



December 8, 2017

Subject: Receivership of Kapowsin Water District

Dear Kapowsin Water District Property Owner:

As you know, the operations and maintenance contract with Valley Water District to run the Kapowsin water system was terminated on November 17, 2017. This letter is to provide the latest status and next steps of this situation.

On November 8, 2017, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) filed a receivership petition for Kapowsin Water District (KWD) with Pierce County Superior Court. On November 13, 2017, a Superior Court Commissioner signed an order naming Pierce County as temporary Receiver and on November 29, 2017, appointed Pierce County as Permanent Receiver for KWD. **For your information, please see attached Washington State law regarding receiverships.**

Pierce County's goal as Receiver is to provide KWD customers with safe and reliable drinking water. In response to the receivership action, the Pierce County Executive signed a Proclamation of Emergency that authorizes County resources be used for emergency actions to keep customers in water and restore your water source. In support of this, the County entered into emergency contracts with Valley Water District to continue maintenance and operations of your water system and Water Buffalo, Inc. and Rainier View Water Company to continue trucking in potable water while we look for longer term solutions for a safe and reliable water source for your system.

In receivership, Pierce County will provide billing services to customers, facilitate corrective actions and be your emergency point of contact. **Should you have any water system emergency issues to report, please call the Pierce County Utility 24 hour/7 days a week emergency phone number at 253-798-7000.**

The extent of future repairs or upgrades to the Kapowsin Water District system has not been determined but we will keep you informed of decisions as they become available. We created a webpage with additional information at <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/5513> that will be updated as we move forward with this receivership process.

If you have questions I invite you to contact Katherine Brooks at (253) 798-6169 or [kbrooks@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:kbrooks@co.pierce.wa.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Hanberg".

Dennis Hanberg  
Pierce County Planning & Public Works, Director