

CRUMBACHER ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - AUGUST, 2012

WATER LINE REPAIR

Our water operators identified a leak in one of our main lines. Repairs were completed on Tuesday, August 7th, requiring the shut-down of the water system for most of the day. The cause of the leak was a service connection that had deteriorated, and had to be replaced. Water samples were collected after pressure was restored to make sure that contamination did not enter the system during the shut-down. We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank everyone for their patience while the water was off.

NEW ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS

New covenant documents have been recorded with the county, along with the new bylaws amendment regarding the transfer of irrigation water. A complete copy of these documents is being prepared for distribution to every member. These documents are also available in PDF form on the Association website.

Another document recently developed is a request form for members wishing to transfer irrigation rights between properties. This form will be required any time irrigation water will be moved from one lot to another within the Association, and has also been placed on the website

IRRIGATION TRANSFERS

The Association has been given approval from the Department of Ecology to begin allowing transfers of irrigation water between lots. The Board is very pleased to see this effort finally gain official approval and reach the implementation phase. If you have excess water rights that you would be interested in leasing or selling to other members, or if you have a dry lot that you would be interested in irrigating, you are encouraged to contact a member of the Board, or send an email to the Board. We would be happy to assist members in making these types of transactions.

Whenever a transfer request is made, the Board will update the irrigation plan and notify the Department of Ecology of the change. This process will provide greater flexibility in the administration of our water right, while at the same time will help to protect water from relinquishment, which could be a possibility if irrigation water is not being put to beneficial use.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The recently adopted covenants stipulate that the Board will develop policies that will guide the enforcement of the covenants in a fair, consistent, and equitable manner. To this end, a policy committee is being formed to identify what enforcement options are available and how they should be implemented.

The Board would like for these policies to reflect the wishes of the Association, and is asking for your input. If you have suggestions about how certain covenants should be enforced, what penalties should be administered, or what steps should be taken during an enforcement action, please be sure to submit those to the Board. Better yet, please consider getting involved as a committee member, and contribute to the governance of our Association.

The committee is initially being chaired by Doug Hale, but would be very open to others taking the lead in this important work. This is a great opportunity to inform the Board about how you would like our covenants administered. Committee meetings will tentatively be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be held on August 27th, at the home of President Doug Hale, 4 Norway Pines Drive. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The first Policy Committee meeting will also be held at the home of President Doug Hale, on September 12th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend both meetings.

CONTACT YOUR BOARD

As always, we value your input and support. Please use any of the following options to contact your Board.

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