



North Canyon Improvement District Newsletter

April 2010

First of all we want to thank all water users and landowners who came out to the April 12th AGM. It was great to see that so many of you were willing to share your time and thoughts.

You will be pleased to know that the new board has already made great progress in forming a more united front. There is definitely a new energy and a sense of excitement in the air. We are all anxious to get some work done. That being said, we will not be able to solve all issues overnight. So please bear with us as we are making significant changes, it will take some time.

Open Door Policy...

Please check out the new NCID message board at the Canyon Store. We want to thank Cora and Fig Schulz for graciously donating the use of this space. The board should be up shortly.

The trustees want to hear from you, the water users. Contact the board through the NCID e-mail address, phone number, and webpage (contact information at bottom of Page Two).

For the latest developments, meeting minutes, and other water information please drop by the NCID webpage for a look.

Just a Reminder

Please remember that the NCID remains under a permanent Boil Water Advisory year round. Residents are reminded to boil their water for all domestic purposes at all times of the year.

New Staff....

Welcome new staff member Ray MacDonald, Operator. Ray has just finished the first required Operator certification course. The NCID is very fortunate to have him and his considerable skills added to our team. He will work closely with Head Operator Dale Beebe.

Project Updates

There are several important projects that the board is focusing on. **Volunteers are urgently needed!**

- New NCID office location on Samuelsson Road and 44th Street. We have a used trailer already at the site, and we are taking steps to put it into place and have it serviced. Help will be needed to build the entrance porch, paint, and clean it up.
- Chlorination project. The board is speeding up the construction of the building that will house our chlorination unit. Once the board knows exactly what is needed, and how much it's going to cost the district, help will be needed for the building construction and for installation of the unit.

We appreciate your cooperation and input. If you have any ideas, questions or remarks at all, please contact us by phone at (250) 254-1215 or by email at NCIDforyou@gmail.com.

Caroline Hill- Chair

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Water use and conservation this summer...



We strongly encourage people to save water, and ask that you follow the voluntary water restrictions chart on this page. It will help balance the water use.

The snowpack is very low this year. Seasonal irrigation and domestic water demand could exceed the aquifer's capacity this summer. The community has spoken--until the agricultural community participates in water restrictions, domestic users are not willing to be subject to water restrictions either.

We have therefore decided to change our direction for this summer's peak water use season. Voluntary water conservation measures are being requested of all water users in the district.

The practice of a "weekly rest day" for outdoor watering will be observed in an attempt to allow some replenishment of the aquifer. As you can see we are suggesting that Sunday each week be the rest day but we are flexible. We suspect that a small number of the community may for some legitimate reason prefer the rest day to be some other weekday.

We are suggesting that an honor system be adopted. You may choose another day as a rest day, and still water for three days each week. There will be some spot checks but we assume that the sense of a rest day is obvious.

This summer we will make sure that our aquifer groundwater levels are read **every single day** so we can see when the aquifer is getting dangerously low. This will allow us time to inform the community before we take action. Should this happen, we will have no option but to apply stronger mandatory water restrictions. If that does not work, we will have to activate the Goat River well. This would result in an additional mandatory Boil Water Advisory being issued by the NCID (over and above the current permanent Boil Water Advisory).

Weekly Rest Day: Please choose one day a week to not use outdoor water

As far as the 'heavy users' are concerned, we will contact them on a one by one basis to see if we can work out a water restriction program with each one of them. We realize that different crops have different irrigation needs and we are willing to work together on this.

We sincerely hope that after this summer we will be able to come up with better water restrictions that will work for everyone and most of all, keep our water levels healthy in the hot summer months.

Voluntary Water Conservation Measures

1 May – 30 September 2010	Addresses that use water
Monday Wednesday Friday	Even Numbered Properties
Tuesday Thursday Saturday	Odd Numbered Properties

Should the level of the aquifer drop to the point where it threatens to shut down the pump, the Board reserves the right to (a) activate the Goat River well AND (b) implement further mandatory water restrictions. This would be accompanied by an additional Boil Water Advisory

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