

**PSA WATER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW WATER DISTRIBUTIONH SYSTEM**

The Community of Paradise Shores Estates, under the management of Paradise Service Associates, Board of Directors and Northwest Water Systems, has scheduled a complete replacement of the 45 year old water distribution system, with construction to begin July 2008.

The new water distribution system, engineered by Northwest Water Systems, will consist of new 6 inch pressurized water mains, new lateral lines connected to new meter setters and water meters along with 17 new fire hydrants. There will be a water meter in a separate water box for each PSA property. As a result, the contractor for the Distribution Phase II project will be replacing the old 3 valve water box, currently located in the Mason County Right of Way, as shown in the original design plans. The new plan requires a 4 foot spread between water meter boxes in order to share one lateral line, joined by a tee fitting connection, including corporate water shut off valve.

As a result, significant dig out work to accommodate the new lines, while maintaining the old water service, necessitates work in the street right of way and the 2 ½ foot side lot line easement. All fences and structures, vegetation, above and below ground, may need to be removed, to allow the new water service. PSA Water Committee recommends the each property owner:

1. Inspect the area around the existing water box and inform the PSA Water Committee of any problems regarding the area of work.
2. Review the drawing of the new water system and locate your lot and proposed location of the new water box sets in relation to your current location. If the new location does not make sense or some special circumstance exists on your lot or water connection, bring it to the attention of a water committee member so they can investigate and determine a course of action. We want to work within the limitations of the contract and existing infrastructure to minimize the impact to each property owner.

During construction the contractor will inspect and determine the feasibility of connection into the property owner's water supply line. PSA in accordance with State guidelines, and NW Water Systems, will need each property owner to have a serviceable water line to hook into the property owner side of the new meter setter, located in the new water box. A 6 foot new service line connection to hook to your property water line is factored into the contractor's bid. Beyond that distance,

additional costs will be the responsibility of the property owner. When the contractor completes his inspection, if the connection is feasible within the bounds of the above guidelines, no further action by the property owner should be required. When the new system is brought "on-line" the water supply "cut-over" will be accomplished by the contractor's licensed and bonded plumber. If the contractor determines that the property owner side of the meter setter is unusable due to age, deterioration or other cause, the homeowner will have two options:

1. The contractor will provide an estimate of the additional costs required to effect the "cut-over". This work will be accomplished by a licensed and bonded plumber as required by our contact and water system manager, Northwest Water Systems. The property owner will be responsible for those additional costs. (Note: This option has not been confirmed by the contractor yet, but is a possibility that the PSA Water Committee is pursuing.)
2. The contractor does not provide hook-up service and the property owner has the "cut-over" work accomplished by a **licensed** and **bonded** plumber. In this case, the contractor will install the new water box and meter setter with the meter setter outlet plugged. When the new system is placed online, water to the inlet of the new meter will be available. This will require coordination with the property owner's plumber and contractor to time the "cut-over" to minimize the disruption of water service to the property and will be the sole responsibility of the property owner. Due to safety and health concerns we ask that you have any plumbing work performed by licensed and bonded companies. With respect to the actual connection of the property owner's connection into the PSA water system, PSA and NWS will not turn on water to the property without an invoice or receipt proving that the connection work was performed by a licensed and bonded plumber.

In some instances, PSA property owners may wish to do a full service line replacement and you should contact a licensed and bonded plumber to have work performed in advance. PSA will also have a list of approved, licensed plumbers that can perform property owners plumbing requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bill Davies, Chairman

PSA Water Committee