



# NEWS & INFORMATION

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## ***New Projects Mean Greater Reliability, Safety***

The district recently completed one major project and is working on others to bring you a more reliable water supply, plus added safety.

**Jefferson Street Project.** This completed project replaced 4200 feet of pipe along Jefferson Street on the south side of Mayer. The old pipe was rusted and corroded, making it very prone to leaks and crippling breaks. Stop by the office and ask Casey or Mike to show you a couple of the removed segments.

The Jefferson project also provided 42 customers with new meters. Plus, the diameter of the pipe has tripled, from two inches to six. That's the size needed to feed fire hydrants, so now customers along Jefferson have four new hydrants for improved fire protection should it be needed.

It's all hooked up to the new water tank and in service now.

**Central Avenue Project.** Coming up in July will be a project to replace the main water line from the post office all the way to Miami Street, right through the heart of town. When completed, customers along Central will see the same benefits as those up on Jefferson.

This project will occur along a much busier thoroughfare than the Jefferson project did, so we'll be asking you to watch for workers and heavy equipment operating along Central, slow down, and watch for special directions from flaggers.

**Arsenic Mitigation Project.** Work is also moving ahead on installing equipment that will help relieve a water-quality issue at one of our wells. Arsenic occurs naturally in our region's water. At this particular well's location, arsenic levels have exceeded new standards set by the federal Environmental Protection

Agency. The well has been out of service for some time, reducing the total amount of water available for delivery to customers. The district recently received approval from Yavapai County for its approach to bringing water from the well into compliance with the standards, we expect to hire a contractor to do the work soon, and that well should be back in service in a few weeks.

You may experience a bit of inconvenience while we work on water system improvements like these, but you'll certainly also see the long-term benefits.

### ***What's Up With Our Water Levels?***

You've probably noticed the needle on the sign in front of the water district office sitting in the green for the last month or so. It's something we haven't seen for quite a while.

And it's true! The long, soaking rains we received late this winter have had Big Bug Creek running for two months and our well levels are up.

Levels are still not up to historical levels, though, and we're expecting them to begin dropping as we move deeper into the region's dry season. In fact, you may have seen that needle in front of the office already dipping back into the *moderate* range of the indicator.

That's why the district still has water-use restrictions in place. Long-term forecasts call for the drought we're in to continue into the foreseeable future. For the short term, how our supplies fare depends entirely on how much rain we receive when the monsoon season starts in July.

So, for now and as far ahead as we can see, the word to remember is still *Conserve*. We all need to use the water we have as wisely as possible. Don't waste and constantly look for ways to use less.

Click the link on our website to see *100+ Ways to Conserve*. You can find the link at [www.mayerwaterdistrict.com](http://www.mayerwaterdistrict.com).