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General Manager's Report

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August is here already and before the month is out schools in the area will be back in session and life will turn from vacations, gardening and other outdoor pursuits to football, leaves and cooler evenings. But before then, we still have a number of weeks left in which extensive watering will continue to maintain lawns and outdoor landscapes. Fortunately, because of the foresight of those who first began the White City water system, and those of you who voted to purchase that system through the White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") in 1995, there is plenty of water to use and the water rights from which the water is obtained is of such a high priority date that we have little to fear of losing the water rights as long as we put the water to "beneficial use." At the same time, we want to be good stewards of the water we have been given and not waste it. In that regard, WCWID encourages all of its residents to continue to be wise in their water use so as to maximize its benefits. An example of this is to avoid outdoor watering between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM when temperatures will cause a greater amount of evaporation. Instead, use the early mornings, evening or, if one uses a sprinkler timer, nights to ensure the water used can soak into the soil to nourish the plants. After all, no reason to pay WCWID for water that is simply going go into the sky through evaporation or be otherwise wasted by flowing down gutters in to the storm drain system.

Speaking of "paying WCWID" for water, I have been watching for a number of years how surrounding water systems continually raise their water rates in order to "encourage" conservation. While WCWID has a base water rate to meet its core expenses, including the cost of the initial purchase of the water system, the rest of WCWID's rate structure is based upon the commitment of the elected Board of Trustees to use "cost based rates" and no property tax. In short you pay for what you use; no more - no less. In addition, water rates have not been raised by WCWID for many years with the result being that some rate studies are now showing WCWID water rates as being the lowest in the Salt Lake valley. See chart on page 2, put together by Holliday Water Company as part of its annual rate study:

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RATE STUDY

Holliday Water Company.....	\$159.32
Draper City.....low	\$377.20, high \$487.35
Jordan Valley Water	\$249.00
Kearns.....	\$469.95
Midvale.....low	\$173.73, high \$209.81
Murray.....	\$205.75
Riverton.....	\$184.42
Salt Lake City.....low	\$283.55...high \$436.74
South Jordan.....low	\$215.84, high \$232.64
Sandy City.....	\$283.55, County \$312.40
Taylorsville.....	\$239.41
West Jordan.....	\$217.97
White City.....	\$154.01

[Based upon a hypothetical summer usage of 100,000 gallons over three months from July 1 through September 30.]

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

August also begins a construction project as part of WCWID's commitment to upgrade and replace mainline water pipes to stay ahead of the curve for pipeline obsolescence due to age. In that regard, WCWID will begin replacing 1900 ft of 6" wrapped steel pipe with 8" ductile iron pipe in 730 East at Tulip Drive and continuing up 9990 South to Poppy Lane, and thereafter to Sego Lily Drive.

The replacement will increase fire flows in the area and reduce future repair costs. This project is estimated to take approximately 6 weeks from start to finish. WCWID appreciates everyone's cooperation with this and other projects pursued by the District's staff.

Any questions about the project can be directed to the office at 999 E. Galena Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Also information for this and other projects will be posted on WCWID's website.