

Riverhill Homeowners,

In mid 2000's the Washington Department of Health, Water Division, developed and eventually enacted into law the requirement for water systems to be metered at each connection by January 1st of 2017. Over the past couple of years our association has been planning in anticipation for this mandate. In 2014/2015 a plan was developed, meters researched, and a contractor contacted to help institute an overall instillation plan. This plan was discussed at our annual meeting held in November of 2015 to all members in attendance.

The plan will consist of installation of new water meters, setters, and boxes as needed to every water share in the homeowners association. For those who have water shares but are not connected you will have a choice to connect at the current rate or wait, but know that the rates will change after the contractor has installed the meters.

The cost of the overall project is anticipated to be at/around \$60,000 with install, parts, and taxes. The project will start in late March or early April (weather dependent) and commence by road. Homeowners will be given ample notice and we only anticipate water being shut off during the day hours on week days.

At this time there is no intention to meter or charge for the water, annual rates will remain in effect. The only requirement is that we have the ability to meter, or in the case of the law, be able to isolate water usage and leaks.

The assessment of \$600 covers the meter install and parts needed to complete the Washington State requirements. On top of this onetime assessment the association will be locating and installing isolation valves, improving the aging pumps at the water tower, and installing up to date more efficient pressure tanks. Valves, connections and lines will be GPS'd and identified on GIS maps for future upgrades and overall knowledge of the system. Remember that our current system was installed in 1972 and little to no upgrades have been completed outside of the water tower.

Our hope is that this project will not only comply with Washington State Requirements but improve water delivery and usability for the overall system.

The "special assessment" as outlined in our Covenants and By-laws will be a onetime fee. It has been added to your parcel file and can be paid over the next two years by quarter or in one lump sum. To keep the project on track and avoid additional cost to the association payments not received on time will result in late fees.

As you can imagine this is a huge undertaking. We appreciate your patience during this time. If you have and questions please feel free to contact us at mail@riverhillhoa.com.

Sincerely,

Riverhill HOA Board