

Hello Neighbor,

Just a reminder, we post a monthly report of rainfall, temperatures, etc. taken by Wes Suhr's weather station. The reports can be found here:

<http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/Hydrology.htm> .

Mr. Gliege's invoices for the first nine months are provided. The 2008/2009 budget starts with the June invoice that was paid in July:

- April: \$4210; May: \$6450; June: \$10,455; July: \$12,690; August: \$7507.50; September: \$11,504.00; October: \$16,055.00; November: \$25,957.16; December: \$28,035.50
- Average per month: \$13,651.57
- Total: **\$122,864.16**
- 2008/2009 Budget for Attorney Fees: \$37,000
- Total 2008/2009 Budget: \$90,000
- Total Against 2008/2009 Budget: **\$112,204.16**
- Projection For 2008/2009 Budget: \$192,349.99

Coe and Van Loo (CVL) invoices:

- July: \$21,159.10; August: \$15,990.90; September: \$1500.00; October: \$5500.00; November: \$7481.65; December: \$0.00
- Total: **\$51,631.65**

Mr. Harry Jones' invoices:

- November: \$3209.56; December: \$9037.60
- Total: **\$12,247.16**

District Regular Account Balance (end of January): **\$273,688.61** (Reflects the transfer of 287,855.50 from the escrow account)

District Reserve Account Balance (end of January): **\$3419.32**

### **February 8, 2009 PSWID Meeting**

**Next regular PSWID Meeting: Thursday March 19, 2009 7:00 PM at the Pine Cultural Center**

#### 1. February 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Brooke

- Both sides are prevented from discussing what went on at the meeting. They couldn't say if there was another meeting scheduled.
- Did say that nothing was finalized and that the condemnation process is continuing.

#### 2. Financing For Purchase

- Mr. Haney stated that the board has received financing from Compass Bank. He did not provide any information on the terms of that loan.
- The letter from Compass Bank indicates that the amount that they are willing to loan and the loan terms are confidential and can't be shared with anyone. The letter is posted here:

<http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/PurchasePSWIDDocs.htm>.

- Comment: I don't know if it is standard practice for a bank to keep loan amounts and terms secret. It would be interesting to know if the PSWID board requested that.
3. Escrow Money Returned to the District
- The board has received the returned escrow money, approximately \$288,000.
4. Testing of Milk Ranch Well
- The district's manager, Mr. Harry Jones, said that he had asked Mr. Mike Ploughe, a local hydrologist, to come up with an outline of the steps to evaluate the Milk Ranch Well, along with a cost estimate for doing those steps.
  - Comment: Mr. Ploughe was instrumental in selecting the drilling site for the K2 well and has been paid in the past by Mr. Pugel to provide an evaluation of the well's quality and performance. Mr. Ploughe has presented his view of the well's capability at a past PSWID board meeting. It would be more useful to the community to have a fresh set of eyes take a look at the well. It is unlikely that Mr. Ploughe will come to any conclusions different than those that he has already expressed, so why pay for them again? Having someone independent take a look at the well would provide confirmation of Mr. Ploughe's past evaluation of the well and remove any doubts that might occur later if there is a problem. The community deserves an independent evaluation of the Milk Ranch well.
5. Contract with Coe and Van Loo
- The board approved setting up an as-needed task contract with Coe and Van Loo (CVL). Terms would be similar to the as-needed contract approved by the board for Economists.com at the prior board meeting. Those terms were \$175 per hour for principals and \$125 per hour for assistants.
  - CVL could be given tasks to do on an as needed basis and there would be no need for the board to approve funding for the task as long as it's value is less than \$2000. No more than three of these tasks that haven't been voted on can be active at one time. If a task goes over the \$2000 or there are more than three, the board will be required to vote approval.

This email is from the group Water For Pine Strawberry. We will be sending out an email after each of the PSWID meetings with a summary of what the board did, additional facts that are relevant to what went on, and some commentary. Please forward this email to friends and neighbors that are interested in the local water issues. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list for these emails, please reply to [WaterForPineStrawberry@hotmail.com](mailto:WaterForPineStrawberry@hotmail.com). Emails on earlier meetings are available on our website: [www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com](http://www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com) .

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