

Water Committee Report

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William James, Water Committee Chair, Vice President

During the last two months, 53 days (March 6th to April 27th), our well pumps have pumped a total of 744,866 gallons out of the ground. The highest usage was 13,173 cubic feet (98,541 gallons), averaging 1,859 gallons per day.

21 accounts are past due and three are pending service suspension.

2 properties exceeded their water allotment. These 2 properties accounted for almost 20% of the water pumped out of the ground. We are allotted 120 Acre Feet (39 million gallons) per year for the entire association. It is incumbent for each member to use water wisely and monitor their usage.

I urge all members to check for leaks, to turn off their water at the meter if they intend to leave for an extended period, and to practice responsible water usage. If you have high usage, please evaluate your plumbing to determine if you may have a leaky toilet, leaks in your lines, or if you may be wasting water because of bad water usage practices.

Our five \$100,000 CDs, purchased on November 7th, 2022, utilizing water reserve funds, have earned \$1,546 each, for a total of \$7,730 in interest. These CDs will mature in December, and I intend to roll them over into new CDs with current and higher interest rates. Our current CDs are earning 3.2% interest. This investment is to grow our reserve funds faster with the goal of reaching \$1 million.

The latest Department of Health inspection/evaluation discovered that we need to replace the seal for a water storage tank hatch to prevent contamination. I intend to contract via Northwest Water System to get this corrected. No other system upgrades or repairs are warranted at this time.

Our generator is working well with no problems noted. I inspected it last month and discovered no leaks, and a system test run was satisfactory.

If anyone experiences a problem with the water system, such as uncharacteristically low water pressure, severe fluctuations in water pressure or flow, please call Northwest Water Systems at 888-881-0958, and report it. You can also contact me, and I can investigate if I am home. My number is located on the website under BOD & Committee Chairs. It doesn't help if I hear about it the next day because I can't figure out what happened.