

Edelweiss Maintenance Commission
General Manager's Report
March 2017

Recurring Items

- Water sample taken March 6th from the Cassal system was free from total coliform contamination. It was not possible to take a sample from the campground building due to the line being frozen.
- In printing out the Edelweiss Water Quality Monitoring Schedule for 2017, I discovered that a Volatile Organic Contamination (VOC) water sample had been due for testing in February 2017. As the schedule had not been available in February, the test was not taken in that month. In calling the Office of Drinking Water, I was told that "It was OK, just take it in March." So a VOC sample has been taken and sent to Anatek Labs for testing.
- As always collected and approved vendor invoices. Recorded ownership changes. Had phone calls and emails with owners about a host of different routine issues.

Financial Data

- To date I have processed 303 owner's checks totaling \$242,136.00. Of that number \$46,950.00 is designated for the pool account.

Activities

As reported in January, the water lines on Sunflower Lane remain frozen. I have made an attempt to contact the ERWoW Eastern Region Circuit rider to see if he can help us. He apparently has a new high-tech leak detector to try and pinpoint the leak. In the meantime, Craig will attempt to find the leak with the Edelweiss leak detector.

The water tax/use tax issue has become a literal nightmare. The tax auditor has been scrounging through Edelweiss records going back 5 years in an attempt to discover every tiny bit of evidence of taxes due to the state. She has singled us out because we did the right thing when we found out about the water tax issue, and volunteered our (unknown) non-compliance to the Washington Department of Revenue. Once it became known to the DOR that we (again unknowingly) had water taxes due, the auditor went after all possibilities of use taxes that might be due, and we became victim to a painfully detailed audit. This has cost Edelweiss dearly, not only in taxes due, but in increased account fees to handle the audit and in my time to put together all the pertinent information.

I have spoken to a prospective owner who desires to purchase two adjacent properties. He wants to build a home for himself on one of them and a short-term rental house on the other. I informed him that short-term rentals were not permitted in Edelweiss, or in any place else in the upper Methow Valley. He then wanted to know if he could rent out a 'mother-in-law' apartment. I told him that would not be permitted either.

Hours in March – 62
Dick Volckmann

Operations Manager Report

March, 2017

A report of a water outage on a Sunday morning. It seemed at first to be in a relay or float at the booster house not instructing the #1 pump to turn on. This was to happen again a couple of days later. The problem was then thought to be an old overload relay, possibly due to a pump motor needing new bearings. However, it is currently running fine so we are waiting for the problem to make itself known at a more inconvenient time.

The Sunflower water main unfroze and appeared to drain what water remained in the 6000 gallon reservoir. I started the pump and no water appeared in any of the houses or sod hut. This would indicate a leak of at least 55gpm. We now have to wait for the rest of the snow to melt around the well so I can look for a leak with the acoustic detector.

I attended the Washington Operators Workshop in Spokane and received half my ceu's towards certification.

Several part-timers came over to find that their pipes had frozen and burst. I have aided a few of them with tools and a helping hand. Some empathy too.

Approximately 93" of snow fell during the winter. Compare this to the 118" last year which was also low.

Hours: 56
Craig Hook