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Midway Irrigation and Midway City have had many questions from property owners related to our meter installation operation which has been going on for a few summers now. Here are answers to a few of those questions for your information.

### **Why meters?**

They are a management tool required by the State. The State Engineer under the division of water rights is requiring water use information from us. These are general system numbers, not individual user data. Water use data from our meters will be used to supply this information and for internal management such as finding leaks and understanding water use. Our board does not expect any data from the meters to be used for pricing at this time.

### **How does Midway Irrigation Co. decide where the meter will be installed?**

We are trying to install our valves near the edge of your property where our supply lines enter your property. Most main valves are in front of each house near the street in a green or black valve box. However, some home service lines are in their back yards where the supply pipes were installed. Access to install and maintain those back yard meters will be worked out with each property owner.

### **Who Owns the Meters?**

Midway Irrigation owns the meter and will maintain them. Meters are designed to have about a 20-year life span. If they break or cease to work properly, Midway Irrigation will maintain and replace them as needed, however, if they are damaged by the homeowner, the homeowner will be required to purchase a replacement.

### **How will the meters be read?**

When the installation is complete, our meters will have a radio which can be read remotely, usually by a computer in a passing vehicle.

### **Can the meter be turned off remotely?**

No. The meters we are using do not have “active valves.” Their purpose is to measure the volume of the water passing through it. Nothing more.

We have a few more meters to install this summer. Our crews hope to finish this project by mid-summer.

For more information, please call Mike at 801-420-6158 or Tom at 435-671-7210

