

## Update on new well for Harbor Hills Community Water System

In June, The District announced that a surge in water connections had consumed all available connections authorized by the Washington Department of Health. Completing a new well to provide additional water capacity for Harbor Hills has been the District's highest capital facilities priority.

District staff and engineers have been focused on identifying a new well site and meeting the permitting requirements to drill a test well at that site. The district solicited bids for drilling in November, but no bids were received. Follow-up calls to drilling firms revealed at least two contractors want to bid but could not meet the tight schedule outlined in our bid request. Consequently, the District will re-bid the drilling project in January with bids to be opened in February. Because of contractor availability, well completion and testing may not be completed until early summer. If the new well meets water quality and quantity requirements, construction of the well infrastructure will take place. If all goes well, we could have a new well operational in Spring 2025 and additional connections will be available.

In the meantime, the District is reviewing a contract to prepare the required Project Report and construction documents to submit to the Department of Health for review and approval, and ultimately bid a project to equip and connect the new well to the existing treatment/booster system.