



Report to Utility Committee

Item Name: Director of Public Works and Utilities Report

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- The annual Consumer Confidence Report is in the process of being printed and mailed out, a big thanks to Kim Coyle for her great work on this.
- Staff has been working on finishing the lead and galvanized inventory to go public. We have a July 1st deadline set by the EPA.
- Earth Inc, has been in a holding phase for the last month since they bored a pipe underneath the interstate by Kowalski Rd. Earth Inc. has proposed a longer pipe with less connections and was under review by our engineer, Rob from RPS, and a question was proposed to Earth Inc., and no response was given back to Rob. We have been trying to make contact with Earth Inc. but have heard nothing regarding their timeline either. Hass Inc, is looking to pave Kronenwetter Dr soon, but we anticipated Earth Inc. would have completed the boring down Kronenwetter Dr by this point, and this puts the paving a bit behind.
- On June 17 staff met with Becher-Hoppe and Kurita to determine the next steps of completing the areas of needs at the water filtration plant. The following are the highlights from the conference call.
 - Air Release Pipes – Currently there are 3 air release pipes that have fittings on the tanks for 2” pipes, but 1” pipes were installed via a reducer at the tank. Becher-Hoppe stated, “Eventhough it’s not recommended, the one-ince piping should work. It’ll just take a little longer to fill the tank.” Jered Close from Kurita responded, “The one-ince air release pipes are choking the CFM’s which in turn surcharges the water out the waste pipe, and it loses media.”
 - Ball Valve at the bottom of the verticle tanks – Kurita acknowledged that there should be a ball valve at the lowest point of the verticle tanks to let any sediment out. They said this was an oversight on their drawings/plans.
 - Actuator on the sticky valve – There is corrosion on the housing, which Becher-Hoppe says is a “warranty issue”. We are already in the process in getting this replaced from Kurita, we are just waiting for a shipping date.

