



New KVID Water Board Open House

KVID is working toward a transition from stewardship by Coconino County to leadership by a local Board of Directors. Please come see what we are working on and get your questions answered on:

Monday March 11, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Highlands Fire District Station 23
3350 South Old Munds Highway

On the corner of Old Munds Highway and Mountaineer Road

KVID Governance Transition

Under the direction of the County Board of Supervisors, KVID is embarking on a process to return governance of the utility to the residents of Kachina Village. This effort is the culmination of a long process to secure the future of KVID. Over the last several years, KVID has conducted an assessment of its infrastructure, completed a master planning process and developed a financial plan to ensure the continued fiscal health of the utility. Additionally, KVID has pursued a new rate structure that would not only support the operations of the utility but also allow for investment in the aging infrastructure as well as the planned governance transition. In June of 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the new rate structure that will support KVID's successful future.

With KVID's recent efforts, and a plan for a successful future in place, our attention has turned to KVID's governance. It has always been the intention of the County to convey the utility back to the residents of Kachina Village once KVID was on solid footing, and now that time has come. It is also a key part of this transition to put the governance of the utility into the hands of the community it serves. While we feel that the Board of Supervisors has always kept KVID's best interests in mind, they have many different responsibilities. KVID deserves leadership that is solely dedicated to the utility, and it is more appropriate that the decision makers of the utility come from the community that the utility serves. In many respects, this is similar to the Board of a local Fire District, with members of the community representing the public on their local Fire Board.

Initially, KVID's Board of Directors will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. These five appointees, who will assume responsibility for governing the utility on July 1, 2019, are being selected from an Advisory Committee that helped KVID evaluate its financial plan, rate structure and governance transition. Future Board members will be decided by local election and will come from residents and land owners in Kachina Village.

Although there is a lot happening in preparation while we work towards this transition, KVID's day-to-day operations and current management team will remain unchanged. We will deliver the same quality service to our residents during and after the transition as we do today. It is also important to note that the costs of this transition are part of KVID's financial plan and are supported by the rate structure that was approved in June of 2018. We do not expect the governance transition to further affect KVID rates.

If you have questions about the governance transition, then feel free to direct them to our District Manager, Sam Mossman at smossman@kachinawater.com or attend the open house on March 11, 2019.