

THE PIPELINE

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Keeping Lakewood Water District Customers Informed
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Board of Commissioners meets the
3rd Thursday of each month at the
District Office at 3:30 PM

Public is welcome to attend



Dear Lakewood Water District Customer,

Three fish were named Plan Ahead, Think Fast, and Wait and See. One day they heard a fisherman say he was going to cast his net in their pond the next day.

Plan Ahead said, "I am swimming down the river tonight."

Think Fast said, "I am sure I will come up with a plan."

Wait and See lazily said, "I just can't think about it now."

When the fisherman cast his nets, Plan Ahead was able to escape from his nets. But Think Fast and Wait and See were caught by the fisherman.

Think Fast quickly rolled his belly up and pretended to be dead. "Oh, this fish is no good!" said the fisherman and threw him safely back into the water. However, Wait and See ended up in the fish market. In times of danger, when the net is cast,
plan ahead or plan to think fast!

The Lakewood Water District is all about "Plan ahead". We have a 50-year plan for replacing the aging infrastructure, now in year number nine. We also have a five-year plan of specific capital needs. This includes things like retrofitting water towers to be earthquake-ready and installing generators to keep the water flowing no matter what emergency should unfold. Plan ahead, indeed.

We are ready to "Think fast". Most recently, that came with the finding of PFAS in some of the aquifers where we get our water. Not our fault, but we're ready to think fast when the occasion calls for it. We have it handled.

Reminds me of my therapist, who set half a glass of water in front of me. He asked if I was an optimist or a pessimist. So, I drank the water and told him I was a problem solver. **Just like the Lakewood Water District.**

Sincerely,

Your Board of Commissioners



NO TENANT SIGN UP PROGRAM

At the July 21, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board approved the No Tenant Sign-up Proposal. Starting September 5, 2022, Lakewood Water District will no longer sign-up tenants for water service, and accounts will remain in the property owner's name. Active tenants will remain in place until their move out process is initiated.

For more information, please visit our website at www.lakewoodwater.org.

FAQ's page:

<https://www.lakewoodwater.org/custserv/page/no-tenant-sign>

BEWARE OF SCAMS

The District has received a few calls from potential scammers posing as escrow or title companies in an attempt to obtain customer information. If someone calls you demanding payment, please confirm you are speaking with a representative from Lakewood Water District before giving any payment or personal information.

BUDGET UPDATE

We kicked off the 2023 budget about three weeks earlier than usual. This year's budget will have more pieces to consider and factors that we will need more time to work our way through.

A few challenging issues have emerged over the last 18 months, such as inflationary impacts to the region. We have seen higher bid prices due to increase in fuel costs and uncertainty on parts & supplies.

We are trying to secure funding for the PFAS to minimize rate impacts to our customers.

We will be working hard to have a budget that will help keep rates low for our ratepayers.

May 19, 2022

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Honored the 28th & 29th District Representatives for their dedication to securing \$5.56M for the Scotts Well GAC System.



Rep. Bronoske, Rep. Leavitt, Senator Nobles
Rep. Kirby, Rep. Morgan, Senator Conway

CONTACT US

Please update your mailing address, phone number, and email address if there have been any changes.

Please contact our office directly at 253-588-4423 or email csweb@lakewoodwater.org

DID YOU KNOW?

That an average family of 4 uses approximately 12,000 gallons of water a month.

Lakewood Water District has 29 active wells producing 37 million gallons per day (mgd), with a total water right capacity to pump over 60 mgd.

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Mon.- Thur. 8:00 AM-5:30 PM & Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30PM