



# OILDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY NEWSLETTER

Your Water Company Since 1919

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## IMPORTANT UPDATE

### METER INSTALLATIONS FOR FLAT RATE CUSTOMERS

As part of our upgrade efforts, we are installing meters for all flat rate customers. Here's what you need to know:

Our crews are diligently working to install meters across the community. If your property currently does not have a meter, one will need to be installed by the end of 2024.

You are encouraged to reach out to our office to set up an appointment to have your water meter installed. Having an appointment will ensure a smooth installation process by one of our technicians.

Until then, you will continue to be billed at the flat rate. Starting January 1, 2025, all water services in California must be metered as per state regulations.

### MONITOR YOUR USAGE

Once a meter is installed, you will see the following details on your bill:

1. **Meter serial number**
2. **Start and end meter reads**
3. **Total water consumption**

This information will help you calculate your future bill based on your actual usage. Metered rates are available on our website: [www.oildalewater.com](http://www.oildalewater.com). If we detect unusually high usage, we will reach out to assist you in checking for leaks and managing your consumption.



### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR AUTOPAY CUSTOMERS

For flat rate customers currently enrolled in auto-pay, please pay close attention to your January 2025 bill. As you transition from flat rate billing to metered billing, your bill will now reflect actual water consumption. Make sure to adjust the amount in your account accordingly to cover the total due under the new metered rates.

### NEED ASSISTANCE?

If you have questions about reading your meter, calculating usage, or understanding your bill, please contact our office at **661-399-5516**. Our team is here to help!

The Water Association of Kern County, a non-profit dedicated to water education, promotes conservation through the "Don't Be That Guy" campaign. Here are some tips for Kern County residents to save water:

#### INDOOR TIPS:

- Turn off water while brushing teeth.
- Install low-flow showerheads for shorter showers.
- Fix all leaky toilets, faucets and pipes.
- Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Turn off the water when shaving

#### OUTDOOR TIPS:

- Water gardens deeply once a week.
- Use a bucket when washing your car.
- Cover your swimming pool.
- Water in the evening or morning



Follow "Don't Be That Guy KC" on Instagram & Facebook for more tips!





# NEW FACES, SAME COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE



**RACHEL GLAUSER**

Life-long Bakersfield resident, Rachel Glauser, is a 17-year veteran of the governmental affairs and communications sectors. Rachel currently serves as the Executive Director of a growing Central Valley water association. She has the privilege of representing farmers and landowners in the fight for water amidst newly implemented, strict State water regulations.

A graduate of Bakersfield Christian High School and California State University, Bakersfield, Rachel has been an Oildale Mutual Water Company (OMWC) customer for several years. She has long admired the consistent dedication of the Company's Board of Directors and staff and is proud to serve her community alongside them. Her understanding of the water industry, knowledge of OMWC, and professional expertise is sure to be an asset to the Company and its customers.

Rachel, her husband of 13 years, and two young sons feel fortunate for the opportunities Bakersfield has provided them. As a customer herself, she is excited to work with her fellow directors to continue the company's legacy of providing the most affordable and reliable water service.



**GREG GIFFARD**

Greg is a retired general contractor with more than 45 years experience in the construction industry. During his long working career he built and remodeled homes and commercial buildings performing many of the trades himself. Commercial finish carpentry became his specialty working up and down the state of CA on Blockbuster Videos, movie theaters, Walmart and Sam's Clubs, medical buildings and car dealerships. As a Project Superintendent he also supervised the building of many of these new buildings, some locally, such as North Bakersfield Toyota, Bakersfield Harley- Davidson, and Three-Way Chevrolet Truck center, just to name a few.

Greg grew up in Oildale and went to Beardsley, North High and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He and wife Patti have been married 52 years and enjoy spending time with their two children and 3 small grandchildren. Greg enjoys wood working, gardening and bicycling.



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