

# Monthly Newsletter

February 2021



# "POC Water"

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## Important Dates:

POC Water Board Meetings  
are held on the second  
Thursday of each month @  
1pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> \* March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Roll off Trash Bin**  
First Saturday of each  
month behind the POCID  
Office from 8am -2pm or  
**UNTIL FULL**  
February 6<sup>th</sup> \* March 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> \* May 1<sup>st</sup>

## Billing

**Bills are mailed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and are due on 20<sup>th</sup> of every month and a late fee will be accessed on the 21<sup>st</sup> unless that falls on a weekend and then it will be due the following Monday.**

## Payment Methods:

Credit Card\*Mail\*Automatic  
Bank Draft\*Automatic Credit Card  
Draft\*In Person\*Payment Drop  
Box\* Bill Pay through your  
Financial Institute

## BOIL WATER NOTICE.....WHY?

Per TCEQ "When a public water system (PWS) issues a Boil Water Notice (BWN) to their customers, it indicates the water in the distribution system may be unsafe for consumption or may pose an acute health risk. A BWN is intended to reduce the possibility of waterborne illnesses resulting from consuming water which may contain harmful microbes."

*It is important that customers of any water system that has issued a BWN to not drink the water without first boiling it as directed by the water provider."*

Note that in the wording above it states "...system **may** be unsafe.". Therefore, anytime a water provider identifies a problem that could lead to any compromise of the water quality they implement the necessary steps required by the TCEQ.

The Boil Water Notice issued on January 15<sup>th</sup> was one of those necessary steps. In an effort to repair a main break on a 6" Water Main a decision was made which lowered the pressure to below 20 psi. This pressure drop is what triggered the need for the Boil Water Notice.

I am always available to answer any questions about our water and wastewater systems so feel free to give me a call (361-983-2652) or drop by the office.

Oscar Pena  
District Manager



Show some love to your Water System Team!

# PROJECT UPDATE

## Contact Us

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## Vision Statement

*POCID is a proactive organization  
making a positive impact on the  
community while implementing best  
management practices to promote  
sustainable success.*

## Mission Statement

*To proactively and efficiently  
manage the affairs of the District  
for the benefit of its customers,  
protect the health of the community,  
produce safe drinking water in  
adequate quantities, offer  
competitive rates, assure  
financial stability, and practice  
excellence in customer service.*

### TWDB Project No. 21750

All the work that was originally designed by Brown and Gay and the work from change orders to the project has been completed. The Board needs to make a decision on how to best use these funds. One potential project that would be of the approximate amount for construction would be to construct the RO Outfall Line.

### 2016 TWDB Projects

#### Vacuum Station No. 2 Force Main

Lester Contracting has completed the project. A Certificate of Final Completion has been issued.

#### Vacuum Sewage Collection System Upgrade

Reddico Construction has completed construction and the final inspection has been completed. The project is in the close out phase.

#### Phase II Water System Improvements

R&A is currently working on this project. The excess rain that we have experienced the last 3 weeks have the project on hold.

### 2020 TWDB DW SRF Bond Projects

The archeological survey required by the Texas Historical Commission has been completed and final environmental submittals have been made to TWDB. TWDB has indicated that it will be the first part of 2021 before their review and approval will be completed. The projects cannot be put out for bids until TWDB has approved all the environmental. A public hearing on the environmental was held on December 10, 2020.

#### New Water Wells

The plans for the water wells have been completed and approval from TCEQ was received by letter dated 6/22/20. Plans and Specifications will shortly be submitted to TWDB but they will not issue an approval until the environmental is approved.

Arrangements are being made to make a submittal to the Calhoun Co. GCD for drilling and operation permits for the proposed wells.

#### Well Transmission Lines and RO Outfall

The plans for the well lines and RO discharge line are nearing completion subject to a revision to include the line to the new Well No. 7 location. Submittal of the plans to TCEQ and TWDB is waiting on final design revisions on the new Well No. 7 location.

#### Raw Water Ground Storage Tank

The plans and specifications for this project are complete and were approved by TCEQ by letter dated 6/2/20. Formal approval will not be given by TWDB until all environmental conditions have been met.

#### Reverse Osmosis Treatment Facility

Design for this major project is underway and is being modified to provide additional capacity to serve LaSalle. This is a major design project that includes a building, equipment, piping, electrical, controls, HVAC and chemical treatment.

