



Industry Insights

Bonus Track Presentations

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HELLO, MY NAME IS CHAAD









If I could improve one area of my business it would be?

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There's a labor shortage in the green industry.

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You may have to pay more to attract and retain employees.



Don't be afraid to experiment.



Focus on your culture.





Businesses are raising prices.



Do you plan to raise prices in 2019?













Reiterate your value.



Offer reduced rates on longterm or pre-paid contracts.







You need branded trucks and a website. But if you want to grow faster, online advertising works.

Online Advertising











Define/Refine your sales process first.

Consider newer options like Nextdoor NextDoor.



Facebook/Google Ads can be G effective for residential, LinkedIn for Commercial.







Service Specialization is Dying.









How many of the nine services listed did the average respondent offer?

Average Green Industry Services Offered







Partner vs. compete?



Cross-promote your services.







Economic Optimism is Waning.



In 2019, I expect the economy will:











C Limit your debt.



Measure and improve customer loyalty.



Consider your wage structure.







Software makes businesses more efficient.



I use field service software:











What's the biggest benefit to using feld service software?





Know what issues you're looking to solve.



Understand that introducing software is a process.



Look for a partner, not a software provider.







High growth businesses get a lot of leads, close business quickly and close a higher percentage of them.




Which of the following has the biggest impact on your growth?

- Getting more leads?
- Closing leads quickly?
- Closing a higher percentage of leads?















Determine your best lead source.





Learn what makes you unique.







Cast a wide net when researching products and equipment.













Develop a sounding board of non-competitive peers and advisors.



Leverage distributors and other sellers.



Take an active role in a local, regional or state association.







Goal-setting helps businesses grow.













Start with a long-term goal, then work backward to shortterm goals.



Communicate your goals.



Give everyone a number.



Add your voice to the 2020 survey:

www.hindsitesoftware.com/survey



Topic: Why a Certified Professional Beats Its Competitors

Jay Gray, Conserva Irrigation-Richmond Virginia

- Irrigation Certifications- CLWM, CID, CLIA, CIC, CIT
- ISA- Certified Arborist
- Cross Connection Control Specialist –USC
- Certified Pest Control VA- All Categories
- Certified Fertilizer Applicator- Virginia
- Backflow Prevention Tester Virginia- Charlotte NC
- California Licensed Landscape Contractor C-27
- Florida Licensed Irrigation Contractor
- North Carolina Licensed Irrigation Contractor
- Connecticut Licensed Irrigation Contractor
- ➢ Honored in 2018 for having been IA Certified for over 20 years





4 Reasons – Why a Certified Professional Beats Its Competitors

- Certifications are required to be qualified to bid on projects
- Certifications in some cases qualify you for a license in a state automatically
- Certification gives credibility when water agencies are looking for Conservation partners to recommend for consultation to customers
- Certifications are an advantage if looking for a career- Immediate Recognition on a Resumé (a known level of knowledge and experience)





conserva irrigation

Leveraging Water Agency Incentives

Andrew Pirrone CLIA, CID Town of Gilbert, AZ Irrigation Association Conference 2019





Why are there rebates?

Water agency reasons:

- Landscape water use is often the highest use (by far!) of potable water in a service area.
- Technology that saves water. (How exactly?)
- Elevate and inform the landscape and irrigation industry *and its customers*
 - We have the same customers!



Why are there rebates?

How is water saved by technology exactly?

- Watering to 'Budget'
- Smart Controllers can enhance by automatic seasonal adjustments



Why are there rebates?

How is water saved by technology exactly?

- Higher DU reduces SM requirements
- Leak avoidance (Proactive)





Scheduling Multiplier	Uniformity	Scheduling Multiplier	Uniformity	Scheduling Multiplier	Uniformity
1.34	0.58	1.15	0.78	1.00	1.00
1.36	0.56	1.17	0.76	1.01	0.98
1.38	0.54	1.18	0.74	1.02	0.96
1.40	0.52	1.20	0.72	1.04	0.94
1.43	0.50	1.22	0.70	1.05	0.92
1.45	0.48	1.24	0.68	1.06	0.90
1.48	0.46	1.26	0.66	1.08	0.88
1.51	0.44	1.28	0.64	1.09	0.86
1.53	0.42	1.30	0.62	1.11	0.84
1.56	0.40	1.32	0.60	1.12	0.82
Fix sprinkler problems if below 0.40				1.14	0.80

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So What?

How this benefits YOU

- Contractors & Consultants
 - Opportunity for higher margin work
 - Strengthen retention & relationship with customer
 - Free promotion by the water agency
- Manufacturers
 - Case study for an entire region of similar characteristics
 - Water manager or irrigator buy-in for products that work
 - 'Preferred' products by water agency (list)

Which accounts?

Be SMART about selection

- Identify sites with potential for water savings
 - Will the customer see **dollar savings** from upgrades?
- Identify reasonable timeline
 - It's true that water agencies work slower than private companies
 - Budget and paperwork limitations
- Avoid time wasters such as:
 - Sites with little to no water savings
 - Band-Aids (smart controller on site with low DU or leaks)

Know your contacts

Relationship with your Water Conservation office

- Why bother?
- We can build off your feedback
 - Rebate processes that work for you are most successful
- Proposed Product or upgrade strategy not incentivized? Find out why
- It could be made so if you have a strong case (with data!)
 - Remember the water agency goal- reliable water savings.

Gilbert AZ Commercial Incentive Program

- Gilbert Water Conservation purchases the equipment outright and gives to commercial customer to install (Business, HOA, Church, etc.)
- We assist in programming the controller after installation if needed.
- Monitor for optimal results, following up as necessary.
- Completed examples: Shopping plazas, fire stations, HOA's, schools.

Product Selection Considerations

- Controllers that adjust for frequency
- Point source drip in clay soils renders duration adjustments ineffective, especially in cooler seasons.
- Short duration run times for turf do not permit full penetration of clay soil to appropriate root depths (6 -10")



Now still watering five days per week with .03" per irrigation Sprinklers with 2"/hr precip now has a 1 minute run time

Gilbert's Motivation

Save water with FREE Smart Technology

After high water bills and inconsistent watering, this business took the guesswork out of irrigation by installing a Smart Controller in April 2016... and has been saving water and money ever since!



Gilbert believes in healthy landscapes that are irrigated efficiently.

We will pay for water efficient technology that meets the specific needs of your site, including: smart irrigation controllers, multiple stream-rotating nozzles, pressure compensating drip irrigation emitters, and more!

Learn more at gilbertaz.gov/water

Daycare Center (Smart Controller)



~ 500,000 Gallons saved in first year

Grocery Store Plazas (Smart Controllers)



Already about 800,000 gallons saved each



Fire Stations (Smart Controller)



Water savings may be small, but plant health is much improved



Fire Stations (Smart Controllers)



May '18



~ 1,055,000 gallons saved about an 1 acre of turf and 2 acres of shrubs.

HOA's (Smart Controller)



Sometimes there are little savings potential with a smart controller.

