

Aamodt Decision for Members of the Tesuque Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association – Communication #8

- **What components makeup the current Tesuque Water Association's System?**
 - Our system is made up of several components including: one active water well, a storage tank, the distribution system, and metering for each connection. The well was drilled in 1962 and provided water to the original members of the Tesuque MDWCA. This well is currently inactive due to reported contamination of the produced water. A supplemental well was drilled in April of 1979 as a backup and currently provides all of the water to the system. The storage tank holds 50,000 gallons, enough for about 2-3 days of typical use. The distribution system consists of about 10,000' of PVC pipe with just over half of it 6" diameter and the remaining is 2" diameter. New meters were installed in 2010. These new meters allow electronic reading of monthly usage by our operator.

- **What is the current condition of Tesuque Water Association's facilities**
 - Our system is over 40 years old and in good operating condition. However, it is beyond its design life. This means that a failure of one of the major components is possible. Depending on what fails the resulting cost could be manageable within current resources or could be more significant and require a major project with outside funding.

- **If a loan is required to replace major components of the system, how much would that affect my monthly water bill**
 - As an example, if a loan of \$400,000 was required to rebuild one or more components of the system, the average Members bill could go up about \$20 per month for 30 years. This example cost is not associated with any specific scope of work, but is in the range for replacement one or more major components. (See attached chart for average cost per member based on different factors)

- **If Membership elects to remain independent, will there be any limitations on securing loans from State or County for facility upgrades?**
 - There are no restrictions contained within the Aamodt Agreement that limits loans from the State or County. The money available for assisting MDWCA's is subject to the Laws and Regulations of the State and County. The fact that Tesuque MDWCA's service area would overlies the service area of the PBRWS, could impact the allocation of limited resources to other MDWCA's that do not have an alternate source of water. However, until a loan request for a specific project is made, it is unknown whether a loan would be approved.

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This communication is part of the Board's ongoing effort to inform our Members on issues related to the potential impacts of the Aamodt Agreement