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Ramona Municipal Water District alerts our community to backflow device thefts

Backflow device thefts have been occurring in Ramona during the past few weeks. Over a dozen thefts and known attempts to steal backflow devices have occurred in the Ramona area since mid-July. Backflow devices may be stolen to be sold as scrap metal, especially as the value of copper and brass increases. These thefts present a troublesome situation for property owners. Not only must the backflow device be immediately replaced, but during the theft, water is often left running for hours.

Backflow device thefts impact all Ramona water customers as their actions require District staff to respond to late-night emergency service calls due to running water or "no water" calls. While the District is diligent in its efforts to keep staff overtime to a minimum, these backflow service calls result in hours of unnecessary employee overtime.

Ramona residents are requested to be observant to questionable activity near water meters especially during the late night and early morning hours. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

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