

SUNLAND WATER DISTRICT

Commissioners Meeting

February 2025

Managers' Report by Tim Berger

Water Reclamation Facility

- January 16th 2025: The water team installed and tested new bypass pump at the Main Lift Station.
- January 22nd 2025: The water team installed a 4-inch sewer vault riser ring at 103 Olympus Court which will reduce flow to the Fawnwood Lift Station during heavy rain events.
- Rocky and Joe worked with Parrish Plumbing jetting the swale between Fairway Drive and Clallam Bay Street. Jetted 2X per year.
- 2/6/25 Angeles Electric installed the permanent air monitor in the Main Lift Station vault. On 2/19/25 RKI will be onsite training the team on both the portable and Main Lift Station air monitors operation and calibration.
- 2/12/25 – C & J Excavating breaking up the concrete floor of the old drying bed (should only take one day). The WRF crew will then haul off the concrete and begin the process of filling and compacting with fill dirt. Next step will be installing a retaining wall on the east end. (We will most likely use ecology blocks which would be about the perfect height, and easy to install.)
- 2/11/25 – A 6-inch sewer cleanout was plugged at 124 Emerald Drive. A root ball was found between the street and the 6-inch cleanout causing the backup. Parrish Plumbing jetted the line, removing part of the obstruction. The water crew used the sewer camera to reveal the plugged location. We're looking at purchasing a rotary blade to grind up the remaining roots in the pipe and also raising the meter box because it was half filled with sewer water from the overflowing cleanout.

Water

- 2/12/25: We were going to collect PFAS samples; however, DOH only sent out bottles for Well #1. We emailed them inquiring why Well #2 was not part of the package since the EPA required sampling both wells. Waiting for direction from them.

- Apprentice Update: We can fill out the paperwork now for the program starting the end of August. If we find an eligible candidate, they can fill out an application anytime between now and the end of August. We can also work with Work Source here in Sequim. The Program starts September 1st.
- Water loss for the month of January held steady at 7%.

Proposed WUE Goal to be Implemented

GOAL: Reduce total water production from wells by 2% within 5 years.

HOW?

- Identify leaks/over watering based upon monthly meter reads/ meter rereads, and analysis.
- Assist customers in locating leak sources; e.g., toilet valve/flapper valve, faucets, sprinkler heads or irrigation line leaks.
- Make contact with habitual monthly water abusers and explain our policy and goals regarding water conservation. (WUE).
- Continue communicating water conservation ideas/drought declarations, via email. (Especially critical during the summer months when consumption can quadruple when compared to winter consumption.)

Next Step: Schedule a Public meeting to present WUE Goal.