

MEMBERS UPDATE FOR JUNE 2010

Our annual member's meeting is coming up June 19th. This year it will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the Winthrop Sports Rink at 7pm. We will be voting for three new board members to replace (or re-elect) those whose terms are expiring. Our thanks to the four members volunteering to be on the board ballot, and to Victor Glick and Libby Schreiner who volunteered to count the ballots after the meeting.

At the annual meeting we will give an overview of the importance of detecting and eliminating leaks, review a capitalization plan for future reservoir improvements that may be needed to achieve buildout of all lots, and a member backflow prevention implementation plan. This plan will determine which lots with a water connection lack adequate backflow prevention devices and ensure that backflow prevention devices are installed where needed. Backflow prevention is one essential means to maintaining the water quality of our water system and is required under our CC&Rs.

All members were sent a Department of Health (DOH) form notice that we had some sporadic total coliform detections in our water system last month. Follow up testing confirmed these were not disease-causing or associated coliform bacteria, and there was no need to boil water before use, but the coliform detection did indicate some source of environmental contamination. The following explanation of the occurrence and our response was in the notice you were sent below. Since the notice was sent, the newest testing results have shown no total coliform.

On May 20^m, 2010 a routine water sample in Cottonwood Meadow revealed a positive result for coliform bacteria. Under the direction of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) repeat samples were taken on May 24th, 2010 to determine the extent of the bacteria in the WCPOA water system. Out of 5 samples distributed throughout the water system 2 tested positive for coliform, one at Well #3, and the other in Virginia Hills. During this testing period we have been working to fix some flow restrictions on the chlorination equipment, and have now remedied that problem. We are continuing efforts to find potential contamination sources through a plan that includes professional leak detection services, isolation exercises, and additional support from the DOH and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington, as well as additional disinfection procedures and sampling. Providing our membership with safe drinking water is our number one priority. We will pursue this problem until it is resolved.

Another reminder: with our wet spring comes potential for new potholes in our slow-speed dirt roads. Our recent grading and stabilization of the worst condition areas was expensive and the costs are borne by everyone. To save us all money, we urge all members to drive slowly at 15 mph as posted. We have been performing road grading/maintenance on the worst sections each year to stay within the member's dues budget. Please take it easy on our roads to hold our costs down.

WCPOA Board