

RE: Paradise Estates WS 7/27/07

From Meriwether, Frank (DOH) <Frank.Meriwether@DOH.WA.GOV>

Date Wed 8/1/2007 7:54 AM

To Reg Hearn <reg@nwwatersystems.com>; Larry <pazazz@wavecable.com>

Cc Boyd Smith <doctorhos@wavecable.com>

Hi Reg and Larry,

Yes, I agree, it looks like we're all in agreement with getting those connection numbers.

I like your explanation of an active connection Reg. Also, in case there is a question regarding the difference between a "Full Time" single family residence and a "Part Time" single family residence for purposes of the WFI, a part time residence is occupied less than 180 days per year. Of course that information is sometimes hard to get, but we just want the best estimate in such cases. That way the WFI can be filled in with the current number of both full time and part time single family residences.

One big benefit in obtaining the best estimate or information on connections is that the actual water usage per ERU or connection can then be more accurately calculated.

Frank

From: Reg Hearn [mailto:reg@nwwatersystems.com]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 11:04 AM

To: 'Larry'; Meriwether, Frank (DOH)

Cc: 'Boyd Smith'

Subject: RE: Paradise Estates WS 7/27/07

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To All:

REQ. NWS 7-30-2007
TO BOYD PSA
FRANK DOH

Yes, we need an accurate count of current active connections before I can address this issue. An active connection would be a connection with habitable dwelling or that is regularly used as a recreational property.

Reg

From: Larry [mailto:pazazz@wavecable.com]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 6:31 PM
To: Meriwether, Frank (DOH)
Cc: Reg Hearn; Boyd Smith
Subject: Re: Paradise Estates WS 7/27/07

7-27-2007
LARRY PSA W/C TO
FRANK ODW, REG NWS

Frank, Reg,

I completely agree with your proposal to have an accurate update of the WFI with regard to residences served by the PSA water system.

At the annual meeting, on July 14, 2007, for property owners within Paradise Shores Estates, Paradise Service Associates(PSA) premailed, with voter information, a separate form soliciting each property owners current and future water use intentions.

As PSA Water committee chairman, I have not seen the results of the survey, however, that information will be forwarded to ODW and NWS for inclusion in updating the WFI. In addition, I believe the PSA water committee perform an audit of the survey to verify accuracy of the data.

I welcome any assistance, or recommendations in securing the most reliable information.

Sincerely, Larry Pazaski
PSA Water Committee Chairman

----- Original Message -----

From: Meriwether, Frank (DOH)
To: Reg Hearn ; Larry Pazaski
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 4:50 PM
Subject: RE: Paradise Estates WS

7-27-2007
FRANK ODW TO
REG. NWS, LARRY PSA
W/C

Hi Reg and Larry,
That is a real good recommendation; thanks for that response.

Reg, I just sent you an email a minute ago about this topic. Basically I am requesting a count of the number of current residences on the water system as I think the WFI needs to be updated. That will give us all good information about how many connections are actually available out of the total of 167 ERUs/connections that were recently approved. And I believe that info would be good to include in that letter.

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OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER, ODW

Frank

From: Reg Hearn [mailto:reg@nwwatersystems.com]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 4:34 PM
To: 'Larry Pazaski'
Cc: Meriwether, Frank (DOH)
Subject: FW: Paradise Estates WS

Larry:

We have a problem. Some of the things that I said at the meeting were not accurate. I was working under a misunderstanding regarding the relationship of the active connections to the water usage and water right. This needs to be fixed in a most expeditious manner.

I would suggest a letter to the community, which I will be happy to draft, since I made the statements. I will coordinate with you next week on how we get the distribution done.

Reg

From: Meriwether, Frank (DOH) [mailto:Frank.Meriwether@DOH.WA.GOV]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 3:06 PM
To: Reg Hearn
Subject: RE: Paradise Estates WS

Thanks Reg for that response. From your response I believe that you were saying at the meeting that the water system is limited to 167 erus/connections based on the capacity analysis, and the limitation is water rights. And that is correct, that is our recent determination and approval based on their SWSMP, that is what I have tried to make clear at our recent meeting here at ODW and in the letter I sent 6/25/07. The WFI says they have about 64 connections now, which would give them a lot of connections available at this time.

HOWEVER what the resident said he heard at the meeting was different. He said he heard that there is now a type of moratorium in effect due to ODW and that Paradise Estates is closed for all future building permits.

Could you confirm that you indicated the former and not the latter at the meeting? I need to get back to the caller on this. And I don't doubt that he will want something in writing since there are some groups there that are saying various things about why the water system is doing what it is doing, and so a letter could go a long way to clear the air.

Thanks,
Frank

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Reg. News to
Larry PSA w/c

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From: Reg Hearn [mailto:reg@nwwatersystems.com]
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To: Meriwether, Frank (DOH)
Subject: RE: Paradise Estates WS

Certainly, Frank:

What was said is that ODW brought to our attention the fact that the system is using essentially all of its water right. NWS will not issue Applications for Determination of Adequacy for additional connections because the community does not, at current usage levels, have sufficient water rights for any additional service connections. Said another way, the system is currently inadequate to provide service to additional connections, given current usage rates, because of insufficient water rights.

This got stated several different ways, as folks have trouble understanding what constitutes a water right. I believe that it was also stated that ODW does not generally allow additional service connections on water systems that are currently using all of their water rights or are otherwise "inadequate".

What I DIDN'T say, but am of the opinion, is that the system's operating permit should be changed to Blue due to insufficient water rights to serve additional conditions. But that, obviously, is your call. It has happened in the past in similar situations, and I kind of expected it to be an outcome of the meeting with ODW, but I note that it is still Green.

Reg

From: Meriwether, Frank (DOH) [mailto:Frank.Meriwether@DOH.WA.GOV]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 10:02 AM
To: reg@nwwatersystems.com
Subject: Paradise Estates WS

Hi Reg,

I just got a call from a resident at Paradise Estates (ID #66125) regarding their public meeting you attended on July 14th in the afternoon. He said that you stated Paradise Estates is closed for all future building permits, and that decision has been made by ODW. Could you clarify what was said at that meeting?

Thanks,

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REG NWS TO
FRANK ODW