

FIRGROVE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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Firgrove Mutual Water Company Zone 2A Reservoir Facilities Project

Background:

In 2009, Firgrove developed and adopted a capital improvement plan which identified current and future storage needs for Firgrove's service area. It was determined that additional storage is needed in your area (zone 2A) to provide and maintain fire flow now and into the future. A study associated with Firgrove's January 2013 Water System Plan confirmed this need for storage. Multiple sites were evaluated to determine the most cost effective site to construct the project. The property that Firgrove currently owns at 11307 194th Street East (parcel # 0418035025) was selected based on that evaluation.

In March 2014, Firgrove contacted our neighbors to inform them of Firgrove's intentions to construct a storage facility in that area. Firgrove held a public meeting and received considerable feedback from neighbors in the area with questions and concerns about the project. At a follow up meeting, Firgrove responded to all questions and concerns and informed the public that Firgrove would be moving forward with an application for permitting of the project.

Over the next 3 years, Firgrove prepared and submitted information to the Graham Advisory Commission, the hearing examiner, and Pierce County Public Works.

Once the required conditional use permit was obtained, Firgrove submitted plans and specs to the FAA, which was necessary due to the proximity of Thun Field airport. Firgrove also submitted plans and specs to Pierce County Public Works to obtain the site development permit and other various related permits necessary to complete this project. Having received the permits, Firgrove will be constructing a water supply facility to include a 135 foot tall, 48 foot diameter, 2.0 million gallon potable water storage reservoir, a 1,100 square foot pump building with landscaping, and stormwater treatment and infiltration facilities on its 1.45 acre parcel.

Project construction is scheduled to begin as early as the week of May1, 2018. Normal construction hours for this type of project are Monday-Friday 7am-6pm. There will be some exceptions to this schedule when construction standards dictate, i.e., pouring the tank foundation, etc. This project is expected to last approximately one year from the date of notice to proceed.

Once the project is completed, the facility will improve reliability of service and bring enhanced fire protection capabilities to the area as well as provide for future growth. There will be a mural installed on the reservoir in an attempt to reduce the visual impact to the neighborhood.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Leonard Horton or Larry Jones, at 253-845-1542 during business hours, or email lhorton@firgrove.org, ljones@firgrove.org.