



TO: PSWID Board of Directors

DATE: August 16, 2018

FROM: Cato Esquivel
District Manager

RE: **DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT**

F350

The district was notified July 24 from chapman Chevrolet requesting authorization to repair this vehicle. The estimated cost for these repairs was \$6900.00. After further research the vehicle was estimated to be worth \$4,000.00 in 2012 when it was initially acquired.

Background:

The f350's pickup trucks were purchased at an auction from western sales management Inc. In 2012. One truck was purchased for \$6,263.25 and the other was purchased for \$6,859.75.

The 2005 Chevy 2500, 2007 Chevy 2500 and 2009 Chevy 1500 were acquired from chapman Chevrolet in 2016 and 2017.

Options

If the district elected to replace this vehicle (cab and chassis), and based on recent bids Gila county received, it is estimated to cost \$55,000.00 for the cab and about \$30,000 to build the chassis. There are two Chevy 1 ton dually trucks available at chapman in Payson. It takes approximately 8 weeks to build the chassis.

I met with chapman's general manager to discuss other options that may be available to the district with replacing the F350 with a 1-ton truck new or used. I also checked with other towns, cities, SRP and APS to see if they have recently purchased 1 ton dually trucks or if they had any utility trucks they were planning on replacing. The entities that planned on replacing their utility vehicles did not coincide with our needs or our operations.

We have picked up our F350 from chapman and have made the necessary repairs to the vehicle. We will use the vehicle for "light duty" work and for running regulatory samples, ... etc.

AFTER HOUR EMERGENCY CALLS

A better connection's is an answering service we use to provide after-hours call support during the weeknight and weekends.

On July 27th at 6:18 p.m. We received a call from better connections advising the district that there was a water leak on Bradshaw Rd. Our on-call staff was dispatched to the site to locate the leak and assess the situation. When staff arrived on site it was necessary to shut down the main to isolate the leak. To make the necessary repairs, staff contacted emergency blue stake to mark existing surrounding utilities

that are in conflict with making the required repairs. Phone, cable and gas arrived onsite within a couple of hours, APS did not.

APS was dealing with power outages in Payson, pine and in phoenix (86,000 customers out of power). APS didn't have enough staff to provide us with emergency blue stake until the following morning around 6:30 a.m. APS staff was either dealing with the power outages in the surrounding communities or were on mandatory rest for safety concerns.

Better connections continued to take calls regarding the break until 10 p.m. At 10 p.m. District staff advised better connections not to "take anymore messages" from our customers regarding the same break on Bradshaw rd. At 10 p.m. Better connections started advising district customers during the phone conversation that they were not "taking anymore messages" on the break on Bradshaw rd.

I contacted better connections and conveyed to that it is unnecessary for them to be communicating to our customers that we are not "taking anymore messages" in any situations. I also advised better connections that conveying this type of message isn't the level of customer service we need. In the future, they will take all messages, communicate to our customers the status of the break(s) and any other associated information.

PINE CREEK RD WATERMAIN PROJECT

The project will be replacing the existing 4-inch ABS (black pipe) with 4-inc C-900.

A couple of years ago the District installed a new 6-inch transmission main that conveys water from Milk Ranch well site north to SR87. The 6-inch ties into an 8-inch transmission main in SR87 which distributes water along Pine Creek Canyon Rd and SR87 into Strawberry.

The Pine Creek Rd Watermain project will replace an existing 4-inch ABS pipe, north of Hardscrabble Mesa Rd, then tie the new 4-inch watermain into an existing 4-inch in Hardscrabble Mesa Rd.

The contractor is Apache Underground and the cost of these improvements is \$110,000. The project should be completed within the next two weeks.

WELL STATIC LEVEL

Hand Out

PINE CREEK WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Power Point