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September 9, 2022

Dear Corral Springs Water District Customers and Neighbors:

It has been a very busy year for the Corral Springs Water District (District), and I thought it best to update you all on some of the important activities and accomplishments so far in 2022.

Our volunteer Board members and part-time contract staff work hard to bring you quality domestic and irrigation water as well as comply with the many requirements of a public water district. The following is a summary of highlights, changes, current issues, and a call to fill vacant Commissioner Position 1:

District growth:

All it takes is a drive through the neighborhood to see the amount of construction going on...it's pretty amazing. Of course, this means lots of demands on the water district for water availability, hook-ups, coordinating with contractors, and responding to emergent events, etc. It's nice to see our little piece of paradise taking shape, and meeting so many of our neighbors.

Washington State Audit:

Every three years the State Auditors Office (SAO) audits our District. They were with us for about a month reviewing our operations, but mostly focusing on finances and procurement practices... ensuring we are compliant to the requirements. I am proud to say we passed with flying colors. No issues, or findings. A special thanks goes out to our accountant, Raye Evans, and our Water Operator, Doug Hale...both did an outstanding job supporting the audit, providing data, and giving insights to our operation.

Chelan / Douglas County Department of Health (DOH) Audit:

Last week we spent the morning with DOH officials reviewing our system on site (the lead of the group is also a Washington certified Water Operator). As you would expect their focus was on ensuring we are meeting all the County and State requirements for water quality. Their questioning included types of testing, frequency of said testing, contamination prevention, potential contamination points, how we contain contamination events, and how we address contamination events. They also spent time reviewing both our District Operator Plan, and our Emergency Response Plan. Lastly, we walked them through some of our future modernization projects, including standardizing equipment and processes, and finding more effective and

efficient ways to operate the system, and prevent / respond to contamination events. Again, I'm proud to say that we passed with flying colors. They were very complimentary of our operations, and how thorough our Water Operator (Doug Hale) is...his Operator Plan set the standard for how to operate a water system.

Back-up Water Operators;

We now have all our on-site back-up Water Operators identified and trained with the appropriate tools. Thank you to John McCracken, Tom Michajla, Tim Schmidt and Brian Wilson for stepping up to help our community...and a special thanks to Doug Hale for leading us through the training session.

With our development growing rapidly and more demands on the water system, we felt it important to have folks on site who are familiar with said system, tools, system maps and some training to respond to a water related emergency in the rare event Doug Hale is not available. Keep in mind, your first call should always be to Doug. However, if he is unavailable, you can contact any of the Board members, or Backup Water Operators, and any one of us should be able to help you. Below is our contact information:

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Backflow reminder:

I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone of our annual backflow valve testing requirements. As of today, we all are making great progress...Thank you! We have 68 in compliance so far (tested by Doug Hale), please remember to pay Doug directly, not the district. This is a service he provides as a state certified water operator. There are still 12 open by folks who choose to have someone else do the test...which is absolutely ok, we (the District) just need the documentation of the results from the certified tester. We have until October 31 to have passing results, or a committed plan to get passing results. Otherwise, we are required to turn off noncompliant domestic water systems to protect the entire system.

Board Member Opening

Lastly, I want to update you on filling the vacant board position (Commissioner Position 1, Brian Wilson's term ended at the beginning of the year). In my January 2022 note I asked for volunteers who were interested in joining the board. I recognize all of you are very busy and may not be able to fulfill the several hours a month required to serve on the board, so it has taken a bit longer than I would have liked to fill said vacancy. However, we have one individual who has stepped forward, and has an excellent resume...Tim Schmidt. Below is Tim's resume:

Tim Schmidt retired from Boeing in 2019 after a 30 year career as a Structure Mechanic, Quality Inspector, Customer Coordinator, Quality Investigator and Quality Manager.

Prior to Boeing, Tim spent 9 years in the US Navy as a Mechanic and Boat Operator for the Naval Special Warfare Unit.

Tim and his wife built their dream home in Beebe Ranch and moved to the area full time in 2022. With a passion for serving his community and understanding the importance of the community's water source, he wants to put his skills to use helping the Corral Springs Water District. Tim also completed the Back-up Water Operator training with us...so he is familiar with the system.

Public Water District policy requires us to put this to a vote of the district membership. Since Tim is running unopposed, both Greg Nelson and I (current Commissioners) are recommending Tim Schmidt be voted in...he has the passion, applicable experience, and the training to be an excellent Board member. Plus, it is important to have our fully operational, and required, three member board with the increased workload driven by neighborhood growth. As with most public elections, folks running unopposed are listed and there is a spot for any write-in candidates, which we will do to ensure everyone is heard.

Since this is pretty straightforward, and we don't want to over complicate things, we're going to make this very simple for you.

Please express your vote via email (either by voting for Tim, or by voting for a write-in candidate of your choosing), to Raye Evans, our accountant at: accountant@corralspringswater.com. Votes are required to be submitted by September 24, 2022.

Votes will be tallied the week of September 26^{th} , the winner announced, and then we'll commence to getting said winner sworn in as a Corral Springs Water District Board Commissioner.

Information regarding the Corral Springs Water District is available on our website $\frac{www.corralspringswater.com}{}$. You are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly Board/Commission meetings. They are held, remotely / virtually, on the 3^{rd} Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm.

Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions on how we can improve.

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