



Shasta 1150' Pump Area Hourly Peak Management Project

EWEB Board of Commissioners Decision about Spring Blvd. Water Service Upgrade

It is likely that you received several letters over the winter regarding the Spring Blvd. Water Service Upgrade Public Process. The task group considered more than 20 options and ultimately recommended two options to the EWEB Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2009.

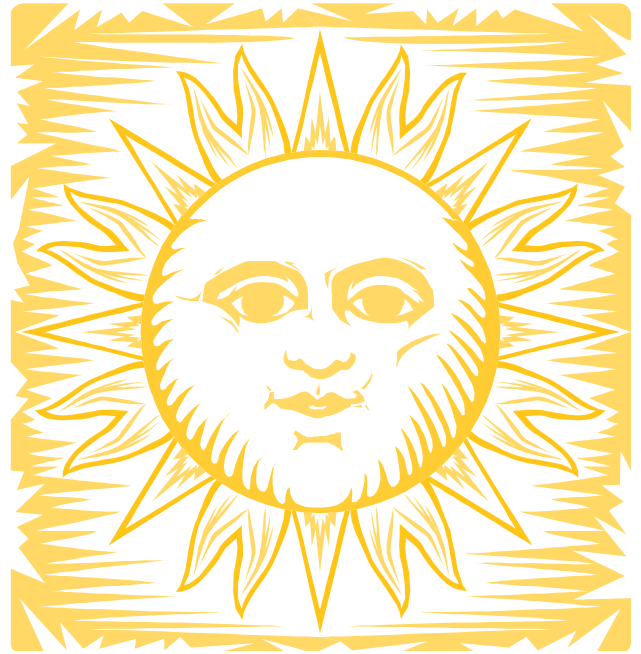
Option One: A buried, 750,000 gallon tank along the top of Mt. Baldy, with an underground water main through the Ridgeline Park connecting to the existing water service at the top of Spring Blvd.

Option Two: A secondary pump station with a back-up diesel generator in the area of 43rd and Spring Blvd., water main improvements along Vine Maple, and upgrades to the existing pump station off N. Shasta Loop.

Both options are robust solutions that fully address the reliability and fire protection standards for this area. However, they represent fundamentally different approaches to solving the problem and as such, have very different impacts.

At the May 5th Board Meeting, after due consideration, the Board voted for Option Two. The addition of a second pump station

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The 700 GPM Challenge Continues!

Summer 2009 is just around the corner as we begin our sixth season of the **700 GPM Challenge**. Your help in managing the summer morning water use spikes has allowed EWEB time for careful a planning and time to engage the in a process to help guide the improvements to the Spring Blvd area water distribution system. Thank you for your continued help managing morning water use spikes as EWEB engineers design the new, innovative upgrade. See page three for design/build schedule.

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will bring water service for the 200 impacted customers up to EWEB and industry standards, while also addressing fire protection issues.

EWEB plans to mitigate neighborhood impacts through a collaborative design process with area residents. Arbor South has a pending contract for architectural plans, and EWEB will consult with an acoustical engineer to incorporate sound mitigation strategies into the design.

More information is available at www.eweb.org > About EWEB > Current Issues & Projects > Spring Boulevard water service upgrade



Thanks!

A huge thank you to the people who made time to participate in the public process. In addition to the many hours put in by the task group participants, nearly 50 other neighbors provided input by phone, e-mail or attending meetings. Such input made a huge difference in the EWEB staff and Board of Commissioners considerations.

Some Comments from the Spring Blvd. Task Group Participants

Task group participants had a positive experience. EWEB hopes that more of our customers feel welcome to participate in future public process opportunities.

“In my role as COO of Chambers Communications (KEZI –TV), I have been involved in many public projects and processes. I want to commend EWEB for committing to this new public process, and say it was very well managed.”

- Dana Seibert, neighborhood representative

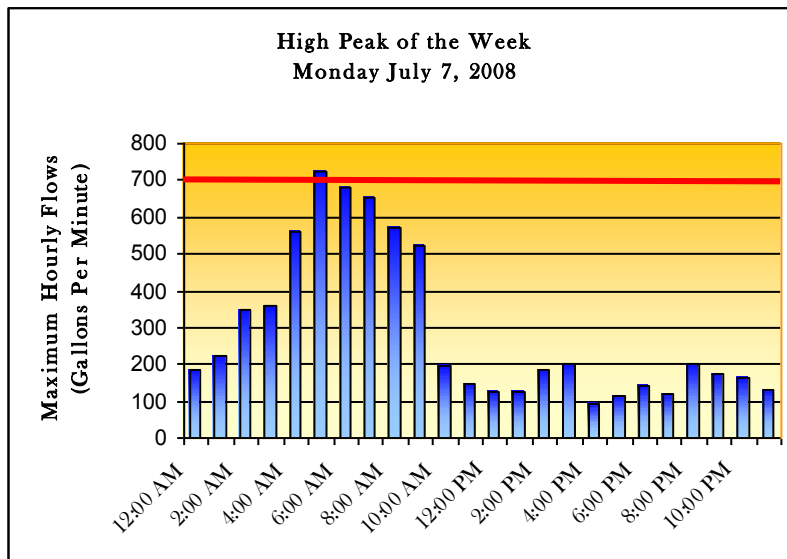
“I was well impressed with the manner that EWEB staff conducted the meetings in that they were very forthcoming with information, elicited thoughts and opinions without judgment, and were full willing to seek out requested information and to explore suggested options to the staff favored solution for upgrading water service to the Spring Blvd. area. As a result, engineering staff looked more closely at a secondary option and determined that with some upgrades, a comparable level of service and reliability could be achieved at a cost savings of more than two million dollars. These results strongly reinforce the concept that public involvement can produce very favorable outcomes on a variety of levels. My compliments to the professionalism of EWEB staff, and I sincerely hope that EWEB will continue to take advantage of the rich resource that public involvement represents.”

