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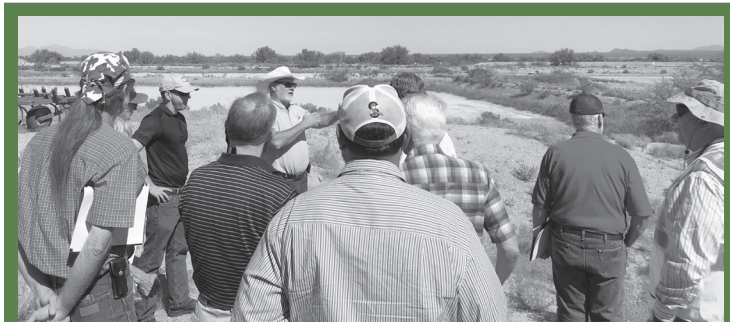
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## METRO WATER'S 3-HOUR TOUR

JUST SIT RIGHT BACK  
AND YOU'LL HEAR A TALE...



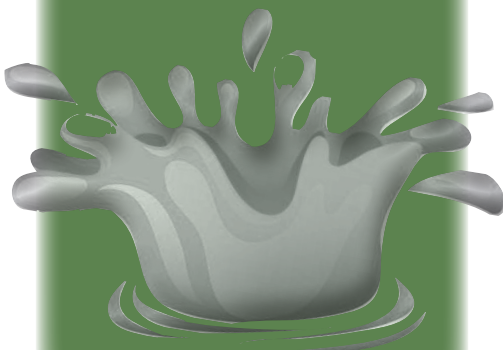
On October 9, 2019, members of Metro Water District's Board of Directors (BOD), Finance Oversight Committee (FOC), and staff took a tour of various sites associated with the planned Northwest Recharge, Recovery, and Delivery System (NWRRDS), the proposed expansion at the Avra Valley Recharge Project (AVRP), and the proposed expansion at the Herb Johnson Reservoir. Staff have discussed with the BOD and FOC at previous meetings the current and future activities associated with these projects.



*Pictured above: Wally Wilson, Water Resources Manager explains the activities at AVRP.*

The tour began at AVRP, where staff described the daily operations, maintenance, and monitoring conducted at the facility. A portion of Metro Water's Central Arizona Project (CAP) water is recharged in the AVRP spreading basins for future recovery. Also discussed were challenges to current operations and how scheduled upgrades are projected to bring the operational recharge capacity up to or near the permit capacity of the facility.

While at AVRP, staff also briefed the BOD and FOC about NWRRDS. A portion of NWRRDS is being completed in partnership with the Towns of Marana and Oro Valley to enable the entities to recover their stored CAP water from facilities in Avra Valley located in the north Marana area and deliver that water to a shared forebay. From there, Metro Water will install additional infrastructure to bring Metro Water's portion to the Herb Johnson reservoir where it will be blended with groundwater. Staff provided an update of related efforts, including acquisition of land, land clearing activities and the addition of new fencing and access gates, drilling of the exploratory wells, and other future improvements.



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*Pictured above: Joe Olsen, Metro Water's General Manager, explains the proposed expansion of the Herb Johnson facility.*

The tour continued along Avra Valley Road and staff described the location of the future NWRDS pipeline. The tour stopped at the forebay facility site, marking the end of the partnered elements related to NWRDS. The tour continued along Blue Bonnet Road and Linda Vista Boulevard, the location of Metro Water's transmission main that will end at the Herb Johnson Reservoir.

The Herb Johnson Reservoir and Booster Facility was the final stop of the tour. Staff explained the future expansion of the facility, including the potential for two additional 2.5 million gallon reservoirs.



*From left to right: Jim Doyle, BOD member, Ralph Churchill, FOC Member, Dan M. Offrett, BOD Member, Bryan Foulk, BOD Member, Judy Scrivener, BOD Member, Richard Sarti, BOD Member, Lee Jacobs, FOC Member, and Kip Volpe, FOC Member.*



*Pictured above: Steve Woolridge, Metro Water's Production Utility Supervisor, answers questions.*

The tour enabled attendees to visualize the plans for the future. The tour attendees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to see and experience the sites first-hand that are involved with these projects. One member stated, "This was a very informative and worthwhile endeavor."

**UNLIKE ANOTHER CREW THAT SET OUT ON A THREE-HOUR TOUR, THE BOD, FOC, AND STAFF ARRIVED SAFELY BACK AT METRO WATER. ♠**



### Magee La Cholla MOV Replacement

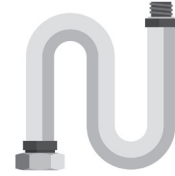


**As shown at left, Metro Water staff are replacing an automatic valve, which is used to fill the storage tanks from backup sources at the Magee La Cholla site. Pictured is Alex Sanders, Utility Technician II, and Ian Scrimshaw, Utility Technician III. Not pictured is Austin Bott, Utility Technician II, operating the crane. ♠**

# PREPARE YOUR HOME

## for colder temperatures

Metro Water encourages customers to be prepared for colder temperatures. While we live in a temperate climate, it is important to be prepared even when we believe Arctic temperatures would never happen in Tucson.



Protect your Plants – Most landscapes will do fine with less water during the cooler winter months so remember to change your watering practices. Too often plants receive more water than needed. The winter season is a great time to see how little water your plants really need. Also, consider low maintenance and low water use plants for your yard. Once established, they should be able to sustain themselves with what nature provides, except during exceptionally hot or cold periods.

Protect your pipes – Take a quick survey for any water pipes exposed to the elements and where water does not constantly move – typically, the main water pipe entering the house, irrigation lines, swamp cooler lines and swimming pool lines. Pipe insulation is a low cost solution to protect pipes from freezing and can be purchased at local hardware stores. ♣



## SPOTLIGHT ON METRO SOUTHWEST

### OLD NOGALES MAINLINE REPLACEMENT



Metro Water's contractor began field work in October. Work is expected to be completed by Spring 2020. The project will replace waterlines to improve the reliability of service for our customers. Due to the condition of the existing waterlines, occasional damage is anticipated as work progresses. The photo at left shows the flooded trench due to a break in the existing waterline. The contractor assisted Metro Water in making the repair. ♣

DID  
YOU  
KNOW?



Metro Water District has 52 hardworking professionals working to ensure the delivery of safe, reliable water to our customers. ♣

# Metro Water District Wishes You a Happy Holiday Season

## Board of Directors:

Judy Scrivener, Chair  
Bryan Foulk, Vice Chair  
Jim Doyle, Member  
Dan M. Offret, Member  
Richard Sarti, Member

## Board Meetings:

Monday, January 13, 2020  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
Monday, March 9, 2020

Board meetings are held at  
6265 N. La Cañada Drive  
and typically start  
at 6:00 p.m.



## SNAKE IN THE BOX

Tucson is a desert that is home to many wildlife critters. From time to time, in an effort to stay warm or cool and out of the sun and out of harm's way, one of these critters may crawl into a meter box. When District staff discovers a snake, he or she will assess the situation and take the appropriate course of action to ensure public safety, including having a qualified pest management expert safely remove the snake and release it in a location far away. ♡

## *Metro Water offices will be closed:*

Wednesday, December 25, 2019  
Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
New Year's Day

Monday, January 20, 2020  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 17, 2020  
President's Day

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