

Water Committee Report

18 November, 2023

William James, Water Committee Chair, PSA Vice President

During the last two months, 84 days (September 5th to October 27th), our well pumps have pumped a total of 1,165,829 gallons out of the ground.

The highest usage was 8,887 cubic feet (66479 gallons), averaging 791 gallons per day.

Eight accounts are over their limit with six as high usage. 18 accounts are past due, three are pending service suspension.

It is each member's responsibility to use water wisely and monitor their usage. If there are any questions with members water bills please feel free to contact me.

With the recent freezing weather I urge all members to check for leaks, monitor their water usage/water meter, 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 poor water usage practices.

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.

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.

H2O committee meeting tentatively planned for early December, date TBD/TBA. Topics planned for discussion are NWS service bills and impact on future budgets, future water billing rates required to keep ahead of inflation rates, and water system reserve fund growth.