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ARSENIC REMEDIATION UPDATE

Progress has slowed considerably and we are looking at a likely spring of 2019 completion date.

Working with our engineer and well contractor, we have developed a plan to move forward with the completion of the new Montclair West Well. The large, water bearing void located at 260 feet below ground level prevented the driller from reaming the borehole to the 14" diameter needed for casing and gravel pack installation. We are going to install a special casing advancement tool on the casing which will allow the driller to ream the borehole slightly larger than the casing and lower the casing into place at the same time allowing completion of the well. We expect the drilling operation to resume later this month.

The reservoir construction phase bids received again exceeded the engineer's cost estimate and the available grant funds. We are currently working with our engineer and the low-bidder on the project to identify cost reduction options so that we can award the bid and construct the desperately needed water storage reservoirs. We are currently operating the water system with a single 20,000 gallon reservoir which is just slightly more than a one-day supply and does not provide us with an adequate reserve of water so moving forward with the construction of reservoirs is vital. It is hoped that we will be able to get the bid awarded and move forward by the end of the month.

Our engineer is still working to complete the plans and specifications for the water treatment plant. Once complete, the treatment plant phase will go out to bid. Unfortunately, we don't expect a bid to be in place for this phase until November which will put construction into winter and we will expect weather related delays.

Once construction on these remaining phases is complete and all final connections are made, we anticipate another 2 or 3 months for permitting, testing and commissioning of the new equipment before the project is finally complete, hopefully around April of 2019.

Thank you for your patience with the inconvenience that construction entails and we will continue to do our best to mitigate the inconvenience.

DIRTY WATER UPDATE

Our flushing program seems to be reducing the severity of dirty water issues that our customers have been experiencing with the State-mandated addition of chlorine to our system.

Please continue to report any issues you experience with dirty water as your reports help us to identify areas of concern and adjust our flushing to address these areas and try and remove the iron residue as quickly as possible.

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Please welcome our new Board Member, Mike Biglay. Mike was appointed at the Board meeting of July 28, 2018, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Matt Daggett.