Potential for Smart Controller

Flat-lining irrigation schedules



Common with commercial or light industrial properties

Potential for Smart Controller

Compensating for 'brown spots' - Project: Poor uniformity upgrade



Note: Water Budgets use higher end of standard DU to display best scenario water use.

Ensure your success

- Existing field hardware (nozzles, drip emitters, pressure issues) **must** be addressed for full effectiveness of smart controllers.
- Address serious leaks and deficiencies first
 - Commercial (Drip Irrigation leaks, valve leaks)
 - HOA & Large Landscapes (Improper turf head spacing, clogged drip emitters)





Challenges

- Our Differences:
 - Water agencies do not want turnkey projects
 - Expired communication subscriptions
 - Deferred maintenance from customer budget issues

- Agency MUST supply water to that property for life.
 - If project or contract goes sour, water still must flow
 - Water agencies must take the long view
 - Project evaluated on **cost per gallon saved (agency) vs profit margin (business)**
Future for Smart Controllers

AZ Meteorological Network

- Smart Cities & Connectivity
 - Potential for irrigation manufacturers to line up with citywide communication signals (e.g. SigFox, LORA, MB-IoT).

- Supporting reliable weather stations- is the data reliable? Maintained? Funded? (AZMET, CIMIS)
- Smart Water Management as a standard piece of landscape contractor package of services.



Takeaways

- Use water use data to determine 'best' sites for upgrades
- 2) Recommend appropriate products in the right order
- 3) Have a relationship with your Water Conservation office
- 4) Follow-through to ensure success on your project



Sustainable Manufacturing



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Value Chain





Manufacturing Overview





Design and Innovation







Design and Innovation: Design Process



Design and Innovation: Materials







Design and Innovation: Low Impact Design











Design and Innovation: End of Life





Tooling and Manufacturing







Tooling and Manufacturing: Efficacy





Tooling and Manufacturing: Efficacy





Tooling and Manufacturing: Efficacy







Tooling and Manufacturing: Waste







Resources





Resources: Consumption







Resources: Measure and Manage







Resources: Measure and Manage





Resources: Employees / Social Governance





Quality Control







Transportation



We proudly offer UPS carbon neutral shipments



ups.com/ carbonneutral



Value Chain





Green Infrastructure





Green Infrastructure: Community





Green Infrastructure: Heath and Well-being





Green Infrastructure: Environment





Green Infrastructure: Economy





Green Infrastructure: Performance

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These Cities Are Replacing The Worst Kind Of Infrastructure With The Best

R.I.P. parking lots.



3/7 [Image: courtesy SWA]



Case Study Briefs Fast Fact Library Benefits Toolkit Collections

More ~

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The Landscape Performance Series is the online set of resources to help designers, agencies, and advocates evaluate performance, show value and make the case for sustainable landscape solutions.





Green Infrastructure: Irrigation





Green Infrastructure: Balance Inputs and Outputs





Resource Efficiency





Waste







Partnerships









Focus on dis*Abilities*


Inspiration & Investment







Solve Two Problems...



Wasted Talent: Of the 50 million people in the U.S. with a disability, less than 20% are participating in the labor force



Wasted Resources: Of the 20-50 million tons of e-waste produced globally each year, less than 13% is recycled



*Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014 ** <u>US News & World Report</u>, 2014



With one solution...





Ethically recycle electronics to create local jobs for people with autism and other dis *Abilities*.



A New Approach



Financially self-sustainable nonprofit No dependence on outside funding



Asset vs. deficit-based employment model *Reduces taxpayer burden*



Transforms waste into community benefit Produces triple-bottom line impact







*As of July 1 2017





Workforce Advantage



- Less than 20% annual employee turnover
- Zero absenteeism
- Zero lost-time accidents
- 98% on-the-clock task engagement



"If I did not have my work, I would not have my life." Temple Grandin





Workforce Development Partnership

Cherry Creek Schools - Aurora, CO

Vocational Training/Bridge to Employment Program established 2014

All school district e-waste is sent to program and ultimately recycled by BSR

Students acquire and demonstrate skills for permanent employment with Blue Star

Win-Win-Win:

✓ BSR gets a qualified and trained employee

✓ Student has opportunity for first real job

✓ School District and taxpayer costs reduced



Kian Phair Age 18 – 2014 Transitions Program Student



Kian Phair Age 22 – 2018 Recycling Tech/ BSR









Enterprise & Certifications

- Certified electronics recycling
- Data Destruction
- Computer Refurbishing
- Fluorescent Bulb Recycling
- Recycling events management













Locations:

Current Recycling Operations:



2019 Expansion:









Thank you!





www.bluestarrecyclers.org



Value Chain





Creating partnerships to find solutions









Sharing the story





Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Industry





Sustainable Manufacturing



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Wi-Fi Controller Are Revolutionizing / Disrupting The Irrigation Business!

Presented by: John Newland Irrigation Association







Agenda

- 1. Trends
 - Irrigation Market North America
- 2. What's WiFi
 - General Knowledge
- 3. Wifi and your Business Future
 - Change your model
 - Get to Started
 - Plan
- 4. What I'm doing

Trends





Irrigation Trends - Where are we going?

- 2020 Different Customer / Different Business owner
 - Fewer installations.
 - Water is a resource.
 - Aging systems.
 - Aging owners.
 - Technology improvements.
- <u>IA Best Management Practices</u> / on IA web site under "Standards"



Google and Amazon Set the bar!

- Customers expect you to be like Google & Amazon
- Smart Homes
- Smart Devices
- Anticipating customer needs
- WiFi Controllers are the answer
- Smart Devices
- Anticipate customers needs



Fewer Installs / Rebuild Future

- 43,000,000 + 1" systems in NA
- WiFi Controllers (Just taking hold)
- Water conservation
- Market to existing customers Base
- Owners need to think REBUILD FIRST
- Change Business to Proactive VS Reactive



So, what do WiFi Controllers have to do with this?

- Old Controllers you're waiting for the phone to ring
- WiFi Controllers you knowing your customer has a problem before they do
- Office does the monitoring
- Office Service call \$\$\$\$
- Free Service tech for tougher jobs
- Communication and scheduling office work
- Future is being in the "Water Management " Vs Irrigation Repair Business!

Understanding WiFi Controllers





Market and Contractor Acceptance





• Cloud based control systems.





- Different types of communication.
 - Ethernet, radio, pager, cellular, WiFi and bridge type hybrid systems.







- Flow sensing.
 - Water passes over flow sensor impeller
 - Each revolution generates a pulse
 - The pulses are transmitted to the controller or converter
 - The Controller converts those pulses into GPM or LPM





 Check out this list of "Smartphone-Friendly Irrigation Controllers IA Web Site Under SWAT"



Stuff to consider with this accessible technology?

- Method of Connectivity
- Stability of Platform / Recurring Charges
- Accessibility for Multiple Users and Onsite
- Security
- Ability to Sense Flow / Normally Open MV?
 - Incorporating flow sensing into your business?
- Type of Smart Control
 - Deficit versus predictive weather based control
- Business Improvement Reasons





Service Delivery

- System monitoring and inspections.
 - Technician inspects site twice annually (start up and shutdown).
 - System monitoring (Office Staff) requires someone to check at least daily what is going on and log info.
 - Reports include system performance, water use, events, i.e. rain delay, run time adjustments due to temperature.



