

**PSA Water System upgrades 2007, 2009, summary, updated July 11, 2023
by PSA former, 2002 to 2009, Water Committee Chairman, Larry Pazaski.**

To whom it may concern,

I originally ran for the Paradise Service Associates, Inc. (PSA) Board of Directors, in 2002. I became the Water Committee chairman, to embark on a 7-year long project to build a new South well, new pump house, and a new water distribution system, including new water meters for each lot. I invested 5,000 volunteer hours on this project, while working full time as a manufacturer's sales rep, serving the Pacific NW.

Our PSA Homeowners Association (HOA) owns and operates our water system serving 228 HOA lots, 55 Waterfront and the balance backlots. Most HOA's do not have the responsibility, or, have to manage their self-owned water system, including a private community owned waterfront, 3-acre park, which includes a Hut, sport court, boat launch, separate rental boat moorage dock facilities, swim beach and restrooms.

In 2000, when my wife and I moved out to Mason Lake full time, I discovered the old water system, built in the mid-1960s, was failing to meet user demand, especially in the high-water use, summer months.

Fast forward, I attended a PSA BOD meeting in 2001, complained of low water pressure, was told by 10 men, the PSA Board of Directors, to forget about water system upgrades and replacement, because it would cost too much, and as they arrogantly told me, they had no intention to assess PSA members for the cost to fix the original, 40 plus year old, under capacity, non-compliant, failing water system.

In 2009, PSA went online, providing all PSA 228 lots with a new water system, including 17 new fire hydrants. I could not have accomplished this task alone, and 3 years into the project, I needed a person with engineering skills in utility work, The PSA BOD was not about to pay for one, and several Directors were moving to cancel the water system project.

In 2008, I met a new PSA owner, a 75-year-old, retired man with a BS degree in engineering. Bill Davies, a mechanical engineer with 20 years of Public Utility service. Bill had worked as a staff engineer, and, with a Master's degree in business, had all the credentials to assist me in obtaining permits with correct engineering design, and provide project construction oversight for the next 5 years.

The PSA Water committee in 2006, proceeded, with BOD approval, to obtain design and permits to drill and construct a new South Well, connected to the North well site storage tanks via a new 800-foot connector main, completed in 2007. **The South well project was funded by a one-time assessment of \$600 per PSA Lot.**

In 2008, the Water committee obtained the state approved design, and permits. **Construction of a new Water Distribution system was entirely funded by a onetime assessment of all 228 PSA lots for \$2,543 per lot. Total assessments for a new South Well, and new Distribution system totaled, \$3,143 per PSA platted lot.**

The PSA Water Committee (W/C), a group of 7 volunteers, saved PSA members approximately, \$2 million. To this day most PSA members, have no clue, or care, what our 7 men accomplished. I endured hate and derision from biased PSA owners who thought a new, and legally compliant water system, was not essential.

6 of the 7 W/C group of men have died, as most were in their 60s to early 80's when we started in 2002. I thank the Lord for giving me the stamina and strength to complete a new South well, and water distribution system that will serve our PSA association, provided it is complies to SWSMP standards set by WA. State.

Thankfully, PSA owns their private water system, with 17 fire hydrants, that serves our PSA community with fresh, non chlorinated, well water. Our 2 wells draw water from a deep underground aquifer, replenished by 70 plus inches of annual rainfall in Mason County, thereby recharging our underground aquifer, known as, the "Vashon aquifer". (See *USGS 1970 "Geology and Related Ground- Water Occurrence, Southeastern Mason County WA"*. This report contains well source records on freshwater sources for Southeastern Mason County)

In fact, Mason Lake water is sourced from the same "Vashon aquifer" as our PSA Well water. Below Mason Lake exist underground artesian springs. Fresh, artesian water feeds 1,000-acre, Mason Lake, along with the 70 inches of annual rainfall, with groundwater flowing into the lake from Schumacher creek.

It is important our PSA owner/members know they have a water asset of great value, as more populations complain of insufficient water, impure contaminated water, or not enough pure water necessary to sustain life. *Feel free to contact me if you would like to review my hundreds of pages of records.*

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