

Hello Neighbor,

A couple of recent articles from the Roundup, the first is about getting through the 4<sup>th</sup> without problems. The second is based on emails/documents that were obtained from PSWID through a Freedom of Information request.

- <http://www.paysonroundup.com/news/2010/jul/13/plenty-water-ps-year/>
- <http://www.paysonroundup.com/news/2010/jul/17/ps-water-board-unity-erupts-name-calling/>

I have looked through these documents and posted them on the website here (they are pretty big, so may take a bit to open/download): <http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/BudgetDocs.htm>

I am short on time right now so it may be a bit before I comment on them. For the interested reader there are several themes that run through the documents. The themes and the document collection/page number of items related to the theme are listed below.

DC = Document Collection. Each PDF file of documents is being called a document collection.

1. Buildup and reaction to May 26 conspiracy meltdown by Mr. Jones, Mr. Haney, Mr. Ploughe, etc.
  - a. DC1: pg 57 Mr. Haney email implying that he told Tetra Tech, etc. about conspiracy accusations
  - b. DC1: pg 64 Haney, Jones discuss reaction to May 26<sup>th</sup> accusations
  - c. DC1: pg 67 Haney, Jones, Ploughe discuss their reaction to May 26 accusations
  - d. DC2: pg 5 Discussion of defamation lawsuit, turning control back to Gila County
  - e. DC3: pg 11 Lovetro asking for Haney's resignation
  - f. DC3: pg 71 Haney, Jones discuss reaction to May 26<sup>th</sup> accusations
  - g. DC4: pg 47 Early discussion of struggle between board members and employees
2. Milk Ranch Well Contract
  - a. DC1: pg 25 Milk Ranch purchase contract approved May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. DC1: pg 45 PSWID attorney reaction to purchase agreement
  - c. DC1: pg 50 PSWID attorney reaction to purchase agreement
  - d. DC3: pg 10 Indication that Compass Bank will require appraisal
  - e. DC4: pg 2 Comment on the problems with including meters in the Milk Ranch purchase
  - f. DC4: pg 101 Using well comps for purchase of Milk Ranch well and impact of Star Valley/Payson well deal.
3. Milk Ranch Well Problems/Failures/Reports (both May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> Milk Ranch failures)
  - a. DC1: pg 79 Mr. Ploughe discussing need for filtration and booster after filtration
  - b. DC2: pg 20 Description of June well failure
  - c. DC2: pg 28 Description of June well failure and that well not engineered properly
  - d. DC2: pg 62 Discussion about repair and getting multiple direction from Pugel, etc.
  - e. DC2: pg 67 Notification to Pugel of what is going on. Asks Pugel who an acceptable engineer would be for the district.
  - f. DC4: pg 26 Discussion over who is in charge and rework needed for pump failure
  - g. DC4: pg 37 Discussion of pipe failure
  - h. DC4: pg 31 Ploughe discussing sand testing results
  - i. DC4: pg 77 Discussion of well failure response and source of confusion
4. Mr. Harry Jones' Forced Resignation
  - a. DC2: pg 38 Mr. Jones commenting on the request for his resignation
  - b. DC2: pg 41 Request by Mr. Greer for Mr. Jones resignation
  - c. DC2: pg 55 Mr. Jones' resignation letter – initial
  - d. DC2: pg 58 Mr. Jones' resignation letter – updated
5. Strawberry Hollow Well
  - a. DC2: pg 36 Discussion of activities related to SH well

I met with Mr. Lovetro for several hours and we had an amiable exchange of views on water issues. Mr. Lovetro provided me with some additional emails which he feels prove that the real conspiracy is on the Haney, Jones, Ploughe, etc. side. I have included those on the website as well at the link above. The handwriting on the documents is his.

I offered Mr. Lovetro the opportunity to put his issues in writing and that I would circulate them and post them on the website, but he declined. The offer remains open if he changes his mind in the future.

With regard to the documents that he provided, his basic point seemed to be that Mr. Haney took a confidential email between board members and forwarded it on to Mr. Jones, Tetra Tech, and Highland Water and that was what precipitated the resignations rather than giving the board a chance to discuss and vote on the termination of the contracts.

Comment: It isn't clear to me why Mr. Lovetro thinks that the email is confidential. It is not labeled as confidential. There is some discussion that the attachment is confidential, but it doesn't appear that it was included in the forwarding. Basically any communication between board members is accessible by the public and if a board member decides to make those available to the public I would think that he can.

Clearly Mr. Greer intended to terminate those contracts and claimed that he had a majority of the board behind him. I disagree with Mr. Greer's assertion that the community provided a mandate to purchase the Milk Ranch well. The community voted to recall the prior board in favor of board members that would pursue a path of acquiring the water companies and addressing the water shortages. In addition, there is an expectation that this will be done in an above board way that is a good value to the community. The mandate was to fix the water issues. The Milk Ranch well is one alternative for doing that, but there was never a community mandate to purchase it (unless you count Mr. Pugel as a community of one), particularly the way the board is trying to jam this through without an appraisal for a well that we paid to fix.

The last couple pages of the document are an email from Mr. Ploughe and an excerpt from the meeting minutes from I think the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Lovetro feels that this proves that Mr. Ploughe lied to him because Mr. Ploughe says the well was cycled on/off once and Mr. Jones said it was several times.

Comment: Not clear to me whether the same incident is being talked about in the two items. Also not clear whether Mr. Ploughe may have witnessed/instructed one cycle and other cycles occurred outside his knowledge. Could be the Mr. Jones isn't remembering clearly, or it could be that Mr. Ploughe is indeed incorrect. Not sure there is enough here to tell one way or the other with any certainty.

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) .

Water For Pine Strawberry is a group of residents who are concerned about the communities water issues and how they can best be resolved. Visit our web site, [www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com](http://www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com), for more information. The website for PSWID is [www.pswid.org](http://www.pswid.org) .

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