

Water Committee Report

16 September, 2023

William James, Water Committee Chair, Vice President

This is a combined report for the last 4 months (2 billing cycles). During the last four months, 132 days (April 27th to September 5th), our well pumps have pumped a total of 5,143,553 gallons out of the ground.

The highest usage for May/June was 11,395 cubic feet (85,240 gallons), averaging 1,272 gallons per day, and the highest usage for July/August was 12,543 cubic feet (93,828 gallons), averaging 1,466 gallons per day.

31 accounts are currently high usage. 19 accounts are past due, four are pending service suspension with three having received final notices.

It is each member's responsibility to use water wisely and monitor their usage. For example, I have a 26' boat that I have taken out nearly every weekend over the last 4 months. I have washed down my boat and flushed the motors, probably both to excess, and have never gone over 75% of my allotment.

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 more than \$8k 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.

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.

H2O committee tentatively planned for early October, date TBD/TBA. Topics planned for discussion are NWS service bills, future budgets, future water billing rates.