

## **Monthly Letter from the Board of Directors October 2009**

A contractor has been selected to repair and clean our reservoir this fall. That work might happen as soon as late October or early November. The contractor is trying to combine a trip to our reservoir with a reservoir job they have in Tonasket which would save us money in travel/mobilization costs. The method used for the work is not expected to cause a temporary interruption in water service, but if it does we will activate our "calling tree" to let members know when and how long that might occur as soon as we know.

Pete trained Bob and Dotti Wilson, Pat Karman, and Corinne Poole last month as another volunteer backup to perform water system tasks when Pete is away. If you'd like to volunteer to be another backup, or just want to learn about the water system, Pete is happy to show people around when he is making rounds; just give him a call or e-mail. We will be identifying other opportunities for volunteers within our community. Let the Board know if there are tasks you'd like to volunteer to help with or send us an e-mail at [wcpoabod@yahoo.com](mailto:wcpoabod@yahoo.com).

The meter readings at the end of October will conclude the summer irrigation season data set collected monthly this year by our Water Manager. For the first time, we are working with data from metered lots for an entire year. At our next meeting in early November we will be using these data to determine the best longer-term water billing system (to replace the temporary system in place this year). The Board will also be voting on selecting a contractor to update our water system Engineering Report sent to the Department of Health to free more water connections and determine the need for any infrastructure improvements. The year's worth of water meter data are invaluable to that effort. If needed, the Board will then tackle the timetable and best system to capitalize necessary improvements without undue member assessments.

The Board is still actively soliciting your thoughts on the more permanent water rate system it expects to complete by the end of this year and apply to billings beginning 2010. Please be sure to send in your ideas or contact any Board member.

Sincerely,  
WCPOA Board of Directors