

January 2015 Newsletter



PUC, CRRWC and Interveners Reached a Settlement on January 15th.

The January 15th settlement conference was held at the Crooked River Ranch Water Company office. The conference was a chance for all parties to ask questions, give feedback and work together to reach a settlement. The parties involved were made up of 3 persons from the PUC, CRRWC Attorney, CRRWC General Manager, CRRWC Board President, and two interveners whom are members of the water system. It is important to note that although the parties did reach a settlement nothing is final until the settlement and PUC testimony has been approved by the PUC Administrative Law Judge and approved by the PUC Commission. The settlement that was reached by all parties was for a 29.11% increase in revenue. That increase includes the \$193,629 annual loan payment to the USDA.

Many of our members want to know the effect that this loan will have on the rates. Doing the simple math using 1505 service connections the cost to each member per month for the annual loan payment would be \$10.72.

We do not expect to receive the final order from the PUC for the new rates until late in February. If we have this information by the February Newsletter we will be publishing more detail about how this will effect your bill and the date that the new rates will start.

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Next Scheduled Board Meeting

February 18th at 6pm

Located in the Water Company conference room.

Meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities

Water Tower Project Update.

Work continues on the design phase of the Water Tower Project and we are currently on schedule to start construction early this summer and completing the project in October of 2016.

On January 16th we received notice that the land use application for Administrative Review and Site Plan Review was approved by the Jefferson County Planning Director. Structural, Mechanical, and Geotechnical Engineering are moving forward as planned. The easements have been agreed upon by the Water Company and the HOA and is now waiting approval by the USDA. We do not anticipate that this will delay the project.

We will continue to keep you up to date on our website. Just click on "What's Happening Now?" on the home page. You are always welcome to contact our office and ask for Frank, your water company General Manager.



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Do you still need a Backflow?

Thanks to everyone that requested a backflow assembly as a result of our last news letter.

As many of you know CRRWC and the PUC have a policy that every property on the water system is required to have a backflow assembly. Any assembly installed after April 10th 2013 must be installed by the water company inside the meter box. This provides the system with increased protection from contaminants that may be inadvertently introduced into the water system from a members property. Over the past two summers we have installed over 400 backflow assemblies. Because these assemblies are owned by the water company and installed before the meter we can perform all maintenance, repairs, replacements and annual tests. The water company is also responsible for any freezing that may occur with these backflow assemblies.

We are taking orders for the 2015 installation season at the same cost as the last two years. The price for a backflow assembly on a 3/4" meter is \$385, \$495 if you have a 1" meter. This price is for the cost of parts only! We offer a 12 month payment plan with 0% interest when requested.

If you would like to have your Backflow assembly installed please contact our office at 541-923-1041 or you may email customer service at custserv@crrwater.com

Do we have your correct contact information!

Many times if a neighbor or someone passing by sees a home that appears to have a leak they will contact us. It is important to have your current contact information so that we can contact you in case of an emergency. Information such as emergency contact person, your cell phone numbers, and an email address.

Please go to our website (www.crrwater.com) on the front page you will find a link to update your contact information.