# **APPENDIX B**

# HISTORICAL MINERAL WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION



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- 2. MAIN AVE. WEST & ALLEY WEST OF DIVISION
- 3. MAIN AVE. WEST & ASH ST. N. & S.
- 4. MAIN AVE. WEST & ALLEY BETWEEN ASH & BIRCH
- 5. MAIN AVE. WEST & BIRCH STREET SOUTH
- 6. MAIN AVE. WEST & ALLEY BETWEEN BIRCH & CHERRY
- 7. MAIN AVE. WEST & CHERRY STREET SOUTH
- 8. MAIN AVE. WEST & ALLEY BETWEEN CHERRY & DOGWOOD
- 9. MAIN AVE. WEST & DOGWOOD STREET SOUTH & NORTH
- 10. MAIN AVE. WEST & DOGWOOD STREET NORTH
- 11. MAIN AVE. WEST & EVERGREEN STREET NORTH
- 12. MAIN AVE. WEST & FIR STREET NORTH & SOUTH
- 13. MAIN AVE. WEST & GINKO STREET NORTH & SOUTH
- 14. MAIN AVE. WEST & HEMLOCK STREET
- 15. MAIN AVE. WEST & JUNIPER STREET NORTH & SOUTH
- 16. MAIN AVE. WEST & MAPLE STREET NORTH & SOUTH
- 17. 1ST. AVE. NW. & ASH STREET NORTH
- 18. 1ST. AVE. NW. & FIR STREET NORTH
- 19. 1ST. AVE. NW. & GINKGO STREET NORTH
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- 29. 2ND. AVE. SW. & ALLEY BETWEEN DIVISION & ASH S.
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- 116. 7TH AVE. SE. & 2ND PLACE
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- 119. DIVISION STREET & 1ST NE. & NW.
- 120. CITY SHOP & DOGPOUND AREA
- 121. 8TH AVE. & 2ND PLACE (HIRAM KNOTT WATER EXT. EAST FROM ASTER TO 2ND PLACE SE. THEN SOUTH APPROX. 130' TO 160' OR JUST PAST EXISTING METER BOXES)



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# Soap Lake Mineral Water System Failure Report

By John Glassco & Steve Wellein for the City of Soap Lake

January 26, 2017



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Cover: This image is an aerial photo taken on June 10, 2015 showing the City's facilities on the east side of town on Scenic Drive at Ward Street. This image shows the mineral water tank. North in this image is at the top.

#### **1. History and timing of the system failure:**

On December 29, 2016 at 3:50 PM, Glassco was called by Sherry Xio and alerted to the loss of mineral water service at several of her buildings. Other mineral water customers had noticed the break in service. Due to the extreme cold weather, some customers believed that their pipes had frozen.

Glassco called the Mayor and was told that the mineral water tank was found to be unexpectedly empty. Further, the mineral water pump house located near the old flag pole behind the library had been without adequate heat. As a result of the cold weather, the pump and various lines had frozen, and restoring service to the mineral water customers would be a challenge.

Public works was struggling with emergency snow removal during the severe cold snap and intermittent heavy snows and other equipment breakdown including the road



sander. Glassco and Wellein who both have some experience with pumping systems, agreed to monitor the situation on behalf of the City to oversee the restoration of the mineral water service.

donated a heater which public works installed for temporary use to attempt to thaw out the pump and pipes Public works had been unable to locate a 220 volt heater for the pump house claiming a shortage in the area. A local citizen

photo,) a pumping system which had never operated properly almost since its original construction over 12 years ago. City to restore and repair the Upper Pressure Zone which supplies fresh water to the homes in the northeast corner of town. On January 5, 2017, Glassco called Kirk Youngers, a commercial pump and control expert who was recently hired by the By chance, Youngers was performing a final inspection of his successful repair to the Upper Pressure Zone (see cover ain

Youngers when finished with his inspection was solicited by Glassco and Wellein to inspect the mineral water pumping system and to consult specifically on the condition of the 5 horsepower pump which suctions lake water out of the lake at the flag pole and delivers it through a two inch diameter line to the approximately 50,000 gallon concrete mineral water tank on Scenic Drive, a pipeline distance of approximately a mile from the pump with a lift of over 150 feet.

During Youngers' inspection of the Upper Pressure Zone, Glassco observed public works nearby, introducing fresh water into the mineral water tank from the nearby hydrant. This practice was intended to "stir up" the mineral deposits in the bottom of the tank.

