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Fall 2021 Newsletter

WATER OPERATION



WATER

It has been a difficult summer due to the drought for the wells in the area around Wildwings. More than 15 wells have gone dry in the immediate vicinity this summer. The water levels in the Wildwings wells dropped more than most of the wells being monitored in the region and have now started rebounding as they do each winter. During the past several winters underground water levels have typically rebounded about 40 to 45 feet at Wildwings. This summer the water levels in the Pintail well (primary well for the community) dropped by about 100 feet and the Canvas Back well (primary well for golf course and back up for the community) dropped by 116 feet. As can be seen, water levels will need to rebound by more than twice as much as they typically do in order for the wells to start out the next dry season in as good a shape as this past year. The Canvas Back well has been off-line since July 2021 and is being held for emergency use only due to the low water level in the well and due to the poor recovery of the well when it is in use.

Due to not being able to use the Canvas Back well for golf course irrigation this summer alternative sources of water were used. This past month water has been purchased from the farmer to the west of Wildwings and piped to the recycle pond at the wastewater plant for use by the golf course for irrigation.



The plan for the future is 6-fold:

- 1) Proposals were accepted for engineering design services last month for a new well. Work is beginning first on the selection of the location and then the design for the well. Unfortunately, both equipment and well drillers are in short supply and it is highly unlikely that a well will be operational by next summer.
- 2) Design for lowering the Pintail pump lower in the well will take place concurrently with the design of a new well. The pump has been lowered as much as it can be with the motor and electrical gear that is in place. Thus, a new pump, motor, shaft, electrical and MCC units will need to be installed in order to go deeper in the existing well.
- 3) A connection to the Moore Canal will be made this winter in order to supply surface water to the golf course during the summer (when available). Surface water may then be used to offset the use of the wells.
- 4) Portable pumps and hose will be purchased this winter to be able to utilize water in the golf course ponds for irrigating the golf course in the spring.
- 5) Conservation is Key – The County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance this past summer that adopts a mandatory conservation program. More information on the program will be presented in the next Newsletter.
- 6) Alternative water supply options are also being investigated.

WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution establishing a Water Conservation Rebate Program for residents within the Wild Wings CSA boundary at the October 12, 2021 Board meeting. Three rebate programs were approved through the action: a grass removal program, a landscape design assistance program, and a weather-based irrigation controller rebate. The grass removal program rebate is set at \$1.25 per square foot of grass converted to water-efficient landscaping up to 400 feet for \$500. The purchase and installation of a weather-based irrigation controller is set at a maximum \$150. These controllers use weather data including moisture levels, to adapt irrigation schedules. The landscape design assistance program provides a rebate of up to \$200 for a two-hour consultation with a County-approved landscape architect. This rebate is only offered after the conversion of grass or water-efficient landscaping. The maximum rebate per parcel is \$500. Funding for the program is on a first-come first-serve basis and is not guaranteed. These programs are not retroactive and will require County staff visiting the site and verifying the work. Interested homeowners will need to check funding availability by contacting the CSA Manager. Applications are expected to be available online by December 1st.

GOLF COURSE OPERATION



GOLF

The golf course is continuing to see increased business, compared to prior to Covid. Work at the golf course is continuing on deferred maintenance projects. A new greens mower has been purchased and new signage has been installed both at the entrance to the community and at the golf course. Solar lights will be added to the signage in the coming months along with continued work on fixing leaks in the irrigation system and upgrading the irrigation satellite system to be able to have increased control over water usage next summer.



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The Nest just had its Halloween Grand Re-Opening which was a huge success! The social hall (Nest) will be open for golfers & the community from 8 am to 4 pm each day. TV sports and internet are available. The golf course will be serving pizza, beer, soda, and chips from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Hot dogs and other goodies will be coming soon! Come on by and enjoy the camaraderie and the view! The building is available for rental to the surrounding community for events



large and small like playing cards, quilting and sewing groups, yoga groups, meditation groups, HOA meetings, birthday parties, receptions, weddings, baby showers, business meetings, or other gatherings. The Nest has had three events already and is booking into December and January now! Call Jason or Alejandra at the golf shop to book your event at (530) 661-4720 or go to wildwingsgolf.com and click on "The Nest" at the top and then scroll down and fill out an inquiry form for a staff member to get in touch with you.
