

**Notes from the 6/29 meeting with NV5.
10 - 11:45 am**

The meeting was attended by Lisko, Guillour, Star, Corn, J. Hines (SLP water operator), Nyhan, and Austin Schmidt(engineer in training) and Sheila Johnson (civil engineer) of NV5.

It would appear that the first step in retaining an engineer for water system improvements would be to secure a PLAN and prioritize the tasks accordingly.

But this is not how it's going to work according to Lisko. NV5 has been hired to tackle the task of fixing the commingle connection issue. During the meeting it was questioned what the benefit of fixing the commingle problem would be considering the 40-50% leak rate on sys 1. Until both our systems are within acceptable leak rates, the commingle connection serves little benefit.

Conversation began with fixing the commingle connection that was developed sometime before 2008 by our water system manager/resident/board member, Kirk Thompson. The commingle connection was designed to provide system 2 with water from system 1 in the event of an emergency. There was no option revealed to reverse the system without a redesign. It was noted by Corn that he was able to reverse the flow sending water from system 2 to system 1, but he stated it was a "trial" technique and he wouldn't recommend it be used as a solution. At the meeting there was little known among those attending about how the commingle connection was setup, however Star volunteered to send the information she received from Thompson to help understand the original design setup.

It was stated by Johnson that they would create a model and then secure bids for redesign of the connection.

Star asked Lisko why this task was decided as the first step considering there is no plan that prioritizes our most urgent needs such as fixing our leak rate.

Lisko replied that it was the simplest fix; an opportunity to "try" out the company and that if NV5 was successful in performing this task that there would be a further commitment on proceeding with other tasks.

Discussion drifted off the commingle subject to other topics concerning leak rates, usage, meter calibration, conservation, mapping, hydrology, system inventory, funding, water billing, tank level operation and monitoring, and other water system issues.

It was noted that a realistic look at what is happening now is what NV5 should understand. It was apparent that little of the logistics of the system or SLP water system issues is known to NV5. We would have to wonder how an engineering firm can just jump into the picture without some reasonable background on our system concerns, past improvements and funding alternatives.

As was discussed at prior board meetings, the issue of determining water rates was again brought up, however Star pointed out that determining water rates was the cart before the horse. If

government funding for water system infrastructure improvement is available it may be predicated on SLP having an established water billing system in place. The board cannot circumvent property owner's Bylaws rights with a policy for water billing.

It was disappointing to see the lack of attendance/interest in a meeting called to discuss our most vital infrastructure issues. However, this meeting should have been scheduled to accommodate the full time employed residents, not just a few of us local retirees.