



**Operations Committee Report
August 11, 2020
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Charter: To ensure the community is well maintained and Operations runs smoothly by overseeing day to day operations, expenses and priorities of both work orders and maintenance.

Committee Members: Bob Forsberg as Chairman, Members as Paul Flanagan, Dustin Enny, Glenn Christensen and Victoria J. Darling-Orth.

Water Treatment

Extremely high water usage occurred in the last month due to five significant water leaks in member service lines. After extensive searches and zone isolation, all water leaks were located and water was shut off to each home until repairs were completed. After the water was shut off and repairs were in process it was determined all but one leak came from old or original service lines. The material used was found to be a black poly sprinkler line from the 1960's - 1970's.

Staff ran the water plant extensively to catch up reserves. This task was near completion until Saturday, August 8th when a fire was reported in the upper meadows. After putting out the fire, the VFD of BE filled fire trucks utilizing finished water. Operations has recommended the VFD of BE utilize lake water for such purposes.

Repairs were completed on Meadow Well to include in the well rotation for water production with Stable Well and Pool Well. Staff again began diligently producing water for use and reserves by rotating wells during production runs but are struggling as the water tables have significantly dropped. After research on the lowered water tables Certified Water Operator and Operations Administrator, P. Flanagan determined the cause is due to the lowering of Meadow Lake and the filling of Sunset Lake.

Water Meter Readings were performed this past week and figures provided for billing. Lead & Copper testing and Disinfection By-Products testing were completed on Thursday with results expected in the next two weeks.

Roads

The main road has been graded twice in the last month and will be done again with the next round of precipitation. Members are experiencing a washboard effect on the roads which is due to higher than needed levels of speed. Operations would like to remind members the new speed limit of 10 mph was voted in by the Board during the July 18 meeting and communicated to the membership shortly after.

The compactor site has been worked with 37 Dump Truck loads of material removed. Road base has been ordered for preparation of the concrete pad.

Parks and Pool

Grounds work has continued with a big thanks to the Garden Club for their efforts weeding and staff continuing to mow throughout the community.

The Pool has been heavily enjoyed this season and is running well.

Lakes and Streams

The gate on Sunset Dam was closed on July 18th as per Board instruction to test/adjust the Gate Valve. L4 was up several times and the Gate is now sealing. With the Gate Valve shut, Sunset Lake has continued to fill, and flow throughout the remaining lakes has stopped. Overall lake health has quickly declined and continues to do so. Total loss of fish as of August 10th afternoon was at 220 with the eco system and bio-habitat also quickly declining. Operations Administrator has strongly encouraged the Water Rights Chairman to open Sunset Dam Gate Valve. Opening the gate valve will allow water to flow through which may create healthy DO levels and could return the eco system and bio-habitat to a healthy level.

Administration



Victoria continues work on general administrative duties, water accounting, completing minutes in a timely manner and assisting members, committees and tenants as needed. Assisting the Board of Directors with Member Communications and mailings and work with Bookkeeper on membership accounts. Administrative support pertaining to State required documentation for water production and other documentation as needed. Additional support to staff, Committee Chairs and Directors as needed.

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