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NEWSLETTER

April, 2018

RECORD WATER USE IN FEBRUARY! The amount of water pumped and sold during the month of February, 2018 was a record for the month. Just over 3 million gallons were pumped and sold during the month, topping 2017 by over 1 million gallons. The average use per customer was 6.489 gallons, more than a 50% increase over the 4,076 gallons per customer last year.

EMAIL BILLS NOW AVAILABLE!!! GOWUA customers may now receive monthly water bills via email. The sign up form is available at www.gowaterusers.com. Just complete the form and send it to the GOWUA business office. Be sure that your email settings allow emails from the water company. If you are not sure how to do this, go to this website: <http://support2.constantcontact.com/articles/FAQ/2753#Outlook>. If this isn't helpful search "Google" for "safe senders list" followed by your particular email program name.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS AND BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CAN BE VIEWED AT www.gowaterusers.com

PROPOSED HYDROELECTRIC PLANT HAS REGIONAL IMPACT A proposed giant hydroelectric plant south of Seligman could have a huge future impact on the area. One significant concern is the amount of water needed to operate the facility. Initially, it will require 28,000 acre feet of water annually—or 9,123,000,000 gallons enough water for over 90,000 homes! Another concern expressed by some local citizens is that the power will be sold outside the state of Arizona. It also appears that no study has been done to determine the impact on the Verde River. Nearly all agree that the Big Chino Basin is the source of the Verde, but no one seems to know what the withdrawal of 28,000 acre feet will do. As an article in the Prescott Courier stated "Sadly, there is no state or federal law that protects either the Big Chino aquifer or the perennial flow and riparian health of the Verde River". It is a complex issue, one that will undoubtedly impact the Verde River and water availability in the Prescott and Chino Valley area in the future. The Board of Directors urges you to investigate the issue and contact elected [officials](#) with your concerns. There are a number of articles published in the Prescott Courier. You can also learn about the project at <http://bigchinovalleypumpedstorage.com/>. or

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY SPRING. - A Quality Water Company, the water system operator, has been busy the past couple of months, checking out the water system along with customer meters. They recommended repairs, approved by the Board, that will improve the operation of pumps, increase efficiency and reduce energy consumption at the pump station. They have also inventoried meters, determining the age and proper operation of customer meters. They have responded to a number of customer complaints about high usage, rereading and checking the calibration of water meters. Your patience is appreciated.

TIME TO CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM!!

Each year, the Company receives calls from customers complaining that their water bill is too high. “I can’t have used that much water”, is the common complaint. In nearly every case, the culprit is found somewhere on the customer’s property: broken/cracked water line, irrigation line, faulty irrigation valve or open water spigot.

Wildlife often are the cause of problems with irrigation systems. Deer, javelina, and rodents such as pack rats can and do cause damage to line and emitters.

Once water passes through the meter, it is the customers responsibility. Now is the time to check out your irrigation system and possibly save yourself a big expense later.

Things to look for:

Turn off all water faucets, showers, washers in your home. Make sure everything is off. Go check your water meter. If the little blue or red triangle in the meter face is moving, you have a water leak somewhere.

Check your irrigation system. Turn on each zone and inspect the line for leaks, broken bubbles, drip lines and heads.

Check your irrigation valves to verify that the shut off properly.

Look for signs of overwatering around your irrigation system. It could mean there is a broken line underneath.

Look for signs of wildlife having disturbed areas where irrigation and drip lines are located. It can lead to locating actual line damage.

If you are unable or uncertain about how to perform some of these inspections, contact a full service landscaper or plumber.

BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST – Election for the Board of Directors will be held in August this year, following a change to the Company Bylaws enacted last November. The election will be held following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders rather than before the Annual Meeting. Two directors will be elected this year for 3-year terms. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact a Board Member listed on the front of this newsletter or Bob Busch, Manager at 713-0548,

The Annual Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report) for 2017 is now on the company website: www.gowaterusers.com

Well Water Level History Recorded by ADWR

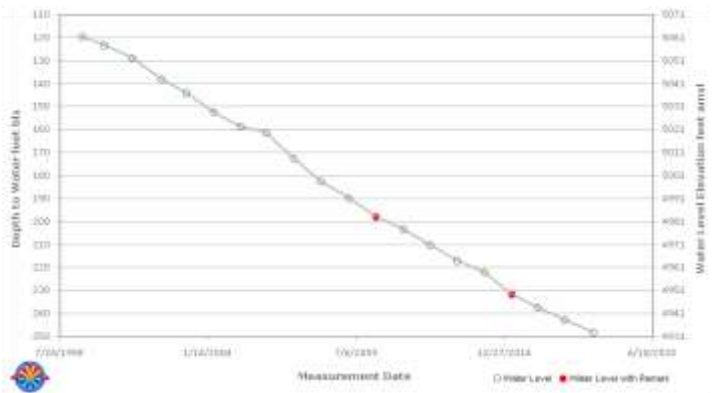
Post Oak Well



Post Oak Well: Depth 525 ft.

Note: Water level with remarks means the well had been recently pumped.

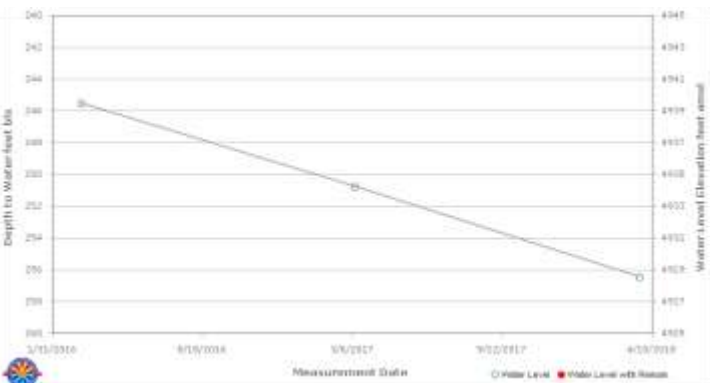
Deerfield Well



Deerfield Well: Depth 643 ft.

Note: Water level with remarks means the well had been recently pumped.

Glenshandre Well



Glenshandra Well: Depth 576 ft.

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