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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Utah is Experiencing Another Drought

What a strange winter we have had. While snow eventually fell, it did not stay long. Snowpack in the mountains is below normal. Soil saturation levels is exceptionally low, which means spring runoffs will be below average. This has led to several of our water users asking how White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") is doing with water supplies for the upcoming summer?

The answer is aquifer levels are holding steady and there is sufficient water to meet anticipated requirements. In fact, because of the low saturation levels, more water from the snowpack will flow underground to the aquifers instead of the streams, lakes, and reservoirs. The net result is we should be fine for this coming year. At the same time, we are all hoping the weather pattern improves and more snow falls as future aquifer levels require a steady inflow of moisture.

Water Conservation is Important

Spring is almost upon us and outdoor use by the District's residents will start increasing. Gardens will be put in, lawns watered, and general outdoor cleanup will place demands on the system's water supplies. As noted above, the District has significant groundwater supplies and we do not anticipate any problems meeting the needs of the residents. **At the same time, as you think of how you will use your water this coming spring and summer, we urge you to be wise and conserve where possible.**

For example, outdoor water uses and especially sprinklers should take place between 6:00 pm in the evening and 10:00 am the next morning. Otherwise, a large percentage of the water will be lost to evaporative forces due to heat. Also, do not overwater by having the sprinklers go on every day when every other day will work. In short, use common sense. Finally, remember **"It takes less water to keep a lawn reasonably green than to revive a brown lawn."**

Spring is also the time when WCWID employees start a "valve exercising" program and flush fire hydrants to ensure everything is working and in good order. Because of this it is important that no one park in front of fire hydrants but also do not park near where a water valve is located. District employees will try not to cause damage as a result of the programs, but if you park too close to a hydrant, the District is not responsible for any damage that might result. Also, on garbage days please place your trash container sufficiently into the street so the wheels do not block the gutters. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

On a different topic, spring is also the time when, as mandated by law, the District must work with District residents on its backflow & cross connection prevention program. This program is designed to prevent contamination of drinking water caused by backflow through a meter connection. Water distribution systems are designed so that water flows in one direction to the customer. Backflow is an undesirable flow reversal of water back into the White City Water Improvement District System.

We have great-tasting water in WCWID. Drawn from deep underground, WCWID's wells bring the aquifer's pristine water to the surface for your use. **WCWID does not have to "treat" the water with chemicals, such as chlorine, nor do we add chemicals for other purposes, such as fluoride.** It is understandable, therefore, that WCWID encourages all of us to protect the water supply from contamination. Here are two ways to protect our drinking water:

First, protect water sources from contamination by knowing how to safely use, store and dispose of fertilizers, pesticides, cleaners, chemicals and oils. If these harmful products are not safely used, stored and disposed of, they can seep through the ground and into our water sources.

Second, make sure your household water lines are installed correctly, and install backflow-prevention devices, where required. These devices are designed to prevent the backflow of contaminated water into your house piping and our distribution system if a line break or related incident occurs. These types of devices often are installed on sprinkler systems. But something as simple as a garden hose in a water-filled kiddie pool or bucket can act as a siphon and move contaminated water into your house and company's water system.

Federal and State laws require annual testing of backflow devices to take place prior to your sprinkler system being put into service for the summer season. This test procedure is done by a State of Utah Certified Backflow Technician and ensures that a backflow preventer is installed and operating properly. This test is for residents who currently have a backflow preventer installed or may be doing repair or modification on an existing sprinkler system. The results of this testing procedure must be forwarded to White City Water Improvement District as the water purveyor before the system is put into use. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this testing, please give us a call. Letters will be mailed out the first week of April to those that we have current information on. If you have recently had a device installed but do not receive a letter, please contact us for a technicians list. Again, thank you for your cooperation in meeting this State regulation.

Thank You Again for Your Patience as we Transition to the New Office Building

WCWID staff will be moving into the new office building within the next 1 to 2 weeks. The old building will then be torn down as we commence Phase II of the Construction Project. This will entail new landscaping and parking. Unfortunately, during that time - March and April - parking may not be available and we ask our customers to use mail and electronic payments methods. Also, if you need to come to meet with Staff, you may need to park on Galena Drive and enter the new building from the South.