- Carlos Barrera, co-chair, Friendly Area Neighborhood Assoc. and member of the Neighborhood Leadership Committee ~ EWEB Committee.

Summer 2009: Postcard or e-mail?

Many of your neighbors have let us know that the postcard graphs are helpful information. This year we would like to offer you the option of subscribing to the weekly “Peak of the Week” electronic postcard. To subscribe: E-mail

Jeffrey.Petersen@eweb.org Please include your mailing address when you subscribe so that we don't print to paper.



Secondary Shasta 1150' Pump Station Timeline

June 2009—December 2009:
Collaborative Design Process
Please contact Jeannine Parisi at 684-5814 if you would like to participate.

January 2010
Construction bidding

Spring 2010—December 2010
Construction of secondary pump station.

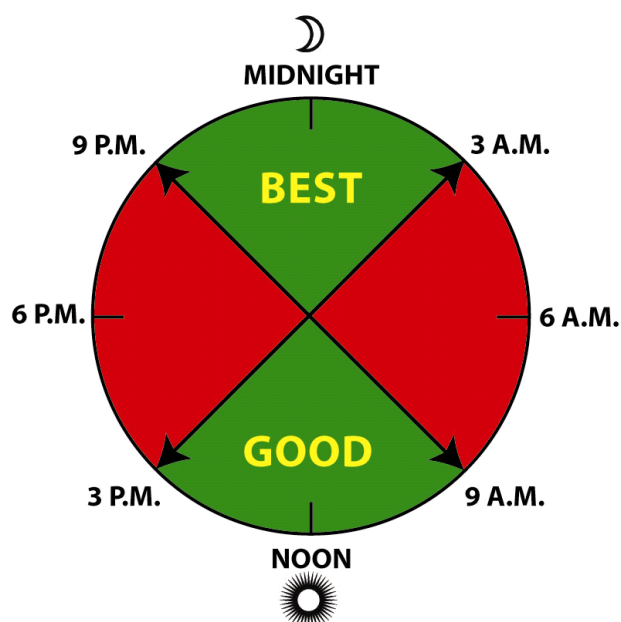
January 2011
Construction bidding for primary pump station upgrade (including back-up generator)

Summer 2011—December 2011
Construction of primary pump station upgrades

System-wide time of use

Customers have told us that the “When to Water” letter and sticker sent to customers last summer was useful. Many suggested that we send the letter again this summer. So, once again EWEB is partnering with our neighboring water utilities on an information campaign about the best times to water yards and gardens.

For best performance, set your sprinkler system to turn on and off anytime in the **"green zone"** shown below.



OSU Extension Service

Sustainable Landscape Program

The Sustainable Landscape program is the newest class offering by the OSU Extension Service in Lane County. Through a combination of class work and yard evaluations participants can earn Sustainable Landscape Certification. The next training will be held 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 28-29, 2009 at the OSU Extension Service – Lane County, 950 W 13th Ave., Eugene. The cost for the program is \$50. Pre-registration is requested. The registration form can be found on the web site <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/> or at the OSU Extension Service office in Lane County.

The program is comprised of two days of intensive training and a landscape evaluation form that the participants will take home to determine their level of sustainable landscaping. Initial certification is awarded by scoring at least 40 points out of a possible 120 points. The purpose of this program is to provide the public with practical information to design sustainable/green/ecological landscapes. Participants will learn to utilize landscape practices that incorporate water efficiency, mulching and composting, beneficial wildlife habitat, coping with yard pests, planting the right plant-right place, lawn care, proper and reduced fertilizer applications, stormwater runoff options, and streamside care.

Participants will learn to improve water quality, reduce the use of organic and conventional pesticides, improve soil quality, reduce erosion, improve soil biology, and improve groundwater quality and quantity. The homeowner will also benefit from lowered power, water and waste bills due to more efficient use of resources, and the reduced flow of organic matter into the landfill.

This program is coordinated by the OSU Extension Service office in Lane County in collaboration with:

- Eugene Water and Electric Board
- Springfield Utility Board
- City of Springfield – Stormwater
- City of Eugene – Stormwater
- City of Eugene – Planning and Development Department
- Master Gardener Compost Specialists
- Department of Environmental Quality regional and state offices
- City of Eugene Urban Forester
- City of Eugene Public Works, Parks and Open Space, Division
- Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
- Lane County Public Works – Vegetation Management Coordinator
- Local Native Plant Specialists
- Local Landscapers
- City of Portland – Environmental Services

Future Sustainable Landscaping classes will be held: May 28-29. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., June 23-24. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., July 28-29. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., August 25-26. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., September 29-30. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., October 27-28, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



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