner's responsibility to be signed up each week to receive water for that week. If you fail to sign up prior to completion of scheduling, it is at the discretion of BWCCDD's Water Master to add late orders to the

schedule. Deliveries are typically made to communities from Friday through Sunday.

Due to the logistics involved with delivering water, it is recommended that you coordinate with your neighbors to establish a proposed day for you all to receive water. BWCDD will attempt to accommodate the proposed day for delivery, however; we reserve the right to schedule deliveries based on the availability of the water, while attempting to maintain a low-cost operation. Once the delivery day and time is established, it is up to the homeowners to coordinate the schedule within the community. It may be necessary for the community to designate one person to coordinate the irrigation for your community.

It is also the responsibility of the property owners to maintain the private irrigation ditches to assure that the water will flow to their delivery points for irrigation. This includes removing weeds and debris, as well as any gates, ports, or other means to deliver water beyond our laterals. You may wish to establish a community housekeeping/maintenance schedule to ensure that the water reaches the community.

Sincerely,

Noel Carter,
General Manager