The pumping and transport system had frozen up in the past, and fresh water had been introduced into the tank with the goal of



essentially fresh water to the bathtubs on the system. The introduction of fresh water into the distribution system has resulted delivering a facsimile of mineral water to the downstream distribution system. In reality, the product of this practice delivers is restored. long after it is introduced. This can dilute the strength of the water at the individual tap long after the operation of the system in customers of the mineral water questioning the strength of the system. The fresh water can linger in the distribution system

#### 2. Fix #1 and Fix #2, January 7 – January 10:

the pump body was undamaged, it might be possible to replace the frozen suction line, fill the tank with mineral water and could be repaired. If the mile-long line between the pump house and the tank was not frozen anywhere along its length, and With the help and advice of pump expert Youngers, Wellein and Glassco decided that there was a chance that the system restore the system to operation. This was our chosen course of action.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, the suction line was rebuilt out onto the surface of the lake with an inlet stubbed through a hole cut in the ice. The pump and pump house had thawed by this time and the like was sucking air when removed from the lake water.



placing the booster pump on the ice - Jan8



That night the pump ran continuously, and the temperature dropped several degrees below zero. In the morning an inspection of the fresh water level in the tank showed no change. Returning to the pump house we discovered that the entire suction line had frozen solid and shattered. Apparently the old pump was too weak to move the water fast enough to prevent freezing.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, materials were purchased to rebuild the suction line with the additional purchase of a portable 5 horsepower gasoline powered booster pump to be placed out on the ice to supply sufficient force to supplement the weak centrifugal electric pump.

In the image to the left, the booster pump is being placed on the ice and set up with a new suction line out to a new hole in the ice that now is around 5 inches thick. You can see at the bottom left of

the image, next to our shattered line and our new line under construction, at least two of several former suction lines into the in the 1950s for both the fresh and mineral water systems lake. One of these lines is a three inch diameter transite pipe similar to the water lines throughout the town that were replaced

This portable temporary setup pictured on the previous page is standing by for use when the lake is frozen, and when the temperature is too cold to operate the permanent suction line. By nightfall on January 8<sup>th</sup>, this system was still not able to deliver water into the pump house.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, a kerosene turbine heater was purchased to direct a hot air blast to the base of the pump house. This setup was shrouded to keep out the cold air, and the base of the building was thawed completely. Chunks of ice exited the line onto the ice confirming that this was the location of a blockage in the suction line that probably was a major part of the problem to that point. The ball valve in the pump house was opened that afternoon to drain all of the fre



tank and the pump, and through the stationary pump and the suction line out onto the ice over the next 5 or so hours. was opened that afternoon to drain all of the fresh water out of the tank on the hill, through the transport line between the



That night of the 9<sup>th</sup>, the system was primed, and both pumps were turned on. The night was again bitter cold and below zero, but the booster pump ran flawlessly through the night supplementing the stationary pump in the pump house. Although the booster pump with its small gas tank required fuel every two hours, by early morning, the elevation of mineral water in the tank reached its maximum level.

Inspection of the water level in the tank is measured from the bottom of the roof trusses to the surface elevation of the mineral water in the tank.

On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM, the elevation of water had reached to within 10 inches of the bottom cord of the trusses, the pumps were shut off, and the temporary setup was removed from the lake.

were told to purge their lines of fresh water and to expect that the mineral water would return to the expected strength. Twenty four hours later, the elevation in the tank was still holding at 10 inches, and the officials of the Natural Spa and Resort

was extracted. The concentration of minerals at the tub approximately matched those of the lake, verifying that the conditions for this purpose, tested the water strength at a tub faucet to compare it with the with readings from the lake where the water had returned to normal, and that the crisis was over. Later that day, the Secretary of the Soap lake Conservancy, Gene Wing, visited a room at the Lodge and using equipment