Business Reasons

- Everyone of your current customers
- Upgrade System / Water Manager
- Can install a WiFi Controller in Winter
 - Keep guys working in off season
 - New revenue in Winter
 - Recurring Revenue
 - Increase Business Value
 - Less weather dependent



Potential Challenges

- Different way of thinking, managing and pricing services to customers
- YOU ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE
- Being left behind
- Using office staff for basic issues
- Field Staff for more technical issue
- Education of clients and associates



Potential Challenges

- Service alerts must be continually managed, "emergency" calls and alerts must be managed.
- Setting expectations that monitoring and repairs are two different charges.
- Customer communication must be primary concern – may be contrary to company culture (texting, Email and phone)

Business Future





A Worthwhile Question

"If you continue to do the same thing over and over and get the same results, why would you expect anything different in the future?"




What is needed to get to the "next" level"?



A fool with a plan can beat a genius with no plan. - T Boone Pickens





What is needed to get to the *"next level"*?





Know your cost!

- What does it cost to go back and adjust controller?
- Opportunity Cost
 - you could be doing something that you can bill out
- What do you value your time as an owner



A Trend (monitoring)

- Home Security and HVAC
 - Prices & Packages
 - ATD
 - Brinks
 - Home Generators
 - Sump Pumps
 - Hot Water Heaters
- Why not Water Management ?



Annual Fee

- This annual fee (\$75.00) covers the cost of monitoring your irrigation system.
 "Providing Peace of Mind"
 - Smart Water Scheduling
 - "Keeping it Green"
 - Flow Monitoring
 - leak or no water
 - Detects faulty wiring
 - Allows remotely shutting system down.



Plan & Equipment

Good

- Controller/ Rain Sensor
- Remote
 Scheduling
- Smart
 Watering
- Electrical issues detected

Better

- Plus Flow
 Meter
- Plus Flow
 Meter
- Total Water
 Usage

Best

- Plus Master
 Valve
- Shut water off

- All Three Prepaid \$75.00 annual fee
- No plan: \$40.00 per adjustment offsite, standard service call on site.



What WiFi Controller to Sell?

- 1. 26 different WiFi Controllers
- 2. What one helps me change my business
- 3. Who manages the alerts?
 - Owner, Service techs, office staff
- 4. Office Staff is the answer
 - Easier to find, hire & train
 - They schedule and communicate
 - Wifi alerts integration with office a must.

What I'm doing





Hunter's Hydrawise Controller Sends Alert





Directly into my office's HindSite Software

C Lindeito	Active?	Time Bequested	Message	Source	Data	
SOLUTION					Company Name: OxyGo	Refresh
Request Waiting					Controller Name: Marguard 33790 Lake Bd., Avon Lake	
			Alast Unscheduled Elow (Lask) Alast Water usage over		OH	
Schedule			the last hour for flow meter Flow sensor on controller		Address: 33790 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, OH 44012, USA	
Job Contracts	res	7726/2019 3:08 PM	Applied Home Healthcare, 28825 Hanney Parkway, Westlake OH was 6.5 gallons when no zones were	HydraWise	Controller ID: 87123	Disolay
			running		Lat: 41.50161	Options
Snow manager					Low -82 063373	Active Only
Sales Manager					LOIL OF DOSOFS	O Inactivo On
Daily Must Do						O macuve on
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ield Created Work						Financia
Orders						False Alert
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Reports						
Sub Systems						
Dashboard						
Dashboard Message						Schedule
Dashboard Message						Schedule
Sub Systems Dashboard Message GoTo Maint						Schedule
Jub Systems Dashboard Message GoTo Maint Help						Schedule Inactivate
Job Systems Dashboard Message JoTo Maint Ielp Exit						Schedule Inactivate Close



Office staff processes the Alert

• By texting customer





Or by scheduling a Tech to repair issues





Hunter Hydrawise & HindSite Software

- 1. Direct communication from customer controller into your HindSite Software base.
- 2. Office Staff does all the managing of the alerts.
 - a. Office staff makes can automatically communicate with your customers
 - b. Hydrawise marketing templates integrated with HindSite Connect to make marketing very easy to your customers.
 - c. A number of contractors have sent 1 email and sold
 50-75 Hydrawise controllers as off season upgrades



Summary

- 1. Get in with both FEET
- 2. Market as an upgrade to existing clients.
- 3. Wifi controllers can be installed in winter months
- 4. Don't forget about Wifi controllers for new installs
- 5. Controller and office Software need to be integrated.

Protect the Heart of the Irrigation System-The Pump

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EXPLORE. CONNECT. LEARN.





"What gets us into trouble is not what we don't know. It's what we know for sure that just ain't so."

- Mark Twain

Outline

Downhole Pumps - Sand Protection

- Self-Cleaning Suction Screens
- Strainers
- Flow Control Solutions

Car Analogy

- Fuel Filter
- Oil Filter
- Air Filter
- Fuel Injection Nozzles









Downhole Pumps – Why Sand Protection?

- Declining well water levels
- Decreased well production
- Silt and Sand intrusion
- Damage to bowls and impellers



MAIN BENEFITS

INCREASES LIFE OF PUMP UP TO <u>FIVE</u> TIMES MAINTAINS FLOW AND HEAD FOR LONGER



Downhole Pumps – Solutions for Submersibles



Downhole Pumps – Solutions for Turbines



Downhole Pumps – Solutions for both Submersible and Turbine

Important Factors to consider:

- Casing Inside Diameter
- Water Level
- Pump level
- Depth to bottom of well

• Typical Requirements to consider:

- Correct Connections & Approach
- Does the pump have minimum head requirement to operate the downhole separator?
- Does it change during season?
- Does it have minimum of 30 ft to bottom?

Why Self-Cleaning Suction Screens?

- Protect Centrifugal or Close Coupled Turbines from
 - debris,
 - aquatic beasties,
 - and algae







What Are Self-Cleaning Suction Screens?

- Centrifugal
- Close Coupled Turbines
- Video Example





Self-Cleaning Suction – Solutions for both Submersible and Turbine

Important Factors :

- Flow Rates
- Debris Expected
- Inlet Velocities
- Protecting Screen Collapsing & Pump From Cavitating
- Drive Type

• Typical Requirements:

- Always Oversize
- Algae, Fish & Frogs, other debris
- Maximum Inlet velocity .4 fps
- Vacuum Gauge with Switch

• Diesel or Electric

Why Strainers?

