

Vice-Chair Board meeting report out – April 18, 2024

Cloudiness water concerns – confirmed air in the water concerns after interviewing customers on Round Up Ln and Spur Circle. BRFD did some fire hydrant testing in the area with notable improvements. Will continue to monitor.

Reported leaks that are not significant but need attention will be attended to soon once there is enough work to justify an excavating crew for a day or two.

SP Well site – pumps are running, but the VFD is not working and needs to be replaced. Received quotes through Fever Controls for a couple of alternative VFD controller systems. Cost range is \$41k~\$56k for the Grundvoss system. Meeting with a Gould rep on Friday to tour the water system and get cost estimates for SP system and all systems for future upgrades.

SP Ranchettes well site meter is not working and will be replaced soon. This meter is important for water auditing of water pumped vs water sold. This provides an indication of leaks or lost revenue due to older meter wear.

Meters on the system with no account are being locked out until an account can be appropriately setup.

Fire Hydrant near BRFD planned to be repaired on 4/24. Coordinating a meeting with A Quality Water and BRFD to align everyone on using the fire hydrants and review the water sales process. Only water from the fire hydrant will be used to support local contractors, camps, and forest service. BRFD will help with the water sales and keep a log of water dispensed from this fire hydrant.

Electronic Meters – met with Dave Conaway with Master Meters to discuss electronic water meter installation. Did a demonstration with a meter in a pit box to observe how the data collection works. The proposed meter for BRDWID is a direct replacement for existing meters and has no external components or wiring. The meter units have a full 10-year replacement warranty and an additional 10-year pro rata warranty. Meter units have a radio transmitter powered by a lithium battery. Output is every 11 seconds. Range can be ~0.3 mile.

WIFA announced loan and grant funding available for water source and distribution projects.

Working with SUM and Brian to get the financial reporting completed for monthly reporting and annual financial reviews.

AZ Special Districts Alliance

- Met on 4/17 to finalize details for the May 22nd Summit planned to be held in Flagstaff. Oppenheimer & Co. and SiteLogiQ are sponsoring the Summit.
- Legislative updates in AZ include Fire District thresholds (amounts FD can increase tax levies) and movement toward DWID takeovers by municipalities for the water rights.
- Federally, the definition of Special Districts is getting closer to becoming a reality, PFAS rules now passed (more testing required), and massive regulations coming our way impacting all water utility's.

Upcoming Water Conferences:

- April 23~25 – Arizona Water Association 97th Annual Conference & Exhibition to be held at the Phoenix Conference Center.
- May 7th & 8th – Rural Water Association of AZ annual conference in Tucson.