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PRESS RELEASE

Navigating Losses and Leaks: Resources to Help Maximize Revenue and Minimize Water Loss

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Did you know the Texas Water Development Board provides resources for public retail water systems to help make the most of their water loss audit, reduce and repair leaks, and conserve water? Even with the warmer weather we have experienced lately, many of us are still feeling the aftershock of Winter Storm Uri a month later. We at Prairielands GCD know the public retail water systems have been working diligently since the “snowpocalypse” to continue providing safe and reliable water to their customers, all while potentially dealing with damages incurred due to the unprecedented freeze. The good news is there are resources available for these kinds of situations, and we wanted to ensure you were aware of these opportunities provided by TWDB to help mitigate water loss and sustain revenues.

Water Loss Use and Conservation Workshops

The word “audit” can bring with it many different feelings, but when it comes to your water loss audit, here are some upcoming resources to help make sure those feelings are of preparedness rather than panic. TWDB will be conducting two training webinars based on the water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation reports as part of their Water Loss Use and Conservation (WLUC) workshop program from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), Thursday, April 8 and Thursday, April 22. The WLUC workshops will look at water loss from a water stewardship perspective, and review topics such as public utility revenue loss, collecting and reporting accurate data, assessing, auditing, and data validation.

Free Leak Detection Equipment

Knowing there is a leak is one thing, but locating it can sometimes be tricky, especially with large systems. As a conservation initiative, TWDB loans acoustical leak detection and ultrasonic flow meter testing equipment to help assist utilities identify leaks and determine flow rates. This program is designed to aid utilities in reducing water loss by locating leaks within the distribution system and verifying flow rates from production meters. The equipment ranks among the industry's best current technology and can filter out unwanted sound frequencies that would otherwise prevent you from pinpointing the leaks. This equipment can be borrowed for 30-days and as many times as necessary throughout the year. The equipment is free to borrow, the utilities only cost is to prepay for return shipping. For more information on the resources listed above, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/resources/waterloss-resources.asp.

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