- Protects the Pump
- But also protects downstream components
 - Check Valves
 - Control Valves
 - Filters
- Bottomline:
 - Safety Screen

• Rather clean a strainer than chase down issues in downstream components



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Types of Strainers

Y STRAINERS



BASKET STRAINERS



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Design Consideration

Y STRAINERS

- More Flexible Installation
- Flushable
- More turbulence
- Higher Friction Loss

BASKET STRAINERS

- Only installed one way
- Not Flushable
- Less turbulence
- Lower Friction Loss

Types of Strainers

Y STRAINER







Types of Strainers

BASKET STRAINER

BASKET STRAINER





Smaller screen has less surface, reducing flow. Less surface area means screen clogs more quickly. Up to 30% larger screen has more surface area. Flow travels smoothly through more holes. Clogs less.



ENERGY SAVING PUMP PROTECTION SOLUTIONS

Conventional Old Y Strainer Same design since 1908 New LPD Y Strainer Designed 2016

Bridge wall restricts flow, increases velocity and increases pressure drop. No bridge wall. Flow is smooth with very low pressure drop.



ENERGY SAVING PUMP PROTECTION SOLUTIONS

Conventional Old Y Strainer Same design since 1908

New LPD Y Strainer Designed 2016

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Strainer – Design Flows


Strainer – Design Flow Comparison



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Strainer – Design Flow Comparison

Area Comparison LPD vs Basket Strainer



Strainer – Economic Comparison

Price Comparison LPD vs Basket Strainer



Basket Strainer Cost I LPD Strainer Cost

Strainer - "Saving Energy"

LPD Y Strainer Energy Savings Calculator

Enter your pipe size	8	r in
Enter your flow rate	1255.22	GPM
or	8,05	FPS
Enter your pump efficiency	0.7	- %
Enter your motor efficiency	0.9	3
Hours of operation / year	8760	hours
Your cast per ki//h	0.17	s
How much debris	1	
Two (2) \$1 bills = 32.05 sq. i	n.	
To help visualize the amount of	debris, we use	

To help visualize the amount of debris, we use a size equiverent to a US \$1 bit: 16.0254 so in (103.39 sg. cm.)

Here's how they compare

	Old Y Strainer	LPD Y Strainer
Cv*	920	1580
Pressure drop (psi)	2	0.7
Screen area (sq. In.)	387	515
% of clogged area	8.3	6.2
HP required	2.31	0.77
kW required	1.73	0.57
Total kWh	15120.26	5023.71
Annual electricity cost	\$ 2,570.44	\$ 854.03

An LPD Y Strainer saves \$1,716.41 per year

* Cv is the number of U.S. gallons/minute of 60 degF water that will flow through a strainer with 1 ps/ pressure drop across the strainer.



Why Flow Control Solutions?

- Minimizes Turbulence
- Minimized Friction Loss
- Improves Asset Life
 - Pump
 - Motor
 - Control Valves
 - Check Valves
 - Pressure Sensors
 - Flow Meters
- Pump & Devices Operate at Design

Why Flexible Connector Solutions?

- Minimizes Vibration
- Mitigates Thermal Expansion Issues
- Easier Connections In the Field
- Strain Relief
- Offers some seismic protection

STRAINER & FLOW CONDITIONING REMOVING TURBULENCE

• SUCTION DIFFUSER



• FLOW CONDITIONER



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Flow Conditioning "Saving Energy & Assets"

BEFORE

AFTER



BEFORE ELBOW FLOW CONDITIONING REMOVING TURBULENCE

SUCTION DIFFUSER – 2" THRU 16"







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Standard Suction Diffuser Flex Configurations



Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flanges with concentric reducer for connecting to a long radius elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flange x groove end with long radius 90° elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with

150# plate flanges with

long radius 90° elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flanges for connecting to a short radius elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flange with concentric reducer for connecting to a short radius elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flange x groove end with short radius 90° elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with

Suction Diffuser Flex

with 150# plate flange x

groove end for

connecting to a short

radius elbow



Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flange x groove end with concentric reducer for connecting to a short radius elbow







Suction Diffuser Flex with 150# plate flange x groove end with 90° reducing elbow







Standard Vane Flex Configurations



Vane Flex with 150# plate flanges



Vane Flex with 150# plate flange x grooved



Vane Flex with 150# plate flanges with concentric reducer



Vane Flex with 150# plate flange x grooved with concentric reducer



Vane Flex with 150# plate flanges with 90° reducing elbow



Vane Flex with 150# plate flange x groove with 90° elbow



Vane Flex with 150# plate flange x groove with 90° reducing elbow



Vane Flex with 150# plate flange with 90° elbow

Flow Conditioning Rigid Configurations

2" thru 12"







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Summary

- Design of Pump Station Impacts System Performance
- Minimization of Turbulence
- Minimization of Friction Loss
- Increased Design Flexibility
- Increased Reliability
- Improved Asset Life
- New Tools exist to address issues
- Economically Viable with Quick Paybacks

Long-Term Value vs Short-Term Cost

Defining the terms...

Long-Term Value

- <u>Value</u>: is a complicated thing to measure because it means different things to different people at different times.
- Long-Term Value: is simply taking that undefined value and multiplying it over time.

What is the Value of this \$100?



What can you buy with \$100?



Just a side note:

<u>Clark County, in 2017, by the numbers:</u>

- •Casinos grossing more than \$1 million in gaming revenue: 161
- •Total casino gaming revenues in Clark County: \$9,589,605,525
- •Total casino gaming revenues on the Las Vegas Strip: \$6,038,883,957

In 2016, the typical visitor spent <u>an average \$827</u> gambling.

So, what is the value your money?

How do you decide when and where to spend it?



In 1910 John Dewey, an American philosopher, introduced a five-stage consumer behavior model still used today.



Problem Recognition – Perception of a Need

<u>Need</u>: Financial needs are expenditures that are essential for you to be able to live and work.

Housing Transportation Gas and Electricity Insurance Food

<u>Want:</u> Are expenses that help you live more comfortably. They're the things you buy for fun or leisure. You could live without them, but you enjoy your life more when you have them.





2 Information Research – Seeking Value

This is the buyer's effort to search internal and external business environments, in order to identify and evaluate <u>information sources</u> related to the central buying decision.

Your customer may rely on print, visual, online media or word of mouth for information.



Alternative Evaluation – Assessing Value

All the various points of information, collected from all the different sources, are used in evaluating alternatives and their attractiveness.

While evaluating goods and services, different consumers use different bases.

Generally, the consumers evaluate these alternatives based on the attributes of the product, the degree of importance, belief in the brand, satisfaction etc. to make their decision.



•Where should I buy it? Influenced by price, terms of sale, familiarity of the company, the return policy, urgency of need and availability etc.

•When to buy it? Influenced by the store or website atmosphere, timing of need (holiday or birthday), is it on sale, the overall shopping experience.

•When not to buy it? Alternatively, they may also decide that they want to make the purchase at some point in the future.



5 Post Purchase Behavior – Value in Consumption or Use

Customers will often compare their expectations to previous experiences and will be either ecstatic, satisfied or dissatisfied.

If your customer is ecstatic the result is total <u>brand loyalty</u>.

A satisfied customer will likely purchase again – but possibly could be lured away.

A dissatisfied customer will likely never purchase again.

This is a critical stage for retention of customers.







What else do really happy, or really unhappy, customers do?



Percent of consumers who say they are likely to leave a review after...





