

3. **Facilitator for Citizen's Committee** – availability of facilitator for the park/recreation citizen's committee. Tom Skjelstad reported that Heidi Kolbe is willing to assist the District in determining a procedure for appointing persons to the proposed Citizens Committee for park services. She is a certified, professional facilitator. Heidi is out of the country at this time but will be available in December.

**B. Sewer and Water Department – Jim King, Chief Plant Operator**

1. **District's Boil Water Order-** report of what happened, what actions were taken, ongoing efforts, changes to the source water, and changes in water plant operation. Jim King reported that the fresh water treatment plant filter system had failed and this lead to the boil water notice. What happened: On October 26<sup>th</sup> after calibration of the finished water turbidity meter it was determined that the treatment plant was not making water that met minimum standards set down by the Department of Health Services for drinking water. Staff was unable to bring the plant into compliance and was forced to shut down production. Action taken: contact was made to our Department of Health Services representative engineer, Gary Schultz informing him of the treatment plant noncompliance and shut down. Several other water experts were contacted to help solve the problem. On October 27<sup>th</sup> it was determined that the filter media need to be replaced. This was scheduled to take place on October 30<sup>th</sup>. On October 31<sup>st</sup> Gary Schultz made the decision that a boil water notice needed to be posted due to low chlorine residuals and high turbidity. On November 6<sup>th</sup> staff began to flush out the reservoirs monitoring the treated water entering the distribution system and its reservoirs. On November 13<sup>th</sup> after a complete flushing of the system it was determined by the Department of Health Services all areas being served by Reservoir 1 were safe and that the boil notice could be rescinded in those areas. On November 15<sup>th</sup> the water customers served by Reservoir 2 were also removed from the boil water notice. Jim King also explained that in the past two years Lake Angela has seen major changes. Later than normal snow falls and mild weather late into the winter along with early snow melts and warmer than normal weather earlier in the spring has caused the source water to become high in algae, low in alkalinity, and variable pH levels. These increased loads (particulates and solids) put a higher demand on the filtering system, increasing backwash frequency and the possibility of breakthrough allowing unfiltered water to pass through the system.
2. **Waste Water Flow Data – for October-** Reported
3. **Fresh Water Flow Data – for October-** Reported
4. **Operations and Maintenance Summary** – activities during the month of October. Jim King reported:

**Operations WWTP**

- Continued to assist outside contractor (Telstar) with telemetry project involving the wastewater treatment plant, fresh water storage plant,

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August 1, 2008

Mr. Valen Brost  
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RE: Feasibility of Sewer Service

Dear Valen:

The Directors of the Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) discussed your correspondence dated May 15, 2008 wherein you inquire as to the availability of sewer service, specifically sewer permits, from DSPUD for your anticipated project. I have been directed to respond on behalf of the District.

As you and I have discussed, currently the District is in the process of renewing its waste discharge permit. We anticipate that the renewal will conclude sometime in the fall of this year. This is important because before the District's engineers can design an expansion of the current wastewater treatment plant, they will need to know the regulations under which the plant will be operated.

As I explained to you our permit renewal has recently been delayed due to an unfortunate algae bloom that occurred in the South Yuba River below the District's discharge point. This could possibly change our schedule for the expansion. Conservatively speaking, I would say the District should receive its permit approval sometime in 2009. Design should take 8-10 months after the permit renewal. Construction, due to the climate on Donner Summit, should take 1 to 2 years. All of this means the expansion should be concluded in 2012 at the latest.

Nevertheless, your letter to the District is timely and informative. As we move forward, your project will be included in our expansion plans thus making it feasible that the District can provide sewer service to the level you have requested.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. I wish you all the best with your project.

BOARD MEMBERS: ~ Cathy A. Preis, President ~ Rachel Tolmachoff, Vice President ~ Bob Sherwood, Secretary  
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DISTRICT STAFF: Thomas G. Skjelstad, General Manager ~ Jim King, Chief Plant Operator ~  
Julie Bartolini, Office Manager

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Thomas G. Skjelstad', written over the printed name.

Thomas G. Skjelstad  
General Manager

Cc: DSPUD Board of Directors