

WCPOA Update
October 5, 2008

The second source meter was installed on Pump #2. Some of you may have noticed the backhoe working at the northwest end of Cottonwood Meadows. We were not able to install the meter in the existing vault due to the size requirements of the meter and the current layout of piping so we had to install another vault adjacent to the old one to accommodate the meter. Source metering is now required by the State Department of Health under the 2007 Water Use Efficiency Rule.

The water outage we experienced a few weeks ago was due to a bad wire on Pump #2. As soon as the wire was replaced the pump was back on and doing its job.

The board is in the process of selecting an engineering firm to prepare a plan to meet our immediate and future water system needs. This plan is required by the State Department of Health before they will consider removing the water hook-up moratorium. At the next board meeting we will be discussing the cost of the engineering report and how we will raise funds to pay for it. This is the next step towards getting our system where it needs to be.

Ron and Chrystal Perrow have completed the installation of their well, and are no longer connected to the WCPOA water system.

This week our water system manager will be shutting the water off to different sectors of the water system in order to isolate and check for leaks. The water will be off from 7:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. beginning Monday evening. This will continue each night through Friday. Please do not use the residual water in the lines during these hours as it could drain the lines and cause a low pressure and potential contamination situation. Fill plenty of containers to get you through the evening hours. Thank you for your co-operation. You should also be conservative when resuming water use in the mornings to minimize immediate cumulative demand. The resumption to full service after each isolation period will be gradual to minimize potential water hammering and damage.

Our next board meeting is October 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Okanogan Electric Co-op.