(Review Trackers.com)

87 percent of e-commerce shoppers believe social media plays a vital role in their shopping decisions. (Adweek, 2018)

78 percent of online shoppers value the availability of product reviews by other shoppers. (NPR/Marist, 2018)

The 5 Stage Process to Buying Decision



Know your customer...

Where ever your place is in the irrigation industry - manufacturer, distributor, contractor, installer - understanding the buying decision process of your customer should help you make the process easier and more appealing to those customers.

Consumers: Are influenced by price but are also concerned about product quality and durability, suggesting their preference towards purchasing high quality products at an equitable price rather than searching for cheaper products.



Know your customer...

Present-day consumers make more informed purchasing decisions through their own research evaluating available alternative solutions rather than being overly reliant on the information provided by a sales representative.

For corporate end users: Product price is only a fraction of the overall cost involved. Most industry verticals would be willing to trade-off paying more for a solution that would avoid interruption of work at a critical delivery window. (Stax-Insights, 2016)



"The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten."



Ben Franklin

MUULO

Pump station retrofits

What, Why, and When







We'll discuss...

- WHAT is a retrofit
- WHY might you want to consider retrofitting
- WHEN might a retrofit make sense... and when it doesn't
What is a retrofit?

- Not one size fits all...
 - Updating existing equipment
 - Replacing broken or undersized components
 - Replacing the controls
 - Mostly new components
 - All new components built to align with existing plumbing and fixturing

What is a retrofit?

So, it could be...

Almost anything other than a brand new pump station that does not utilize existing plumbing

What is a retrofit?

• Things to consider

- Age of the station
- Condition of the station
- Structural soundness
- Mechanical soundness
- Properly maintained
- Is expansion needed now... or in the future
- Could water or energy efficiency be improved?
- Integration with irrigation management system

• Use the existing infrastructure

- Cost considerations
- Avoid site damage
- New approvals
- Environmental considerations

Cost considerations

- Changing the infrastructure can be cost prohibitive.
 - Engineering fees
 - New Buildings
- Retrofitting allows savings on any components that can still be utilized

- Avoid site damage
 - Changing the infrastructure can cause harm to established vegetation.
 - Removing old growth trees
 - Moving transformers
 - Extended heavy equipment use
 - Retrofits may mean less disruption

- New approvals
 - Changing the infrastructure may require engineering approval
 - Engineered sump designs
 - Electrical designs
 - Civil Designs
 - Retrofits may not require new approvals

- Environmental considerations
 - Retrofits may be environmentally friendly
 - We're good stewarts of resources when we reuse functional equipment utilizing motors, controls, piping, etc.
 - Minimize scrap waste, motors, e-waist etc.

- Older pump stations may not utilize current technology.
 - VFDs and new pump product designs lead to higher efficiency.
 - US motor efficiency standards have changed and all new motors are required to meet the minimum DOE standards.
 - Pump efficiency rules have also changed and certain pump styles are now required to meet a minimum efficiency standards. (Horizontal centrifugal pumps).

- Older pump stations may not utilize current technology.
 - Energy companies may offer upgrade rebates for VFD's and premium efficient motors.
 - Eliminating antiquated hydraulic control valves. Pressure sustaining, pressure reducing valves and solenoid valves.

• New sensing devises.

- Flow meter's with higher accuracy and lower flow range.
- Pressure transducer's in place of pressure switches.

• Upgrading to PLC's.

- Ability to control the pump station with higher accuracy.
- Reporting capabilities, flow, pressure trends.
- Remote monitoring.

Example 1

Horizontal centrifugal station that is aging and has experienced loss of prime issues

Example 1

Consider retrofitting to vertical turbines

Example 2

Existing 5 hp pump station utilizing a pressure sustaining valve

Example 2

Consider retrofitting by adding a VFD

When it doesn't make sense...

- New installation
- Structure failing or surrounding infrastructure not sound
- 3. New requirements for retrofit do not fit existing infrastructure.



- WHAT is a retrofit
- WHY might you want to consider retrofitting
- WHEN might a retrofit make sense... and when it doesn't







Water Efficiency VS Energy Efficiency

What's the Difference?



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PROGRAM

- About the Presenter career experiences
- WE vs EE what's the difference" ?
- Applying energy efficiency in irrigation

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About the Presenter

- Mixed farm GULNARE, South Australia
- 1948 1958
- 2km creek for playground
- Did farm "apprenticeship"
- Innovation permeated farm life
- Made own toys etc
- Pedal car = prime mover
- Challenged status quo throughout life









~ me

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South Australia

□ 95% area < 10" rainfall

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- **River Murray lifeline**
- **1.5** x area of Texas

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Note that USA almost all above 30th Lat Nth. Australia almost all above 30th Lat Sth.

Therefore, Australia much hotter/drier climate.

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PUMP TESTING with SA Water for 20 years.



□ Adelaide, 1.2 million

Dry year, 90% water pumped from River Murray

1000' lift, 3 or 4 stages

- 4 major pipeline systems
- Approx 130,000 kW (175,000 HP)
- **\$** \$ millions/annum pumping costs
- > 1000 pump tests over 20 yrs





Murray Bridge – Onkaparinga Pipeline and No 3 PS 3 x 5,600 kW pumps (7,500 HP each)

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PIPELINE FRICTION TESTING with SA Water for 20 years From largest (1.8m) to smallest (80mm) pipeline, (Hazen & Williams "C" Values)
 Determine maintenance policy
 Pumping economics







Murray Bridge – Onkaparinga Pipeline and No 3 PS (1973) 3 x 5,600 kW pumps (7,500 HP each)

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Pump Design and Build Hydrotech (Aust) 6 yrs

- **100** pumping systems
- **U** Turf, Horticulture, Ag, Golf
- Design, Build, Commission
- **Engineered Product**





Defining moment



"There's a wheel barrow in my Pipeline"

- **10** km of 450NB PVC
- Pumps reduced output
- Pipeline friction test, 2000
- Willunga Basin Water Co







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Pump Design 3 yrs HydroPlan (Aust)

- Pumping systems
- Pipeline systems, Dams
- Irrigation systems (drip)





Tallemenco Pty Ltd 2003 to present

- Designed P.S. up to 3,000 l/s
- Bore draw-downs
- Field Evaluations Irrigation (CIAL Certified)



System Evaluations

- > Pumping systems
- Pipeline systems
- Irrigation systems
- Pumping Energy Efficiency audits

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Tallemenco Pty Ltd 2003 to present, (16 yrs)

Pumping System Evaluations

Pumping Energy Efficiency audits,

identified > \$630,000 annual elect savings

- More energy efficiency losses in pipes (hydraulics) than in pumps
- Case Study: Pumping energy efficiency audit, Windsor NSW turf farm (for DPI NSW 2014)
 - Efficient Lateral Move
 - **90%** losses in pipes

Defining moment

10% losses in pump



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How many "MPG" does your pump system do?



