

Water Status Update 8/18/22

Telemetry: The Board could not predict when exactly the telemetry system would fail but it was starting to need repairs more frequently. To be proactive, last spring the Board asked one vendor for an estimate on replacement cost. We used that estimate of \$20,000 to get approval from the community to spend from the capital fund if it became necessary. Now it is necessary, but before spending \$20,000-25,000, the Board requested that one more attempt be made to fix it. When it became apparent that the system couldn't be fixed, the Board requested that our new manager Steve attempt to get three bids as our bylaws require. Getting responses from vendors is frustratingly slow. First, they don't respond. A week goes by with almost daily requests for information. Finally the vendor agrees to give us a quote. Then perhaps the vendor wants to arrange a site visit. Then the vendor promises an estimate within a week. But none of the three vendors provided estimates within a week. More phone calls and emails resulted in one estimate. Another vendor promises an estimate by the end of the week. The third vendor with whom we have worked in the past didn't want to even provide an estimate. Vendors seem to be very busy. If the Board approves one of these quotes at the Board meeting on Tuesday, 8/23, it could still take 4-5 weeks for equipment to arrive and be installed. Our crew has recently figured out a strategy to keep the tower filled to diminish the variation in pressure which should help with this whole situation.

Water testing: The Board would like to be able to provide current information on the manganese or iron that may be causing the water to be yellowish and taste bad. The local lab that used to test for this has closed. The Thurston County Department of Health does not do this type of test. It is necessary to go to Tacoma, pick up the sample containers, take the samples back to Tacoma and wait. The lab said it could be 7-10 days before results are available. That is frustratingly slow. Numerous samples were taken at different parts of the neighborhood. As soon as information is available, you will be informed.