

Summer has arrived here on Anderson Island, and your water department has been staying very busy with several different projects. These projects are the permitting process for the new water shop, main replacement, the Department of Health's system survey and our State Water System Plan.

The water shop currently is in design and under review. The structure itself will be a pole building that will house the water offices, all water equipment and inventory. Currently we are in the process of obtaining a septic design and creating a site plan to include a site drainage system that collects all rain water that hits the building and parking area. We are also working on clearing the land and removal of debris on the building site.

Pierce County has approved the water main replacement on 110th St. We have already installed a new water main under the intersection and soon will complete the remaining 300 ft of line. This is scheduled to be complete in August.

In the month of June, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) performed a sanitary survey of our water system. The objective of this survey is for DOH to review all water programs, policies, records, overall system condition and financial strength. I am happy to report that we passed with flying colors and that DOH is very happy with the direction we are headed with the water system.

Our State Water System Plan is coming along well. DOH, both county and state, have sent their responses and questions regarding the data we provided in the plan. I am currently working on those responses with RH2 engineering. I have set a goal to have all this back to DOH by the middle of August.

In closing I want to thank all members for doing a great job on conserving water so far this summer. We are serving more households with a lower system wide water usage. We look forward to seeing you at the annual picnic on Aug. 18, where your water department will have a booth that will demonstrate how we draw water from the aquifer right under Anderson Island.