

ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH/RECYCLING

HEALTH:

The total for Valley Fever for January 1st to February 9th is 886 confirmed cases. If for some reason you did not get your flu shot please do so now. This month has been reported as having many cases of flu.

RECYCLING:

Nothing new this year has been to the list of recycling.

ENVIRONMENT:

We now have two new co-chairs for the Joint Environmental Task Force. They are Marge Mead and Dr. Kathryn French. We are still hoping to find an Engineer with environmental background.

Mary McGrath
Pora Board Secretary

REPORT TO PORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 21, 2012

TRANSPORTATION:

Previous meeting January 18, 2012-----Next meeting February 22, 2012

1. Stop signs undated and added (Aleppo/Spanish Gardens + Deer Valley/151st + etal)
2. Crosswalks improved and added (Del Webb Hospital)
3. No walk signs (Surprise bridge west bound, over Agua Fria/Bell Rd.)
4. Noise Wall (Construction has begun on Phase I + Sound readings for Phase II)
5. Speed Monitor for SCW (Researching funding for monitor on RH Johnson)

WATER:

Previous meeting February 9, 2012-----Next meeting March 8 or 15, 2012

1. EPCOR now official water/waste provider
2. Crafting form for investigating and evaluating high water usage by a few SCW residents
3. Appointed subcommittee to help craft and evaluate high water usage complaints
4. EPCOR reported on yearly and specific water pressure documentation
5. New digital meters to be installed zone by zone.
6. EPCOR reported they are recharging 5 million gallons of SCW waste water daily

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Water/Traffic Report

February 13, 2012

1. Water-- I met with Shawn Bradford over at EPCOR last Wednesday PM discussing the crafting of an inquiry or form to use to allow PORA to offer a pathway to our residents who believe they have wrongful spike in their water use and billing. He will craft if for our preview. I appointed Chuck Long and David Jones to help in the crafting and also be available to give a preliminary approval for sending on to Shawn at EPCOR. However at our Water Committee meeting on Thursday morning, Shawn was quite firm in noting they have reviewed the 5 complaints to date in detail, including a check of their meters, and to date have not found a problem with their service, therefore will not do anything to adjust the erroneous billing that occurred to the 5 residents. So lines in the sand have been initially drawn. However, I feel there is still hope, if the proper documentation may construct. Shawn gave us a detailed power point showing the monitoring of their 2 well stations pressure recorded in 10 minute intervals, 24/7 for the last year. It did not show a spike in water pressure had occurred. They also placed water pressure recordings on the five closest water fire hydrants nearest the 5 resident's homes who have had problems. This of course was only a 2 week monitoring in January, but it too did not show any spike in PSI. So at least they have tried, but the resolve seems to be in the favor for the moment.

2. Sign at El Mirage/Bell--Shawn has alerted the department that will be dealing with the issue. I have his name. They are asking for size, design, location, etc. So we will need to coordinate with the RC as you see appropriate.

3. No walk on north side of the Agua Fria Bridge-The City of Surprise said they would look into. I noticed last Wednesday, there is a no walk sign located on the north side of the new turning lane, but I'm not sure if this is new or an existing sign.

4. Traffic-Our committee thinks we can take credit for some little improvements in the area. We asked for median stop signs on Deer Trail/151st and on I believe it was Aleppo/Spanish Gardens and there is one on Deer Valley now. We asked for another crosswalk at the Del Webb Hospital on Granite Valley and their now is two crosswalks. These are a little show of progress anyway.

5. Noise Wall--I see some of the existing SCW boundary wall is now coming down, I assume in preparation for the higher new construction. I thought they said, they would not need to remove any wall, but at least on the start, they are removing some if not all.