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YWIA Board USDA Grant Update

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On Friday, November 17, 2017 the Yarnell Water Improvement Association (YWIA) received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make repairs to the water system resulting from damages sustained during the Yarnell Hill Fire, the Tenderfoot Fire and the Tenderfoot Flood. Since the announcement about the grant from the USDA, construction plans have been put together and submitted to the USDA for approval. Our Engineer, Valentine Engineering, has been working with the YWIA staff and Board to prioritize the projects and work on the details.

The key repairs that will be funded by the USDA grant are: cleaning the two wells in Peeples Valley, replacing the pumps and motors on the wells, replace the two pressure booster pumps, rebuild the Air Relief and Pressure Relief Valves, replacement of meters and water service lines, cleaning and painting of the north storage tank, installing corrosion protection to both water storage tanks, replacing the washed-out water tank access road, and replacing or relocating over 500 feet of watermain and adding new valves on Norton.

The current plan is to start at the wells and work our way into town with the needed repairs and replacements. The wells would be first, getting cleaned and new pumps and motors added. The newer pumps and motors will be more efficient and help reduce electrical costs.

For more updates and to see the plan for the water system repairs, come to the Annual YWIA Meeting on March 24, 2018 at the Yarnell Regional Community Center at 9:00 am and get firsthand information from the experts. This is also a time for you to have your say in how the water system is managed and operated. If you have any questions before the meeting, please email your questions to: ywiawaterinformation@gmail.com.

Check out our new web page at yarnellwater.org

See you at the Community Center!