Evaluation of design relative to including LaSalle is being done. It looks like the design modifications will be relatively minor. I would like to add at least 150 gallons per minute of finished water to the RO facility. This can be done by adding 3 more filter tubes on top of what was previously being proposed. It will require raising the ceiling height in the RO building by a foot and increasing the footprint of the building as needed to increase the size of the pre-filters and add space for additional pumping capacity.

None of the 2020 Bond projects can be bid until all the environmental and permitting has been completed and approved by TWDB. For TWDB to approve the completed Environmental Document the following are required.

- Final design of all project components (See individual Project status above)
- Engineering Feasibility Report (Completed and in Application)
- Public meeting (held on Dec 10)

There will then be an approximate three-month time for review and approval by TWDB, provided there are no major problems with any of the submittals. Therefore, the earliest that one of the projects can be advertised for bids will be in the March 2021 – April 2021 time frame.

Because the wells will take the longest time for approval, at least 60 days after they are completed, the wells will be the first project of the 2020 Bond fund projects to bid. Bidding of the other projects will be staged as appropriate depending on the time required for completion of the wells and to minimize on-site conflicts with multiple projects and contractors.



## Letter from the President!

In July of 2019, the POCID Board of Directors made one of the best decisions to date by hiring Oscar Pena as our District Manager. A well respected and highly sought-after professional, Oscar came out of retirement to help lead POCID back to a well-run and forward-looking district.

Oscar started his career by serving our country for 10 years in the US Army. In 1991 Oscar went to work for the City of Port Lavaca and eventually became the Public Works Director. After a 27-year career he retired as one of the most respected Directors of Public Works on the Texas Coast. Numerous cities tried to coax him out of retirement but it wasn't until Oscar was approached about the POCID Manager's position did he agree to get off his motorcycle and get back to doing what he does best.

Under Oscar's leadership, the staff has come together as a team and together brought the district into an efficient and professionally run organization. Oscar always tries to do what is best for our ratepayers and is fiercely loyal to the district. Although he is not known for his bedside manners, Oscar is "the Man" if you want the truth and the facts! Thank you, Oscar, for your dedication to the district.

Now for a few updates. As we start the New Year, big things are in store for POCID including:

- new water wells and R/O system will begin construction;
- a new elevated storage and ground storage will be constructed;
- the old elevated storage and ground storage will go thru a full rehab;
- major areas of the district that do not currently have access to water and sewer will have those services added;
- upgrades to the current vacuum stations will take place;
- a new vacuum station will be added;
- a new POCID office and meeting facility will be constructed;
- a vote to merge La Salle (Sanctuary) into the POCID family will occur;
- as well as many other projects designed to update the current system and plan for the future growth of the district.

We hope through our newsletter, Dolphin Talk articles, social media posts, and monthly meetings, you are being informed of all district projects and updates. All of us from the Board to the Staff of POCID strive to be helpful at all times and informative at all time. We welcome your input and questions.

**Danny McGuire**  
POCID Board President

# Friendly Reminders

Check out our  
Website @  
[www.pocid.org](http://www.pocid.org)

\*Sign up for Alerts

\* Pay your bill

\* Applications/Forms

\* Sign up for Auto Draft

\* Current Projects

\* Agendas/Minutes

\* Updates

\* Sign up for paperless  
billing

### Customer Service Valve

Remember to install a customer service valve on your side of the meter. Please turn your customer service valve off if you live out of town to keep any water leaks turning into a disaster. Turning on/off the POCID meter is against District Policy.



**Is your account a TEMP account? Call us to schedule a for Customer Service Inspections (CSI) to be in compliance with the state. This is to make sure you don't have any lead pipes or cross connections.**



One of our biggest concerns is maintaining the integrity of our sewer system in order to provide good sewer service to our customers. As most Port O'Connor residents know, our sewer system is a vacuum system which must stay sealed at all times to work properly. If you received a letter with infiltration issues it is important that you repair them. If you don't repair the issue, we will repair them and bill you the cost. Please call the POCID Office @ 361-983-2652 with any questions.





The average **leaky toilet** can **waste** about 200 gallons of **water** per day. That's over 6,000 gallons a **month** for just one **leaking toilet**! Some **toilets** may produce a **running water** sound that is easy to hear. You should replace your flapper every 2 years.

#### To Test A Toilet Leak

1. Drop a few drops of dark food dye in the toilet tank.
2. Don't flush the toilet for about an hour.
3. After an hour check the toilet bowl.
4. If food coloring has appeared in the bowl you have a leak.



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**Get the**  
**Drop**