### 3. What was Learned from this Experience?:

The most important finding from this whole experience in our estimation was

- 1. The mineral water pumping system is obsolete. You can see from the picture of the inside of the pump house that even the concrete base of the pump is cracked placing the pump and the pump motor out of alignment stressing plus redundant equipment to ensure consistent and reliable operation. the bearings. The entire pumping setup needs replacement with a more robust and perhaps more powerful pump
- N during the 1950s. It should likely be considered due for replacement along with the entire fresh water and minera concerning the scope of and eventual replacement of components for the mineral water system is overdue. water delivery systems. The fresh water system is slated for eventual replacement, and the public discussion for the line condition. The line is likely of transite construction placed along with the complete re-piping of the town in the system due to the frozen pump. This means that the line is buried at sufficient depth to be serviceable except The transport line between the tank and the pump did not freeze, even during the coldest night with no circulation
- ω of elevation in the tank over 24 hours. This is indeed good news. the valve in the pump house was closed on January 10<sup>th</sup>, the elevation of the reservoir did not lose even a half inch The concrete holding tank, and the transport line discussed in point 2 do not leak. When the pump was shut off, and
- 4 The several hundred foot long suction line into the lake from the pump house needs to be reengineered and made more robust, along with the repairs to the pump house. The temporary fix is just that – temporary.
- ς system. Requiring that someone visually inspect the level of water in the tank is primitive and inefficient of people's and I am surprised that this was not included by our engineers during the installation of telemetry for the fresh water time, and makes no sense The elevation in the mineral water tank needs a float and signaling system. The cost of providing this is nominal
- <u>о</u> If the city takes its municipal responsibility seriously, it should ensure a reliable supply of mineral water to its customers without interruption – the failure of the system was unnecessary, and counter to our comprehensive plan

economic development. which encourages year-round use of our public and private commercial facilities consistent with our other plans for

#### 4. Our Plan for Moving Forward:

We need a public discussion to determine the current and future value of the mineral water delivery system. This is a true municipal system unique in the country. Our lake is unique in all the world, and a resource that we must protect.

economic developments plans, current and future, will have to take place. If the City decides to divest their interest in any Working out the steps necessary to perfect the mineral water system in conjunction with plans to protect the lake, and our handful of people no matter how qualified. part of the system, or the only remaining certified water right to the mineral water is a decision too important to be left to a

reasonable and better than expected. mineral water. This is an urgent problem requiring immediate attention. The estimate from a qualified practitioner, Kirk In the short term, the replacement of the pump house and the suction line is necessary to ensure the reliable delivery of Youngers is included in the addendum. This estimate is for \$64,191.19. Given the neglect of the system, to us this seems

the estimate but should be around \$1000, depending on whether we can tie it into our new municipal system. We also need to provide telemetry to constantly monitor high and low water events at the tank. This cost is not included in

These changes are what is needed for the next 5 years.

We do not know it the delivery piping is leaking, but along with the fresh water delivery system, all of the transite pipes in town will have to be replaced in less than twenty years. the tank are not leaking. However, these facilities will eventually have to be replaced along with the entire delivery system. In the longer term, we need a plan for replacing the delivery system. At this time we know that the transport system and

without adding much to the cost of re-piping the town. a second pipe in the trench for the mineral water delivery system is nominal, and could be accomplished, if well planned The cost of replacing piping systems is mostly in the trenching, and the repair and repaving of surface improvements. Adding

of recent neglect of the system. McKay Hospital District who is discussing a wellness facility. We know that at least 300 service connections at one time Questions of how extensive the mineral water system extends is a great question for debate. We need to restore service to served the residents of the town. This shows that a mere 60 years ago there was great investment in the system, regardless

or what they might be willing to pay monthly for the service. to the homes. We are truly unable to estimate how many future residents might be interested in connecting to the system It is unknown how many of our current residents would be interested in being included in a refurbished system to bring water

from single family residents. I can certainly imagine holding tanks at the residences for eventual collection by tanker for return to the lake. This discussion also necessitates considering plumbing, health, and legal issues that would have to be worked There are other issues involving say returning waste bath water back into the lake, either from the commercial facilities or

Who can pay for the repairs, and should the public be required to support a system that currently only serves a handful of to boost the economy of an entire city, if the resource is handled thoughtfully and with appropriate input and design. but it is considered necessary to fund for the public good. When we examine communities with a unique asset, it is possible commercial customers? This is not a discussion for only a few. After all a school or hospital system does not serve everyone,

to the mineral water fund at the time for maintenance. these funds were separated, the water systems held over \$300,000 in reserves, yet none of these reserves were transferred Traditionally the mineral water system was maintained in concert with the fresh system and using the same fund. When

they could garner from a handful of active services. Obviously this was an impossible task following years of neglect. The results are indicative of what would be expected. The public was not involved in this transfer expect during public comment. The system was told to sink or swim on your own. They were told to maintain an ancient and ailing system with whatever

It is time to examine all of these issues in an open and wide public forum.

