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"Drinking water you can trust"

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"2002-The Year in Review"

2002 was an excellent year for Umpqua Basin Water Association. Our membership continued to grow with the addition of 80 new members, bringing our total membership to 2883, a 2.9% increase.

Our distribution system continued to grow with the addition of 1400 feet of new mainlines to serve the Meadows Subdivision-Phase III and Phase IV. Total cost for these additions was \$20,500.00 and was paid for by the developer.

The Association completed two up-grades of existing mainline projects. 2100 feet of 6" mainline was relocated on Lookingglass Road to accommodate a Douglas County Road Improvement Project. Cost was \$100,313.00 with the County funding 75% of the project. 1100 feet of 2" mainline was relocated and upgraded to 6" mainline on Upper Cleveland Rapids Road to improve service to the area. Cost for that project was \$24,177.00.

The largest Capital Improvement Project for 2002 was the construction of a new 1 million-gallon storage reservoir off of Old Garden Valley Road. This has given us some much needed storage and supply to the north side of our water system. Final cost for the tank project was \$341,866.00.

Additionally, the Association purchased capital equipment such as computer hardware and software, a pickup truck, security fencing for the plant/office complex, a rammer/compactor and an office copy machine in the amount of \$34,095.00.

Grand total, the value of all projects and capital purchases for 2002 came to \$520,951.00. Funding for the Association's portion of all these projects came from our Funded Depreciation and Capital Improvement Accounts and totaled \$424,451.00. No borrowing or financing was required.

"Year 2003 Projects"

Several projects are being planned for 2003. Work has begun to extend 2600 feet of 4" mainline on Melqua Road to serve up to 20 properties. Project cost is estimated at \$40,000.00 and will be funded primarily by the property owners benefiting from the project.

2800 feet of 2" mainline will be upgraded to 6" mainline this next spring on Upper Cleveland Rapids Road. Project cost is estimated at \$90,000.00. This will complete a project started last year.

A system-wide hydraulic study will be conducted this spring to identify bottlenecks in the distribution system. From that study, it is expected that several projects for pipeline improvement will emerge. \$25,000.00 has been allocated to conduct the study.

The Association has acquired a new tank site in the Melrose area. Plans call for the development of the tank site, construction of a road to the tank site and construction of a pipeline to the tank site, all to occur this next summer. Estimated cost of these projects is \$131,000.00. Construction of the 1 million-gallon reservoir is expected in the Winter/Spring of 2004.

In response to new security requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency, we are required to conduct a vulnerability assessment of the water system. Upon completion of the assessment, we are required to develop an emergency response plan. These two activities are estimated to cost \$85,000.00 and must be completed by December of 2004. Work will begin in late 2003. As a result of the assessment and response plan, we anticipate several security-related projects will need to be completed in order to come into compliance. Cost of those projects is unknown at this time.

Finally, we will be calling for proposals from qualified engineering firms for the improvement and upgrade of our treatment plant. From the proposals, one will be selected as the best method for Umpqua Basin Water Association to meet future growth demands and regulatory changes. Based on that selection, plans and financing will be put in place to complete the work by the end of 2005. Initial cost estimates are in the \$3 to \$4 million neighborhood.

“THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING”

Umpqua Basin Water Association will be holding its **Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting** at the Riversdale Grange Hall on Thursday evening, March 20, 2003, at 7:30 PM. The Agenda includes the election of two (2) Board members, an update on the current status of the Association, a review of recently completed projects, and an opportunity for questions, answers and general discussion. There will also be a vote on some minor housekeeping corrections to the Association By-Laws as outlined below.

Names of the nominees for the Board Member positions are posted in the office of the Association. Copies of the Annual Financial Statement will be available at the Annual Meeting or from the Association office upon request.

“PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS”

Article VIII, Section 5, Page 13

Change the time and date of Board Meetings to **(the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon or as otherwise set by the Board of Directors)**.

Article IX, Section 1 b, Page 14

Change the word “employees” to **“General Manager”**.

This is your Association. Please join us for the 2003 Annual Meeting and exercise your right to vote and be heard. Light refreshments will be served.

“SERVICE CHARGE POLICY ADJUSTMENT”

Effective April 1, 2003, several Umpqua Basin Water Association service charges will be adjusted. The Board’s decision is driven by the increasing cost of doing business and a desire to encourage customers to pay their water bill on time. Those charges are as follows:

<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Change of Ownership:	
a. Transfer Fee (\$40 membership fee, \$50 refundable deposit)	\$ 90.00
b. Read meter for owner/renter that is moving in or out	\$ 35.00
c. Reinstatement Fee of Forfeited Account	\$100.00
2. Non-Payment of Water Bill:	
a. Collect payment of past due bill	\$ 35.00
b. Lock or unlock meter (during regular business hours)	\$ 35.00
c. Service call after hours or on weekends (\$52.50/hr.)	\$105.00 (2 hr min.)
3. Customer request to check or repair problems on their side of meter:	
a. Regular business hours (\$35/hr. plus mat'l & equip.)	\$ 70.00 (2 hr min.)
b. After business hours & weekends (\$52.50/hr. plus mat'l & equip.)	\$105.00 (2 hr min.)
4. Check and verify water meter accuracy:	
Refunded if meter found faulty	\$150.00
5. Service Charge: (per month)	\$ 5.00 or 1½%
Unpaid, past due balance	(whichever is greater)
6. NSF Check Charge:	\$ 30.00
2 nd NSF w/in 1 yr. - Cash only for 1 year	

Questions can be addressed to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on March 20, 2003.

Umpqua Basin Water Association, Inc.

<u>District</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Area Served</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
1	John Stenbeck	Garden Valley West / Lower Garden Valley	March 2004
2	Dick Lewis	San Souci / Braunda / Colonial	*March 2003
3	Roy Ellis	Lookingglass / Happy Valley	*March 2003
4	Mike Brinkley	Melrose	March 2005
5	Don Bentz	Fisher / Garden Valley	March 2005
6	Frank Schuchard	Wilbur / College	March 2004
At-Large	Mike Luttrell	Entire System	March 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - Director positions up for election 			

Lawn Watering is Fast Approaching

Morning is the best time to water most lawn areas ... and the earlier the better.

?As the sunrises so does the mercury. After about 10 a.m. heat steals moisture from your lawn through evaporation. When you water EARLY, you can water LESS because more of the water is absorbed into your lawn. You save time and money when you water at daybreak.

Don't Drizzle.

?A light sprinkling is the LEAST EFFECTIVE method of watering. In fact, it can damage your lawn. A good soaking gets to the "root" of the problem by encouraging deep, solid root growth. Lawns without deep root growth are less drought resistant and more prone to winterkill.

Watering during the heat of the day can actually harm your lawn.

? "Scald" or "burn" damage occurs when hot sunlight hits water droplets that cling to leaves. The tiny droplets imitate powerful, miniature magnifying glasses.

At night, cool, moist conditions create an ideal environment for lawn diseases to develop. Grass blades watered in the morning dry off quickly, making it harder for a disease habitat to flourish.

It's Not Just Fun & Games!

Tampering with public water systems has serious consequences!

If a person tampers with a public water system or makes a threat to tamper with public drinking water, they may be imprisoned, fined , or both. Don't risk going to prison for something you may feel is just fun and games!

"Keep America's Water Safe" A reminder from **Umpqua Basin Water Association**

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