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a) Water
Requirement
b) Irrigation
scheduling
c) Distribution
Uniformity
d) Crop water
use efficiency

- V's Energy Efficiency
 - a) Head pumped
 - b) Pump effy
 - c) Motor effy
 - d) Tariff (c/kWh, \$/Litre diesel) e) ML pumped

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Water Efficiency V's Energy Efficiency a) Water a) Head pumped Requirement b) Pump effy b) Irrigation c) Motor effy scheduling c) Distribution d) Tariff (c/kWh, Uniformity \$/Litre diesel) d) Crop water e) ML pumped use efficiency

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500

400

300 Ε

200

E 100

sand

sandy

loam

loam

soil depth

water

Water efficiency vs Energy efficiency What's the difference?



Water Required vs Pumped Volume

Soil Moisture Monitoring



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Irrigation Scheduling vs Pumped Head

Sanctuary Cove Resort, Gold Coast, QLD. 2010



Manual scheduling 1

70 acres landscaping site, 31 stand alone controllersPump system failing on low pressure

Concentration of scheduling resulted in high peak flow rates, high head losses in pipes



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Irrigation Scheduling vs Pumped Head

Manual Scheduling 2

28Ha landscaping site, 31 remote controllers Rescheduling optimised pump duty required



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TALLEMENCO Irrigation Pumping Academy What's the difference?		show 2019
Water Efficiency	V's Energy Efficiency	
a) Water Requirement b) Irrigation scheduling c) Distribution Uniformity d) Crop water use efficiency	a) Head pumped > b) Pump effy c) Motor effy d) Tariff (c/kWh, \$/Litre diesel) e) ML pumped	

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Irrigation Scheduling vs Pump Effy/motor effy





Can affect energy efficiency if irrigation flows are reduced or increased.



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Charts: R Welke



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Irrigation Scheduling vs Pumped Volume



Clay soil

- □ 6 water melon plants
- □ 8" x 8" soil (paver removed)
- **Pulse irrigation (Hunter X-Core)**
- 1 x Shrubbler
- Pulse application
- 1 minute x 4 times/day
- **0.7** litre per application
- □ 360 litres (95 US gall) total
- 9 melons
- 🖵 86kg (190 lb) crop

Irrigation Scheduling – pulse irrigation





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Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head

Scheduling Co-efficient



If CU/DU down
SC up (Scheduling Coefficient)
Eg, DU falls from 84% to 73%
SC rises from 1.3 to 1.6
That's 23% more water required





SC = 1.3



Example: Toro 640 @ 350 kPa DU = 73% SC = 1.6 Image: Space Pro by Hunter

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Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head



Example: Toro 640 @ 350 kPa **DU = 73%**

SC = 1.6



Restoring Pipeline efficiency – known as **Pigging or Swabbing** (removing the wheel barrows)







SC Restored Toro 640 @ 450 kPa **DU = 84%** SC = 1.3

Image: Space Pro by Hunter

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Pigging 6" PVC, Penrith NSW

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What's the difference?



Pipeline friction

Combine "Hazen & Williams" and "Darcy Weisbach Friction factor" Graph of "Pipe Wall Roughness" to "C" value



Reduction of 10% pipe efficiency (C=135) due to only 0.1mm (4 thou) of pipe wall roughness.

This level of roughness cannot be seen with naked eye.





New pipe

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Old pipe

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Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head







Irrigation Trust, SA 2 x 270hp pumps 675 acres vines, almonds, citrus

Founded 1968



- Audited 2015
- □ H&W C Value new = 140, now = 80 to 110
- Bryozoa <u>aquatic invertebrate</u> animals (20 thou long)
- □ Overheads at end of farm < ½ irrigation radius
- DU's 10 to 20%
- □ PIR reduced 40% to achieve required distribution efficiency

Long term solution: Replace pipes

ed distribution efficiency

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River Murray, Mannum SA







Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head

Pump Corrosion (Pump efficiency and H-Q loss)

Materials Evaluation

Blue Lake PS, Mt Gambier, SA. 1971

Austenitic Cast Iron casings (Ni Resist)

- Resistance to sea water corrosion
- used on ships propellers
- Ni 20.0, Cr 2.5, C 3.0, Si 2.0, Mn 1.0 typ.
- □ Tested after 1 year for efficiency

Down 10%

- Casings badly corroded
- Materials specific to water quality



Blue Lake PS Mt Gambier, SA. Primary Lift Pumps

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Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head

Impeller Coatings Evaluation

Mannum Adelaide No. 1 Pumping Station. 1975

Cast Iron casings, Bronze impellers

- pump tested, efficiency recorded
- impeller coated DULUX gloss enamel
- pump retested 4% efficiency gain
- $\succ\,$ pump tested 1 yr, lost $\eta\%$ and paint

Conclusions

- \Box smooth coating > increased $\eta\%$
- conventional coatings not satisfactory
- □ search for hi-tech coatings
- □ adopted "Belzona", 25% metallic content





Photo: R Welke 1973

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What's the difference?



Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head

Impeller Coatings (pump corrosion)

Eg, Irrigation and Water Supply Pumps, Riverland Region, SA, 1980's

- Eliminate Blulon (asbestos) gland packing
- move to mechanical seals
- rotating elements balanced
- pump casings coated (Belzona)
- □ impellers coated (Belzona 25% metal)

Pumps tested less regularly

- Sustained efficiency
- High reliability



eil Harvey painting a rebalanced pump impeller with an epoxy coating.

Photo: R Welke

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Distribution Uniformity vs Pumped Head





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Distribution Uniformity vs Tariff







Irrigation Trust, SA 2 x 270hp pumps 675 acres vines, almonds, citrus



River Murray, Mannum, SA



- H&W C Value new = 140, now = 80 to 110
 - **Overheads at end of farm < 1/2 irrigation radius**
- DU's 10 to 20%
- PIR reduced 40% to achieve required distribution uniformity
- **Overflow irrigation into higher day time tariff**

Contractory of the second		
Peak Peak	43063.50 kWh	8.4598 c/l
	54288.50 kWh	5.2035 c/v
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Crop Yield vs Pumped Volume (+ Scheduling + Tariff)

Sugar cane crop, Nth QLD



Example per Jim Phillips, ASIC's Aussie member – ph +61 435 187 486

BEFORE PIR 11mm

- PIR 11mm/day (43 pts/day) CP/LM or Big Gun (SC 1.2/1.6) 11 ML/Ha (8.9 ac.ft) Evenly across crop life 95 t/Ha (38t/ac) ave \$2600/Ha (\$1040/ac) ave AFTER PIR 14mm/day Bub Surface Drip (+30% CAPEX, -30% pumping head, -30% SC) 7 ML/Ha (5.7 ac.ft) (50% less kWh pumping)
- Growth based irrigation (flowering/fruiting)
- 137 t/Ha (55t/ac) ave, 238t/Ha max
- □ \$4500/Ha (\$1800/ac) ave

ML x 0.81 = ac.ft



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Crop Yield vs Tariff

Sugar cane crop, Nth QLD



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Irrigation during day time "crop water uptake" = higher tariff costs

BEFORE

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(11 ML/Ha) (8.9 ac.ft)

Evenly across crop life

95 t/Ha (38t/ac) ave

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AFTER

PIR 14mm/day

Sub Surface Drip (+30% CAPEX, -30% pumping head, -30% SC)

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5.2035 c/kWh



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Water Efficiency V's Energy Efficiency

□ Where can energy be saved?

