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From: Cody Rosander
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RE: Rock Creek Intake
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Hello City Council Members,

As you know we started Long Term Water Supply (LTWS) 1B in December. After reviewing the data from Rock Creek Intake and the water plant, we are left with some serious concerns. At this point, Grayling and the City share concerns that Rock Creek Intake has deteriorated to a point where we will not be able to pull in enough water to sustain the City this Summer. We were all hoping to limp along with the system until LTWS was completed, but that does not seem realistic anymore. If Rock Creek Intake does fail, we will be forced to switch to the redundant well. The well has been tested recently, but it has never been run long term. If the well were to fail, it would mean a water outage for Stevenson.

Grayling has investigated all viable options, but the only realistic one is getting into Rock Creek this summer and repairing the system. This would be a full replacement on the intake manifold and wet well. It would be a like for like replacement but with better materials than was originally installed. This work should last a substantial amount of time.

The Mayor, Water manager and I have been in conversation with this situation. We all feel we need to move forward with the repairs, as to not risk a water outage for our community. We have been engaged in grant opportunity discussion and looking at City funds as well.

The timeline is tight, but Grayling has started the conversation with permitting specialist to see if it is possible. If we start the process ASAP, they both feel it is very possible to obtain the permits needed to perform the work this Summer.

There is no accurate way to fully estimate the project cost currently, but rough preliminary numbers have been in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

As for the next steps, we will bring in a contractor to run a camera down the intake lines and inspect where/what the failure is. From there, depending on the findings, attempting mitigation without going into the creek if possible. If they are broken or severely damaged, move forward with the permit process and repairs.

I look forward to discussing this situation more at Council meeting.

Cody