John Glassco – Steve Wellein, January 26, 2017

5. Addendum, Costs of the immediate fix, and Estimate from Wire 2 Water for necessary repairs to the pumping and suction systems:

## Receipts and invoices for the Fix of the Soap Lake Mineral Water System December 27, 2016 - January 10, 2017

Billed to City account - \$54.79 January 7 – Home Depot - \$273.41 January 7 – Home Depot - \$9.69 Total Steve & John \$310.93 January 14- Kirk 1 – Fees & Travel - \$935.80 – Parts - \$1,743.25 – Total - \$2,679.05 January 14 – Kirk 2 – Fees & Travel - \$718.50 – Parts - \$402.04 – Total - \$1,120.54 Total Kirk - \$3,799.59 January 6 – Ace - \$27.83

John Glassco - Steve Wellein - January 26, 2017 Total Fix – Parts - \$2,511.01 – Total Fees & Travel - \$1,654.30 – Total Fix - \$4,165.31



August 15, 2018

Gray & Osborne

Re: Soap Lake Mineral Water Accounts

Listed below are the active Soap Lake Mineral Water Accounts:

633	Gustaveson, Linda PO Box 709 Soap Lake, WA 98851 (509) 246-0703	311 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave SE	Residential	1 unit
637	Gustaveson, Linda	22 S Canna	Multi Family	4 units
840	Slough, Lesley PO Box 1417 Ephrata, WA 98823 (509) 764-4200	318 E Main Ave	Commercial	2 units
2614	Soap Lake Natural Spa & Resort – Inn PO Box 1527 Soap Lake, WA 98851 (509) 246-1132	226 E Main Ave	Commercial	9 units
2642	Soap Lake Natural Spa & Resort – Lodge	236 E Main Ave	Commercial	20 units

I have contacted each customer by phone and let them know you will be contacting them to talk about Soap Lake Mineral Water.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Anita Richardson Deputy Clerk

#### **Kaleb Smith**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sean Comstock < Wednesday, November 07, 2018 1:39 PM 'Kaleb Smith'; 'Adam Miller' FW: Update on Mineral Water System

Sean Comstock P.E. | 509.853.2460 p |541.420.4797 c Gray & Osborne, Inc. | 11 Spokane St., Suite 207, Wenatchee, WA, 98801

From: Nancy Wetch < Section 2015 Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 1:39 PM To: 'Sean Comstock' < Section 2015 Subject: FW: Update on Mineral Water System

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Nancy Wetch, P.E. | Gray & Osborne, Inc. Project Engineer | Yakima, WA (509) 453-4833 Office | (509) 945- 9894 Cell www.q-o.com | 180 Iron Horse Court

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Sent: Wedness	day, November 07, 2018 12:21 PM		
To: Kirk Young	ers <>; Mau, Ri	ussell E (DOH) <	
Cc: Raymond G	Gravelle <	>; Dave Tweedy <	>; Steve Wellein
<	>; Karen Hand <	>; Robert Brown <	>; Kandis Lair
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Subject: Re: Update on Mineral Water System

Russell, Thank you for your comments concerning the mineral water system. As we move forward, public health and safety are our first concerns. After all, the healing properties of the lake water are what inspired the building and incorporation of the town a hundred years ago. Insuring the survival of our unique healing water delivery system is a fitting tribute as part of the city's centennial celebration.

After all, the lake is the original reason for the town being here. The mineral water system provides year-round public access for the enjoyment of bathing in the mineral water. A city sponsored spa development plan from a few years ago emphasized this point. Besides being a bedroom community, preserving the mineral water is a necessary component of any future economic development for our traditional tourist town.

Further to your explanation, I now understand the reason for the check valve on the fresh water system. Probably such a check valve makes sense for any home with or without mineral water service. The reason I say that is because I don't believe that a cross connection from the mineral water system would be a health risk. Holly Pinkart of CWU with her team conducted the baseline microbiological study of Soap Lake that was published in 2005 by the National Science Foundation. During her study of the lake, Dr. Pinkart experimented with many of the properties of the water. One experiment exposed common species of bacteria to Soap Lake mineral water. Apparently, staph (Staphylococcus) bacteria was able to survive for only a fraction of a second in the water. Rather than a health hazard, Soap Lake mineral water has all natural antibiotic properties. There is no evidence that ingesting mineral water has or has ever had any negative health effects. Over the years many people claim that regular sips of the water has only helped their digestion and this is considered to be a healthy practice, although due to the sulfur qualities of the water, an acquired taste.

