

# COLUMBIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT NEWS

August 2013  
Issue

The office is  
open Mon, Wed  
and Fri from 8:00  
am – 4:30 pm  
(closed for lunch  
from 12:00–1:00  
pm)

Please note we  
do not accept  
post dated  
checks. If a post  
dated check is  
received we will  
mail it back to  
the address on  
the check and  
your account  
may incur late  
fees.

District  
meetings are  
every 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday of  
the month at  
7:00 pm at the  
District office.  
They are open  
to the public  
and everyone  
is encouraged  
to attend.

***Columbia Valley Water District Commissioners and Staff hope all of you are enjoying the sunny summer weather. With the lack of rain, we would like to remind everyone to remember to be water conscience by keeping their water waste to a minimum.***

## **CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG**

As a homeowner, business owner, or heavy equipment operator, you are required by law to make contact with underground facility owners through a one-number locator service before you beginning digging. Just dial 811 to reach the regional Once Call Center. This service is free of charge and will alert you to the utility lines that may be in the area you wish to dig – protecting you and the utility lines. Please be aware that the District locates the main service lines, but does not locate your private water lines beyond the meter.

## **DISTRICT IS GOING GREEN**

Limiting our environmental impact is key, as is lowering energy costs. It takes lots of electricity to pump, treat and deliver water. As energy costs continue to increase, the Board of Commissioners is making a concerted effort to improve the District's overall energy efficiency. The District has already received energy efficiency rebates and incentives from Puget Sound Energy and the Community Energy Challenge program administered by Sustainable Connections. Those rebates and incentives included installing new light bulbs and fixtures, saving the ratepayers over \$400. Also, the District is installing heat pumps in the office for a savings of approximately \$4,950. This does not include the ongoing savings received on a monthly basis through the lowered electricity bills. Another project the District is evaluating is installing solar panels. The District's upfront costs of the solar panels would be around \$60,000, but right now, the District may be able to receive incentives that estimates would pay for the costs of the solar panels and an additional \$40,000 in revenue over the next 30 years.

The District also is helping the environment by reducing paper waste. The District now offers E-billing. If you would like to begin receiving paperless bills, please contact the District to sign up to receive your water bill by email. You can also sign up to pay your bill online.

If you have comments on the District's "Going Green" that you would like to share with the Board, you may submit them with your payment, or via email at [admin@ewsd19.com](mailto:admin@ewsd19.com). As always, if you have any questions you may contact the District office for more information.

## **Some Upcoming District Projects**

• Water System Plan Update	Completed:	July 2013
• Lower Division System Pressure Repairs	Start Date:	July 2013
• Fire Hydrant Flushing	Projected Start Date:	Aug 2013
• Water Storage Tank Cleaning and Repair	Projected Start Date:	Aug 2013
• (3) Fire Hydrant Replacements	Projected Start Date:	Sept 2013
• Water System Security Upgrade	Projected Start Date:	Sept 2013