- How to design best practice energy efficiency irrigation systems
- Get more "MPG" from your pumping system!

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Irrigation System Design approach - typical



Irrigation design



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Irrigation System Design approach - typical

Pumping/pipeline design – all too often



Irrigation design







Pump control

Pump cost

Corrosion

NPSH

Energy cost

Pipeline friction

PS design Specification

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Irrigation System Design approach - Tallemenco



Irrigation design



Pumping/pipeline design









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Pumping Energy Efficiency More than just testing pumps....



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Conduct a pump efficiency audit



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Conduct a pumping system energy efficiency audit



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What's the difference?



TALLEMENCO – 2 Day Workshop Training

"Pumping System Master Class"

(Teaches how to design pumping energy efficiency principles into new irrigation systems)

- Re-defines "pumping energy efficiency for irrigation"
- Numerous software for energy efficiency design
- **Comments:**
 - "This training course has no equal..." Senior Irrigation Designer
 - "The course was excellent, it has definitely raised the bar for NZ irrigation pumping design". PGG Consultant, New Zealand
 - "Rob, I learned sooooo much.." 51 yr veteran, water operations engineer, Lower Murray Water



"Limits of Operation"

Determined by Rob's 5 decades of pumping & hydraulics experience

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WaterSense Update: Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers and Soil Moisture Sensors

Stephanie Tanner, EPA WaterSense Julius Duncan, EPA WaterSense Joanna Kind, ERG

December 5, 2019

Agenda



- Weather-based irrigation controllers: specification review
 - Review information gathered
 - Decision
- Soil moisture sensors: draft specification
 - Scope
 - Performance criteria
 - Supplemental capability requirements
 - Packing and labeling
 - Testing configuration and compatibility
 - Certification
 - Next steps





What is WaterSense

WaterSense is a voluntary partnership program launched by EPA in 2006 that provides a simple way to identify water-efficient:

- Products
- Programs
- Practices
- Homes



Products are independently certified for water efficiency **and** performance



Photo: Judith Chaddock



The WaterSense Vision

- WaterSense offers people a simple way to use less water
- Our vision is that all Americans will understand the importance of water efficiency and take actions to reduce their water use – in their homes, outdoors, and at work

How will we achieve it?

- By transforming the marketplace for products and services that use water
- By promoting a nationwide ethic of water efficiency to conserve water resources for future generations and reduce water infrastructure costs





WaterSense Program Overview



look for

Fixtures and

technologies

save water

Actions that can be taken to reduce water use – at home, outdoors, and at work







Water-Smart Landscapes



Partners reach users to change behavior







WaterSense Product Evaluation Factors

WaterSense uses the following factors in determining which products to label. Products must:



- Offer equivalent or superior performance to conventional models
- Be about 20 percent more water-efficient than conventional models
- Realize water savings on a national level
- Provide measurable results
- Achieve water efficiency through several technology options
- Be effectively differentiated by the WaterSense label
- Be tested and independently certified
WaterSense Labeled Products





Lavatory Faucets Labeled since 2007 18,000 labeled models



Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers Labeled since 2011 800 labeled models



Tank-Type Toilets Labeled since 2007 3,900 labeled models



Flushometer-Valve Toilets Labeled since 2015 1,500 labeled models



Flushing Urinals Labeled since 2009 700 labeled models



Showerheads Labeled since 2010 9,100 labeled models





Pre-Rinse Spray Valves (Recently Sunset) Labeled from 2013 to 2018 30 previously labeled models

Spray Sprinkler Bodies Labeled since 2017 200 labeled models

*Data as of September 2019



Accomplishments

gallons of water **3.4 trillion** saved since 2006! **************** 2007 - 2015 2016 2017 2018 billion gallons saved in 2018





Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers Specification Review



The America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

- Formally authorized the WaterSense program
- Directed EPA to:
 - Enhance awareness of the label
 - Preserve the integrity of the WaterSense label
- Defined the scope of products and systems that could be included in the program
- Provided direction on the frequency and process for revision of product specifications
- Directed WaterSense to institute a comprehensive review of products specifications developed before 2012.
 - Specifically, not later than December 31, 2019 EPA shall, "consider for review and revise, if necessary, any WaterSense performance criteria adopted before January 1, 2012."





Specification Review Process



Mar 2019

Mar-Jun

2019

Jun-Aug

2019

Aug-Dec

2019

Internal Research

- Update product information, analyze WaterSense product database, conduct industry research
- Issue Notice of Specification Review and hold first stakeholder meeting

Stakeholder Engagement

- Hold meetings with individual partners, standards committees, industry experts, and utilities
- Review comments, conduct additional analysis based on in house data
- Hold product type meetings with stakeholders to review information collection to date

Analysis

- Compile additional comments received and post to website
- Review and analyze information collected
- Continue engagement with standards committees and industry as necessary

Develop Recommendations and Announce to Stakeholders by December 31, 2019

- Develop recommendations and review with EPA Management
- By December, present recommendations, post material to website, host public meetings

We are here



Specification for Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers

- Released November 2011
- More than 30 manufacturer partners
- Approximately 800 labeled models





Soil Moisture Sensors Draft Specification



Soil Moisture-Based Control Technologies

- Soil Moisture-Based Control Technologies
 - Conducted research and worked with manufacturers to identify test protocols from 2007 to 2013
 - Issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) in May 2013
 - Working with ASABE X633 committee on a test method
 - Method tests sensors in a box of soil with a known depletion
 - Two soil types, two salinities, three depletions
 - Performance testing at the University of Florida completed in the summer of 2019
 - EPA released a draft specification on November 7, 2019.



Image courtesy of Hunter Industries, Inc.





- Pertinent information and comments can still be submitted to watersense-products@erg.com
- Deadline to submit comments: January 10, 2020.
- WaterSense will summarize information collected and issue a comment compilation
- WaterSense will review all comments and work toward a final specification (anticipated in summer 2020).





General E-mail: <u>watersense@epa.gov</u> Comment Submission E-mail: <u>watersense-products@erg.com</u> Website: <u>www.epa.gov/watersense</u> Helpline: (866) WTR-SENS (987-7367)



Regulatory Precipitation Rate Limits

Water Saver or Waster?

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Do You Like Chocolate?

- Tastes Great!
 Makes Me Happy
- Easy to FindInexpensive



Chocolate For Every Meal?

- Doesn't taste THAT great!
- Makes me sick now.
- Makes me fatter.
- I hate Chocolate!



What is Precipitation Rate?

PR =

GPM X 96.3

Head Spacing X Row Spacing

 Rate at which irrigation applies water to the landscape



Is Low PR Good or Bad?

- That is not the Question!
- Good Sometimes
- Not Good Others
- Real Question:
- All the Time Or Not?



