

Water Main Issue Update

From your HOA board

The flurry of water leaks we have had in the last five months has cost \$35,000 in repairs, as well as inconveniencing residents who lose water service. A retroactive review of repair and water loss expenses indicates that the trend is escalating as our water system ages and continues to deteriorate.

We would like to clarify the status of our efforts to seek a permanent solution.

Let's see the correspondence?

We are waiting to hear back from the Arizona Department of Equality to see if we can get a designation as a public water system. If that comes through, the Water Infrastructure Authority of Arizona, the agency that makes federal water infrastructure funds available, will consider us eligible for grants and forgivable loans. These are typically 100% grants, with no match requirements.

Let's see the statute or relative legislation?

If we cannot get approved as a public water system our District 18 State Senator, Priya Sundareshan, has indicated that she will seek other options for communities like ours.

What documentation supports this assumption?

The board feels that it is worth living with the leaks as long as there is hope for relief through federal or state funding. If, however, leaks continue to grow in frequency, we may have to look at other options, including private financing. In that case we would probably look at staging the replacement in phases. It would be more costly to do it that way, but if we can keep the monthly assessment lower it might be worth the higher overall cost.

Whatever steps are taken to replace the water mains will be decided by the community; the board's role is to research, work on options, and, when the time comes to make a decision, put the options out to homeowners to decide. While this is going on we will continue to provide updates through email blasts and in our meetings.

Let's see the actual expenses year-to-date; including repairs and water leakage.

What is the "Plan B" in a written format?

What is the contrast between expenses and proposed saving of HOA funds? A written proforma!

Why is there still a leak in VP III? How does waiting weeks help us to save money on wasted water?

What would stop VP from making incremental repairs in the interim?