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CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM

HWPUD's cross connection staff has been methodically sending questionnaires to customers throughout the District. Folks have been asking why. Our Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Ordinance 2019-01 states "Pursuant to Chapter 333, Division 61 of Oregon Administrative Rule, it is the responsibility of HWPUD to protect its drinking water by installing and enforcing a cross connection program." If there is any possibility that the potable water supplied by HWPUD would be subjected to contamination or pollution from the service connection, an approved backflow prevention assembly would be required. Our feeling is that the property owner would best know what's going on, on their property. That is why we are sending the questionnaires out. We appreciate the responses we have received. It is taking about one and a half months to get through one section. Don't worry if you haven't received a questionnaire yet. The answers on the questionnaire determine whether we need to do a survey at the property.

BACKFLOW TESTER ON STAFF

Last year there was one public licensed tester in the Florence area.



The Board of Directors determined that backflow testing is a priority and they support the program. Lead Water Operator Jeremy Moore went to a week-long class in the Portland area to learn the process of backflow testing. The testing equipment has been purchased by the District. Jeremy did his first testing at the beginning of March. If you currently have a backflow device, when we send you the notice to get your device tested,

there will be two names on the tester list. Both testers are trained and certified by the State of Oregon.

BUDGET PROCESS

We are at the beginning of the 2019-20 Budget Year. The Board of

Cross Connection Program

A cross connection control program should comply with the regulatory requirements stipulated by the Oregon Health Authority. HWPUD should follow the "standards of the water industry" for the application of backflow prevention by:

The installation of approved backflow prevention assemblies, with the approval of assemblies being based on regulations and industry standards.

The installation of air gaps, backflow prevention assemblies and devices in accordance with industry standards.

The testing of backflow assemblies according to an approved and recognized procedure and at a frequency stipulated in regulations and recommended by industry standards.

The testing of backflow assemblies by certified testers, where the certification establishes a minimum level of training and competence of the personnel testing assemblies.

Isolation of premises by the installation of a backflow assembly on the customer's water service.

Procedures for investigating backflow incidents and restoring water quality.

Entering into a written contract with the customer to provide water service.

A comprehensive record-keeping program.

HWPUD's Cross Connection Control program is available at the office or can be found on our website at hwpud.com.

Directors is joined by five residents of the District to make up the Budget Committee. We would like to thank Peter Boyer, Larry Friberg, Scott Maurer, Charlotte Ryner and Karen Sievers for their service on this committee. If you are interested in finding out more about the budget process, please call the office at 541-997-2446.

RATE INCREASE

HWPUD Board of Directors and Staff work very hard to stay within the approved budget. We have decided to forgo any request for a rate increase for the 2019-20 fiscal year. However, in order to keep up with rising costs and inflation, it is very likely that rates will go up in 2020-21. We hope that this forewarning will help you anticipate an adjustment in your budget.

OPERATORS IN TRAINING

You have seen these guys working around the District – installing new meters and radio reads, weed abatement and reading meters among other tasks. Operator-in-training Ryan Estabrooke has passed his second Ken Kerri book: Water Treatment Plant Operations, Vol 1. This, with time on the job qualifies him to test for his Treatment 1 certificate. Operator-in-training Alex Caisse has passed his second Ken Kerri book: Water Distribution System Operation and Maintenance. Alex will have enough time in July to test for his Distribution 1 certificate. We appreciate the work these men do and congratulate them on their educational accomplishments.

COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR 2018-19

Collard Lake Road PRV Replacement
Rustic Lane Waterline
2018 Waterline Improvements
Mercer Pump Station Removal

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Treatment Plant Building Upgrade
Sutton Pump Station Replacement
Mercer Waterline Resection
Master Plan Update

If you are interested in District projects or other information about the District, call the office at 541-997-2446 or check out our website at www.hwpud.com.

OTHER SERVICES

HWPUD has a notary on staff. If you are in need of notary services, drop in at the office Monday through Friday any time between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If you have a small group that would like to be First Aid/CPR trained, contact Vickie Kennedy for more information.