

Quarterly Update
Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District
July 2015

Dear District Members,

I'm Jim Finegan and I've been with the SLWSD Board for three years and I am writing this quarterly update.

The good news for this quarter is that we have completed the work on the Guest replacement well. It is up and running and providing the district with high quality water. This means we will be able to run the Lot 78 well with the iron treatment plant less.

Included with this quarterly update is the Consumer Confidence Report for your reference. We'd like to note that there were no violations for the calendar year 2014. The Board would like to thank Scott Smith, our water plant manager, for his hard work and doing such a great job.

As we look at ways to ensure the quality of our water into the future, the Board would like to make our district members aware of a pollutant that occurs daily in our subdivision – dog waste. A great reference for this is an article that appeared in the April 17, 2015 Steamboat Pilot titled “Reaching critical mass of waste pollutants in waterways” by Laura Tyler (<http://www.steamboattoday.com/news/2015/apr/16/dogs-eye-view-reaching-critical-mass/>). She notes that anyone “who thinks that dog feces breaks down into good fertilizer is misinformed.” She goes on to reference studies by the EPA and the CDC supporting the science that dog waste is considered toxic to the environment and contaminating our waterways. How much dog poop are we talking about? One pound of waste per dog per day over one year, assuming we have 50 dogs in the subdivision, is almost 10 tons of dog waste. Visualize a mound of dog pooh roughly the size of your vehicle, every year. The easiest way to eliminate this contaminant is to just pick up after your dog – which is the right thing to do.

As we come in to summer, we would like to remind our members that water restrictions are in effect and posted under the “Rules and Regulations” on our website (see link below).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the Board members below.

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