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December 8, 2020

Customer Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Subject: Timberline Village Water System Improvements and Water Service Connections

Dear _____,

You have requested water service at the Timberline Village 628 water system. This purpose of this letter is to update on water availability and improvements on the water system.

Background

1. The previous owner of the water system exceeded the connections authorized for the water system.
2. The water rights being used exceed the 58 acre feet of water rights that were authorized.
3. There is a waiting list of forty-four (44) property owners that have requested water service from the water system.
4. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) placed the water system on a Blue Permit. Systems in this category are considered adequate for existing uses but are not allowed to add any more water connections.
5. The PUD has done extensive leak detection and repaired many water leaks; leak loss has been reduced from 33 gallons per minute to 9 gallons per minute.
6. The PUD secured a grant to replace some of the water mains, but those funds come with an extended time-line and many restrictions, including but not limited to, cultural reviews, SEPA review, and multiple engineering reviews and approval processes.
7. **Currently, I expect that the water main will be replaced by August 2021 and that we may be able to authorize your connection to the water system by November 2021.**
8. A water system plan for the water system is being developed and must be approved by DOH and this will include the total number of connections that can be added.

Current Status

1. DOH will not allow any new connections to the water system until all issues on the water system are resolved.
2. **Effective immediately, Thurston PUD is willing to not object to and to grant our approval to any property owner within the water system, not currently served by the water system, that wishes to drill their own well.** If you are interested in this option please note, drilling a well is an important part of your building permit application process and must be assessed by Lewis County Community Development during the Master Site Plan review. For more information visit; <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/get-a-permit/>.

It is important to me to be as fair as possible to you, and I know many of you have been waiting for water service to develop your properties. I apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience during this process. If you have any questions, please contact Operations Specialist Brian Wilson in our Planning and Compliance Department at bwilson@thurstonpud.org or toll free at (866) 357-8783, extension 124.

Sincerely,



John Weidenfeller
General Manager

cc: Senior Environmental Health Specialist Sue Kennedy, Lewis County Environmental Health Department, 2025 NE Kresky Ave, Chehalis, WA 98532