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How metering best practices can promote conservation before and after the meter

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Meter reading evolution



Direct Read

Consumption

Touch Read

Remove
transcription errors

AMR

• Automated reading

AMI

- Hourly intervals
- On demand
- Alarms

Smart Utility Network

- Two way
- Upgradeable
- Configurable
- Data your way
- Remote shut off
- Gateways
- Applications
- Services



Smart Utility Network components





Customer conservation: behavioral feedback



Customer portals promote active customer management.



Customer conservation success: Seal Rock



Photo credit: Pete Eckert

- FlexNet Smart Utility Network
- Monitors for leaks by flagging continuous flows facilitates resolving customer leaks within hours
- The <u>Customer Portal</u> bolsters water conservation efforts and empowers residents to set up alerts and monitor their own usage.



Customer conservation: violators



Metering fundamentals: large meter testing

- Mechanical meters "slow" overtime
- AWWA M6 Manual: The largest 10% of meters measure <u>40-60</u>% of consumption*
- Meter testing can be in place or at the shop
- Regular testing ensures revenue capture, fewer customer surprises, and costs are spread equitably**



Florida's Largest Public Utility Recovers One Billion Gallons of Unaccounted for Water

Sensus OMNI meters, a rigorous testing program and infrastructure upgrades save JEA time and money

*AWWA M6 Manual of Water Supply Practices, ch 5, p 80

**AWWA M6 Manual of Water Supply Practices, ch 5, p 59



Metering fundamentals: tighten up the control boundary



Meter all inputs

Meter all outputs, including those that are not billed!

- Municipal & utility uses
- Flushing
- etc



Pressure management









Legend

- Main Lines 0.0 - 3.0 3.0 - 6.0 6.0 - 8.0 8.0 - 14.0 14.0 - 24.0 Pressure by Type ally - Frequent Flier
 - ally Additional Placement
 - Smart Gateway @ PRV

Pressure management

Reducing and stabilizing pressures reduces background leakage and stress on pipes.





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District Metered Areas

Hourly Water Balance





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Acoustic monitoring

Acoustic monitoring identifies leaks by the vibration they create.







Permalog acoustic devices connect to Sensus pit-mount SmartPoint

Magnetic coupling to system valves

Acoustic monitoring application contextualizes acoustic data to identify leaks



Conclusion: a Smart Utility Network can support many conservation goals







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Questions?

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