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RE: Update on Silver Springs Water Co. for the homeowners of Silver Springs.

It has come to my attention, that some of the homeowners would like an update or newsletter of the Silver Springs Water Co.

Not being a writer or having much experience in writing makes it hard for me to accomplish this, but, I decided it needs to be done, so here goes.

If I start to ramble, (which I have been known to do), please bear with me. Some of the information enclosed will be very important.

Fisheries within Silver Springs:

For the last few years, we have been able to experience and show our friends, neighbors, kids, and relatives what it is like to have spawning trout in our streams. With all of the new building and new residents around Silver Springs, the spawning activity is in danger.

To protect this natural event, we need to accomplish several things, which are, but may not be limited to:

- 1 Making sure that people are not throwing rocks, sticks, spearing, netting, or fishing in the spawning area of these streams. Besides, Its Illegal!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and carries a \$500 fine or 30 days in jail or both.
- 2 Stream beds have been built up in such a way that when water is going through or over the rocks in the stream bed, the fish cannot make it back to where they came from. A good community project would be to put these beds back into a condition that would promote more fish each year.
- 3 Teaching our children that throwing rocks and sticks at the fish spawning is not a good thing to do. (I might add, some of the parents need to set the example.)
- 4 Understanding that there is a two fish limit per licensed person, and that it would be nice to observe the catch and release standard.

Please, Please, help preserve this natural resource, it is very delicate, and very easy to destroy.

Docks on lake:

Because of insurance problems, we cannot afford to have any docks on the lakes. If those of you who live on the lake will have a survey done, you will see that these docks are not on your property. The additional insurance cost is over \$35,000 per year. If property owners on the lake want to have docks, then they must bear the burden of this insurance. If they will come to me with cash in hand, we might be able to work something out. But this issue has to be resolved

by July 15, 1988. If it is not, at the option of Silver Springs Water, could be forced to remove these docks from the lake area at the expense to the people who now have them. This cost will be added to their individual home water bill, and if not paid, water service could be terminated.

Improvements to System:

Since I have taken over, there have been many improvements to the system.

Total expenditures exceed \$150,000 to date, and we are still making more improvements.

If you were to call the County Health Department, the Rural Water Association, or the Public Utilities Commission, you would find that they all agree on one thing, this water company has improved more in the last couple of years than most systems do in ten years. The Rural Water Association considers this one of the better small systems in the state of Utah. The County Health Department considers this one of the best systems in the county. And the engineers we use consider this system one of the most aggressive systems they have ever worked with.

We are fully approved by the State Health Department, and have been for some time. Many people have told me that we should have blown our horn on this point, but I felt that was the way it should have been in the first place, so I neglected to say anything.

We have a new transmission and collection line at the spring area, a new central chlorination house, and total automatic valving that can be controlled by myself or one of my staff from any touch tone phone, or code generator.

There is daily monitoring of the system at all times. We have an answering machine that calls myself or my staff. If it is an emergency, we respond at that time. If it is not an emergency, we try to respond during normal business hours. The weak point is messages are sometime lost when not taken at the office. Please, call again if I don't get back to you as soon as you would like. I do try to answer all calls.

There is a well we are redeveloping now to get more flows, and to improve the water quality of the well.

We are trying to locate all water main valves. Many homeowners have buried them under their landscaping. This is not only illegal, but when we have a problem, like a cement truck backing over a hydrant, we have to shut down most of the water system, just because someone decided they would landscape over these valves. If we find this to be the case, we will dig up the valve and bring it to a level needed. We will not repair the landscaping that is disturbed.

This summer, we will be putting a 2 inch cement ring around all valves, with numbered markings on the valve.

Last fall and winter, you may have seen us raising and repairing the fire hydrants in Silver Springs. All hydrants are now in working condition. In the winter months, any property owner who has a hydrant on their property, must keep

the hydrant clear of snow so the fire department can use them. The Silver Springs Water Company will still mark all hydrants for them.

Property Taxes:

This last year, you may have seen some water company properties up for tax sale. This is because the county was excessively charging property tax to the system. Just before the sale, with Ron Perry's help, they reduced that burden by over \$16,000. There are many other areas in which we have been attempting to cut costs, or increase revenues, so that the end water user doesn't have to pay the bill of someone not paying their way.

Master Association:

The water company is in favor of a Master Homeowner Association. We need to have some controls that protect us from those outside of our community. We have land to develop within our boundaries. This Master associations would give the developers a way of communication with all the associations. Plus, there are some common areas, such as around the lakes and tennis courts in the condominiums area that need upkeep and controls in favor of everyone in our community. Please support your Association officers in this endeavor, and if you have the time to help, let the officers or myself know.

Water use, Common Questions, and New Laws:

There are some new EPA laws on water quality coming out, addressing the amount of lead in the water.

Under the new guide lines, the acceptable amount of lead in the water is .05mg/l. There will be articles coming out in newspapers, on radio and TV in the near future on this lead issue.

Anticipating this, our water system had water samples taken at the spring, the school, and in the development.

The spring showed .001mg/l, the school showed .005mg/l, and the three test points in the development showed .001, .003, .003mg/l. As you can see, we surpass the EPA recommendation with flying colors!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

However, if you have a new home, and the contractor used copper pipe where he had to weld the joints together, you could exceed the EPA limit. If you have a concern on this, we suggest that you have your water tested. We use Ford Chemical Laboratory at 40 West Louise Avenue, Salt Lake City, Ut 84115. The test costs approximately \$10.00. If you have concern, but do not have the time, call me and I will try to make arrangements for you.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend you do not use hot water taken from your hot water heater for cooking, or drinking. It has a tendency to have a higher lead residual than recommended by EPA.

We appear to have plenty of water this year, unlike other areas of this valley.

However, the reason we are asking for water conservation, is because the people in this community are using about 47% more water than they should. At this time, for the number of connections we have, we should not be using more than 225,000 to 250,000 gallons per day. The average reading per day is however, 367,000 to 425,000 gallons used. As the development fills up, the state engineer will be monitoring this situation very closely. During the winter months, when we have more people here, but no watering, the daily use is 26,000 to 47,000 gallons per day.

If I receive enough requests, I can order some booklets on conservation of water. Some simple things to do are:

Let your lawn grow longer. It is better for the lawn, and it will hold water longer. Also adjust your sprinkler heads to a closer tolerance.

Don't water your lawn till you start to see some dry spots. Over watering does not promote a good healthy lawn. To the contrary, it keeps the roots at a shallow level, making it more susceptible to drought, chemicals, fungus, and insects.

Inside, put devices such as aerators on faucets, devices that take up space on the toilet, install water-saving devices in the shower, use garbage disposal sparingly, use dishwashers only when full, keep cold water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap, repair and fix all leaks.

Renters seem to waste more water if they do not have to pay for it, so don't include it in the rent, or let them know what those costs are. Renters tend to use about 25% more water than homeowners.

If you want to discuss ways of conserving, or have any questions, please call, I will do my best to help.

In closing:

If you have any questions, please come on over to the office, or call. I will make the time to explain to the best of my ability.

If you would like to see the system and get a understanding of how it works, give me a call, and I would be proud to show you how it works, explain some of the problems, and answer any questions.