

Quarterly Update
Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District
April 2014

Dear District Members,

As reported in our January Update, the well to replace our original Guest Well (in Filing 1, on Golden Tide) was drilled. What was been confirmed since that Update is that the well is capable of pumping 40 gallons per minute. To put that in perspective, the original Guest Well that was our sole producing well from 1970 – 2010 pumped 20 – 25 gallons per minute. Our District Engineer modified the process design to accommodate this increased capacity and it has already been approved by the State. After competitive bidding, Johnson Excavating was awarded the contract to complete the process piping and shed enclosure. They are ready to start work as soon as the site conditions allow. We have received a matching grant of \$84,000 from the Department of Local Affairs to pay for this important improvement to our water supply and it should be on line by midsummer.

During these winter months, the Board has taken the time to step back and start some long term planning. We have commissioned our District Engineer, McLaughlin Water Engineers, to put together a Master Plan, detailing our water supply and wastewater infrastructure, identifying our full build-out needs and making recommendations as to what capital projects need to be undertaken. We had a very productive work session with the Engineers at our March meeting; they will be finalizing the draft to include Board feedback within the first week of April. We plan on a follow-up meeting in June 2014 where they will bring cost estimates to us on recommended improvements.

We have also commissioned HRS Consultants, water hydrology engineers (again, after competitive bidding) to conduct a detailed analysis of our water rights. We have fourteen separate locations that comprise our water rights, twelve of which are conditional and have to be renewed every six years. Thankfully past and present Boards of Directors have been very diligent since the 1970's in keeping all of our water rights current. Several years ago the State enacted legislation that requires a much more critical analysis of how effectively our water rights are being utilized when the conditional rights are renewed. This Water Rights Analysis, taking into account decisions made in our Master Plan, will be an important part of our conditional water rights renewals, and will also provide recommendations on how to best manage our water rights. We expect to have a final report in June of this year.

All of this information and planning will also enable us to fulfill yet another State requirement, that we provide a public disclosure document bringing our Service Plan up to date by the end of 2014. The current Service Plan was created in 1972 when the subdivision was first developed as a ski resort community accommodating approximately 10,000 homesites. Obviously an update is in order and based on the planning we are doing now, we will be more than able to comply.

So this will be a good year for gaining insight into the status of our water/wastewater systems and our water rights and developing meaningful plans for the future of our District. We look forward to keeping all of you informed as to our progress. Although it has been a good winter for snow pack, we are planning to put the same water restrictions in place that were used so successfully last year. Everyone's effort to conserve water has been making a difference; let's keep up the good work!

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