I guess I am making a plea that the mineral water not be officially classified by the state as possibly hazardous similar to irrigation water or waste water. Especially at our Centennial, the town is attempting to promote the historic and traditional therapeutic properties of taking the waters. If our ordinance must have the bath houses, hotels, and home tubs bear a sign at the faucet warning of the dangers of the water, it seems contrary to our main message about the water's therapeutic qualities.

The city is currently revising our mineral water ordinance, confirming the city's mineral water right with Ecology, and updating the mineral water system's engineering and equipment. It is time also to make sure that we satisfy the concerns and requirements of state health. Our city engineers, our Mayor and city staff will be working with you and your staff over the next few months to go over these issues face-to-face. Thanks again for your help with this important work on updating this unique feature of our special place. John

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 10:36:55 AM PST, Mau, Russell E (DOH) < > wrote:

All:

Thanks for the updated information regarding the Mineral Water System.

I wanted to clarify that DOH requirement for "installation of check valves on mineral water service connections" – this means that check valves are installed on the drinking water service line serving the property, so that if the property, within its property, cross-connects between the mineral water piping and the drinking water piping, then this cross-connected water is prevented from flowing back into the drinking water distribution system and could then enter other homes or businesses.

Thanks,

Russell E. Mau, PhD, PE

**Regional Engineer** 

Office of Drinking Water

Environmental Public Health

Washington State Department of Health

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Sent: Monday, October 8, 2	018 11:26 AM		
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Subject: Update on Mineral Water System

Kirk, Further to the last Council meeting, the Mayor and Council have decided to move forward on certain improvements to the mineral water distribution system at this time.

First, the Mineral Water Ordinance is being reviewed by the city attorney based on certain updates. One of the changes will enable meters to be installed by the city for our 5 or 6 existing mineral water customers. You may recall that over two years ago the state department of health required the installation of check valves on mineral water service connections as part of their review of our system standards and their cross-connection control requirements for having "non-potable" water delivered to a residential or commercial property. Since that time, check valves have been installed on the handful of known connections, and inside the buildings as I understand. Having meters on the services will allow the city to compare the volume of water taken from the lake with point of use metering. This will help us determine if we have customers using the mineral water who are not signed-up with the city if the numbers do not match.

Further, we are now working with Nancy, and Mike of Gray & Osborne, our municipal engineers, to assist in the mapping and planning of the withdrawal, storage, and delivery components of the mineral water system. They are currently preparing plans and documents that we will use going forward when we meet with state and federal officials to apply for the second phase of our plan, which is to recycle the mineral water back into the lake. This plan will apply to future customers through the use of holding tanks, and other means to ensure a sustainable use of this limited resource so vital to our city's future development plans.

Please contact Anita for help getting access to the 5 properties so that it can be determined how much effort, and what size meter is needed for each property. I suspect that the former Notaras Lodge, and the former Inn may each require a separate meter. Each property will have to be inspected. The purpose of the inspection is *to develop a bid spec* to have the meters installed. The city is planning to use the expedited small-works roster process so we must have three bids because the cost exceeds the threshold requiring a bid spec. We would like to have you provide the bid specs for the entire job of installing meters on all of the city's signed-up customers connected to the mineral water system. Please use your standard rates to bill us for this work.

Mater Type and Cost: When we talked on the phone about this last Tuesday, we discussed various types of meters and their costs. We would request that you exercise your professional judgement while developing our metering program by keeping the following points in mind:

- We would prefer the cheapest reliable meter that will give reasonable accuracy of say within 2 or 3% with an ability to withstand the somewhat alkaline and corrosive substance being metered. It is understood that no single type of meter may work for all of the service connections, depending on space available, pipe diameters, prospective volumes, etc.
- Consider the addition of radio metering that allows the city staff to read the meter without requiring entry of the building. This could either be included now or later depending on a further decision.
- Anita was here when the city required the check valves be installed on mineral water services. She can help plan how to gain access into the building's service connections and work with the existing owners for the performance of the work.
- Nancy and Mike at Gray & Osborne are available if you need anything from them in preparing these specs. However, we are confident that we will use the simplest process available to perfect this important addition to our mineral water system.