

Harbor Hills Connection Moratorium

Two summers ago, the District asked existing customers to conserve water and the Board of Commissioners established a moratorium on new connections because of unusually dry weather and a clogging of the screen on our principal well. To address the issue, the District rehabilitated our principal well and one of our older reserve wells. We then had the capacity to lift the moratorium, and we have had 47 applications for new water connections since June of 2021.

Recently, residents in the Bradshaw Addition (an area just north of the former golf course clubhouse) have experienced severe water shortages as their independent community well is failing. As a result, we received ten more connection requests in that part of our service area. This surge in applications was not expected and has consumed the new connection allocation authorized by the Washington Department of Health. Consequently, the District will not accept any new applications for water service until additional connections are authorized.

The District Board of Commissioners has been working with the Washington Department of Health and our engineers to design, drill, and test a new well. Given time requirements for contracting a driller, permitting, and construction to develop an additional source of water, it will be more than a year, and perhaps three years, before additional capacity comes online and we receive authorization for additional connections. This connection moratorium will have no effect on existing customers unless they plan to build an additional dwelling.