What Is 'Good' About It? (Regulator POV)

 More Closely Matches the Soak-In Rate

Reduces Runoff

- Easier to Inspect/Plan Check
- Forces the "Right" Behavior

What Is Not Good? (Real World POV)

University of Arizona

- Wind Drift &
 Evaporation Losses
- California State
 Polytechnic
 University Pomona
 - 2/3 of Total Losses
 - No Runoff With Cycle+Soak



Should Low Precipitation Rate be Required ... At All Times?

- Some Regulators Want This!
- Believe It Saves Water!
- Don't See the Potential Water Losses



Does It Save Water?

Show Me The Science!

- California State Polytechnic University – Pomona
 - 2/3 of Loss = Wind Drift & Evaporation;
 - No Run-off with Cycle+Soak Programming
- Eugene Water and Electric Board – No Savings
- Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 2% Greater Water Use
- Municipal Water District of Orange County
 10% Savinge
 - 10% Savings
- Southern Nevada Water Authority
 - No Savings
- University of Arizona

 12% More Wind Drift & Evaporation Loss
 With Low PR



Conclusions

- Reduces Some Runoff
- Can be Wasteful
- Does Not Reduce
 Water Use
- MSMT May Mitigate Some Losses
- Don't Ban More Efficient Products



Conclusions

- Like Chocolate, Low PRs Are Good in Moderation
- Low PRs Should Not Be Required by Law
- Industry Should Oppose PR Limit Regulation





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Water Hazard Ahead! Assessing An Aging Irrigation System



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Introduction and Outline



- A. Strategies for assessing systems and risk
- B. Budgeting
- C. Communicating unexpected and future repairs.



A. Strategies for Assessing Systems and Risk



- 1. Know what is at risk in the event of a failure.
- 2. Know what components of the system are at risk for failure.
- 3. Know what to do immediately when a failure occurs to minimize further damage.
- 4. Make a plan to reduce the risks due to unplanned failures.



1. What is at risk in the event of a failure?



Programming – a break that interferes with the purpose of the institution/company.

Reputation- of institution, company, business, staff.

Infrastructure –wash out a green, undermine a road, flood a building.

1. What is at risk in the event of a failure?



Budget - shortfalls from unbudgeted repairs could result in sacrificing budgeted expenditures

Rushed Repairs = higher costs

- Repairs on prepared schedule capitalize on:
 - -off season rates
 - -low irrigation times
 - -high availability of staff
 - -no effect on core functions of business.

Risks : Break Example









Multiple Risks : Convocation Example

- Programming
- Reputation
- Infrastructure
- Budget





1. What is at risk in the event of a failure?



• What if failure means no water?

2. What components of the system are at risk for failure?



- Document all failures to create a history.
 - what caused them?
 - how were they repaired?
 - what were the consequences of the failure?
 - could they have been predicted and prevented?

- how old were the parts that failed and were replacement parts available?

- do you have more components or installations that are like these ones?

• Ask your experienced techs for answers.

2. What components of the system are at risk for failu

- Also consider:
 - -Compromised systems due to surface construction.
 - -Reliance on long term employee or contractor memory.
 - -Obsolete equipment
 - -Asbestos and silica concerns.
- Use history to predict future failures.

3. What to do immediately when a failure occurs to minimize further damage.



Time is of the essence.

• Enough Knowledgeable and efficient staff must be available to minimize damage.

4. Make a plan to reduce the physical and financial costs of unplanned failures.



The most compelling arguments for getting extra funding for upgrades in advance of failures are directly related to the relative value of the risks identified earlier.

The Plan



- 1. Know your system.
- Talk to your techs and contractors.
- Update your as-built drawings
- Gather as much info as you can and document it.
- Use a Work sheet.

SAMPLE IRRIGATION MAINLINE CONDITION ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Mainline Section:		University of Lethbridge
Size :		
Length:		
Age or year installed.		ATUS
Material:		
Repair History.		
Date of repair and cost if known :		
Reason for the repair/describe failure :		
Potential or realized secondary risks or damages as	sociated with this failure :	
Connection Points:		
Type of connection		
Location of this connection.		
Sizes into and out of connection. INO	UT	
Is this connection encased in concrete? Y /N	Year installed	
Materials used in components of this connection		(Add photos if available)
Identify potential secondary risks or damages that co	uld occur if this connection failed	
The Plan



- 2. Share the knowledge with staff.
- Make the info easily accessible.
- Train your crew on the entire system.
- Practice operating startup and shutdown procedures, including opening and closing isolation valves as different valves feel differently and finding them can be tricky.

3. Use the knowledge to predict where failures are likely.

B. Budgeting



- Use the costs of past repairs as a budgeting tool.
- How to budget:
 - Compile and print one overall map of the irrigation system.
 - Highlight all the main lines.
 - Mark all isolation valves. Record as much as you know about the condition of the valves (1-3 scale).
 - Mark all lines and the size of each line.
 - Document the total number of isolation valves, each valve condition and the corresponding line size.
 - Review repair history of isolation valves to determine historical cost of those repairs. Use this information as an predictor of replacement costs.

University of Lethbridge Example

- 106 acres of campus, 50 years old system, drawing from an irrigation pond.
- 800 feet of 10" concrete/asbestos mainline.
- An irrigation control system running on an old computer because the programs are not compatible with newer operating systems.
- Limited access provided to the crew of the drawings.









All sections of the previous map enlarged so it is readable. This is what the techs have in a binder in their truck.





All lines that are pressurized when pump is on. Three status codes for isolation valves.





Highlight sizes of all pressurized lines. All isolation valves will be identified on this map.

What do these maps tell us?



- 1. 48 isolation valves.
- 2. 6 are deemed to be at the end of their service life.
- 3. 12 are nearing the end of their service life.
- 4. Urgent repairs on failed valves have cost \$5000 to \$11000 per valve, depending on location.
- 5. We can expect to spend \$30000 to \$60000 in the near future, if we do nothing proactively, to repair 6 valves. This does not include the costs that could be added for some of the risks to Programming, Reputation, or surrounding Infrastructure.
- 6. Another \$60000 to \$120000 in repairs are coming in the medium term future to repair 12 valves.

C. Communicating for unexpected and future repairs



Communicate the risks associated with potential future failures:

- Programming
- Reputation
- Infrastructure
- Budget: Costs will be higher if you are not proactive and will create budget shortfalls from higher overall costs.

Communicate the costs of past failures to explain anticipated future costs.

C. Communicating for Unexpected and Future Repairs



Keep messages in line with the core business of your organization.

Communicate all the risks and potential costs associated with system failures to the Directors when seeking funding for irrigation upgrades.

Presentation Takeaway *Fewer surprises=fewer losses.*

- Know the risks of system failure
- Know what components might be at risk of failure.
- Know what to do if failure occurs.
- Make a plan to reduce costs of failure.
- Document your system in an easy-to-understand and accessible format.



Presentation Takeaway



- Train enough staff about the main system operations to ensure coverage.
- Be proactive to reduce overall costs.
- Communicate the risks of failures and the impact to the core business with the directors to secure and maintain funding for repairs.



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