

SPUD NEWS

Your water district update...

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SPUD Awards Contract for New Water Storage Tank to Reno-Based Company

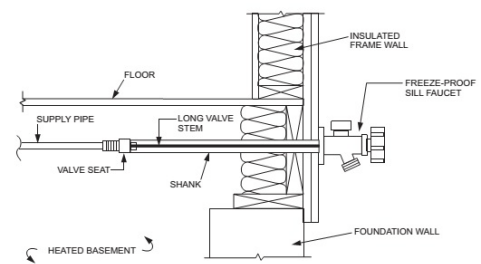
At the October 17th SPUD meeting, the board voted unanimously to award the bid for construction of a new water storage tank to Farr Construction California, based in Reno. The company, previously known as Resource Development Company before being purchased by Jeff Farr in 2014, has a 42-year history of constructing water/sewer public works improvements, especially welded steel storage tanks, throughout Nevada and California. A total of three bids were considered and the Farr bid was significantly lower, due largely to their office being closer, and the fact that they will not be sub-contracting any of the work. Depending on the weather, some demolition work of the old tank may commence this fall with the bulk of the construction occurring in the summer of 2019. As discussed in previous newsletters, funding was obtained via the USDA Rural Utilities program. SPUD was awarded a total of \$681,483, which includes a \$306,438 grant. The remaining \$375,000 is provided through a USDA loan with the lowest interest offered by USDA in over 25 years of 1.875%. Another tank is needed so SPUD can meet its maximum daily demand, fire protection requirements, and maintain adequate water storage if there is a source contamination, extended demand during a wild land fire event, earthquake or power outage, or if tank maintenance is necessary. SPUD does not anticipate the need to increase rates to fund this project.

Winter Is Coming...



Please do **NOT** keep water faucets trickling to prevent freezing! Proper preparation by insulating and u from potentially paying overage

Frost-free outdoor faucets are a relatively inexpensive solution (especially compared to damages from broken pipes!). The valve seat in a frost-free faucet shuts off the water supply INSIDE the exterior wall of your home, where presumably the air remains above freezing temperatures, and the excess water drains out of the hose bib. These faucets are available at most hardware stores.



Typical Frost Free Faucet

Be Vigilant! Leaks are Expensive!

Remember that meter reading does not occur during the winter months. Customers are charged the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) of \$41 for each of the winter months. When reading commences in May, any overages due to leaks are the responsibility of the customer. If you notice soggy ground, hear any strange hissing or dripping sounds, or simply see your pipes leaking, contact a board member immediately. You might also check your meter box...if all the water is turned off in your house, and the meter dial is spinning, you probably have a leak somewhere. Prompt attention and repairs are critical if you want to request relief from an overage charge.



To avoid Thanksgiving conflicts, the SPUD Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 pm on November 14th at the Sierraville School. Agendas are posted at the Post Office and School at least 72 hours prior. The public is always invited to attend and provide public comment.



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