

Annual Meeting Presentation Jan. 20, 2024
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There are 6 items I wish to cover today.

1. Water usage in our community.

Setting our Water Use Efficiency Goal. Please see handouts.

Presently, our WUE goal is at 200 gallons per day per household. 80% of our community are meeting that goal. Call for a motion to continue that goal

2. Small Water System Management Program.

Owning and operating a public drinking water system is a big responsibility and is highly regulated by the state. As an owner/operator, we are obligated to protect the health of our system's users by maintaining the integrity and reliability of our water system. Our community water system must develop and implement a Small Water System Management Program (SWSMP). This plan covers Technical Capacity, Managerial Capacity and Financial Capacity. The DOH does not require us to submit our SWSMP for approval. During our sanitary survey inspection our plan is discussed as part of the sanitary survey process. We are on a 3-year cycle for our sanitary survey. Our last one was completed on August 31, 2022 so in 2025 we will have another. I have spent the last 5 years learning about the SWSMP and developing our program. I have had help from Jan Graham, Christine Hill, and Robin Bernardy in writing this required SWSMP. There are still bits that need to be completed. The most important one is the emergency response plan.

3. Emergency Response Plan

The Department of Health is offering a class regarding this emergency response plan on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 9 to 12. It is offered for free to interested parties. I am taking that class. After the class, Robin Bernardy and I will meet and begin writing a plan with input from NW Natural Water Services. After the plan is written, it will be submitted to the board for approval.

4. Cross contamination

Protecting our water system is of utmost importance. Since the last cross-contamination survey was done we have gained many new residents. Many of you are not aware of the actions you must take to protect our system. I will email you the link to reading material regarding our individual responsibilities to our system. The process begins with a survey. This year I am asking you to fill out this survey and return it to me by February 1. I will then compile the data and meet with NW Natural Water Services to share this with them. Some of you may be contacted by NW Natural Water to have representative meet with you to go over your system. This is all part of new state regulations.

5. State of our Wellhouse, well #1, well #2

Jerry Beck Electrical visited our well house to assess the wiring, electrical panel, pump activation relays, etc. They visited at the beginning of Dec. and will be getting back to me soon regarding the cost of updating our electrical system. The pump activation relays are outdated and difficult (if not impossible) to replace. It has been brought to the attention of the board that our well and water infrastructure has not kept up with the times and it may be expensive to get us where we need to be. I will keep you posted.

The generator/genset annual preventative maintenance was done by Jerry Beck & Co. It was discovered that the radiator needed replacing and it has taken from early Dec. until now to get the part. The radiator is scheduled to be replaced on Jan. 26.

Our number 2 well is on lot 3B. The wiring will be assessed by Jerry Beck Company soon. The exterior will get a face-lift.

6. Lock on the well house. This is being replaced and a new combination will be in use.

Thank you for your support, Judi Shellenbarger, 253-241-8344