

DWID Bits

The Tonto Hills Domestic Water Improvement District (THDWID) Board of Directors consists of five local resident volunteers. Other local resident volunteers serve on committees. Please let us know if you are available to help out on an as needed basis.

The THDWID and the Tonto Hills Improvement Association (THIA) are separate organizations.

THIA is sharing this mailing with the THDWID so we can share with our members the DWID's 2012 accomplishments and near term plans for 2013.

Accomplishments

- Achieved a net operating profit of \$37,506 in spite of billing 13% fewer gallons.
- Maintained stable water rates. Operational cash available is \$112,007. This has allowed us to establish emergency/legal reserves and budget additional capital improvements.
- Auctioned four properties to secure payment for unpaid assessments
- Adopted the 2013 budget
- Lowered the administration fee on assessment payments
- Agreed with ADEQ on water quality sampling timings and locations
- Developed the emergency water plan
- Drafted the water conservation plan
- Developed additional financial and water use reports
- Submitted the 2013 water order to Scottsdale and the Central Arizona Project
- Conducted tank level monitoring to alert us to sudden drops in the tank level indicative of potential water main breaks
- Installed a freeze protection box on the tank
- Purchased a portable meter for use by THVFD and construction contractors to measure water use
- Installed an inflow meter at the tank to monitor the accuracy of the Scottsdale meter
- Rebuilt the control valve and float assembly in the tank
- Updated the map of all valve locations
- Conducted a meter replacement test
- Graded and planted areas around the new PRV's (pressure reduction valves) for beautification
- Adopted a mission statement
- Revised and posted Policies and Procedures on the web site
- Held the Board of Directors election
- Formed an Operations Committee to advise on capital improvement
- Formed an Operations Review Committee to review procedure compliance

- Published newsletters on freeze warnings and water saving tips
- Posted the Consumer Confidence Report on water quality
- Provided an update to members at the THIA Annual General Meeting
- Established the backflow prevention notification process with the Architectural Control Committee
- Secured updated water service agreements
- Recertified contractors

Near Term Plans

- Finalize the water banking process to provide access to water in the event of a prolonged drought
- Submit the water conservation plan
- Install a sampling port to sample the quality of water received from Scottsdale
- Consider installing valve collars to protect valves and allow quick location of valves
- Install additional gate valves to minimize the affected area in the event of a water line break
- Install raised pressure gauges on the PRV's to allow pressure reading without entering confined spaces.
- Put "No Pumping" signs on the standpipes to ensure Rural Metro or Scottsdale Fire Departments don't pump directly from our water pipes which could damage them
- Further update Policies and Procedures
- Complete the operations review to ensure we are following published policies and procedures
- Conduct emergency and confined space training to ensure adequate personnel to respond in an emergency.
- Publish additional newsletters

If you have questions on any items or would like your name listed as a future volunteer, please call Ralph Spurgin at 480-595-8685.