

Westside Water Newsletter September 2016

Board News

Regrettably, President Bob Jones submitted his resignation to the WWA Board in August. Bob needed to rearrange his priorities on short notice since he will become a companion and caregiver to his brother who will be undergoing cancer treatment starting in the fall. We know that you will extend your thoughts and best wishes to Bob and his family as well as thanking him for his successful leadership of the association over the past two years. The Board has asked recent President Pat Call to serve out Bob's term.

Anderson Well status

The Anderson well field has worked as projected over the entire summer and its performance has exceeded expectations. We continue to operate the Shingle Mill Well Points to provide balance to our sources but the majority of our water is coming from the Anderson field. Peak usage this summer over a 3-day period was about 70 gpm and we never had to turn on the high-arsenic Canyon to satisfy demand. The new well, made possible by the first Westside Water loan has thus made it possible for our water district to satisfy demand without any arsenic or other impurities for the first time in recent memory.

About 10% of the members have indicated that they will pay the Anderson Well II assessment up front bringing in about \$5000 to help pay down our loan more quickly. Thank you so much to those of you who could do this. We would encourage anyone else who can contribute in this way to do so by sending an e-mail to contact@westsidewater.org.

Leak Report

We have had several major leaks this summer but fortunately each was caught and fixed quickly. Thanks to members for being vigilant and reporting these events.

Mystery of low pressure on 115th and Cove road solved

A long standing issue with low pressure in this section of our system was resolved this summer (apologies to those of you who now have to install a pressure reducing valve). A failed check valve was causing a pump to spin backwards -- a condition that continued even when the pump was engaged. Replacing the check valve and rewiring the pump has resolved the situation. Customers should now have adequate constant pressure. If not please contact system manager, Doug Dolstad at 206 715 3805.