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# Subject: Timberline Village – 628, ODW# 88388, Lewis County: Part B Water System Plan Update

Dear Phyo,

With this cover letter I am submitting a Part B water system plan for the Timberline Village 628 water system. I don't believe we have worked on a project together yet, so I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and highlight a few somewhat unique aspects of Thurston PUD that are relevant to review of this water system plan.

Thurston PUD owns and operates a total of 274 water systems in 5 different counties of Washington State. Because we do operate so many systems the Office of Drinking Water has allowed us to break water system plans and small water system plans into two components. The first is a Part A water system plan (umbrella plan) for all aspects of planning and administration which are common across all water systems. Elements included in the Part A include operation and maintenance procedures, emergency response, capitol planning, rates and budgeting, and construction standards. You can find the Part A WSP on our website at <u>thurstonpud.org/docs/Water Systems/Thurston PUD Water System Plan Part A - Umbrella Plan</u> <u>Update 3-30-2021.pdf</u>

For each individual water system we also maintain a Part B WSP/SWSMP, which covers specifics unique to that water system. This includes system maps, system capacities, source protection, water rights, and some discussion of system deficiencies and capital replacement (also covered in our PUD wide asset management plan). Due to this, there are numerous sections in the Part B water system plan submitted for Timberline Village which refer to the Part A plan.

The submitted Part B WSP for Timberline Village is generally pretty straight forward, the primary information of note is the discussion regarding DSL, annual water rights, and approval

of a few additional connections. There is quite a bit of history here which I am happy to discuss with you, and you will also find Andy Anderson a good resource. In brief, the system was over connected prior to being purchased by Thurston PUD, and also suffered from high DSL which caused exceedance of the Annual water right. Because of this the system has had a blue permit and though the water system serves the Timberline Plat property owners have been unable to obtain water and develop their properties for several years, which has been a fairly political problem. Thurston PUD has put forth pretty extraordinary effort to reduce consumption and bring DSL down, and now has a couple of years with water production sufficiently below the annual water right to justify additional connections. One caveat to this is a major fire that occurred in Packwood last fall. A large quantity of water was used to fight this fire, much of which was not metered. During the same period there was a main break, but due to the fire it was difficult to find and fix. In discussion with Mr. Anderson he agreed that a capacity analysis did not need to account for this water in determining system demands or capacity of the annual water right.

At present we are requesting approval for 326 connections, which will allow Thurston PUD 40 available connections to address the current waiting list. Separately, Thurston PUD is pursuing the cost reimbursement process to obtain a water right permit based on an application for an additional 58 acre-feet/year with a priority date of 1994. Given that this is the most senior application in the watershed and based on initial feedback from the Department of Ecology, we are anticipating obtaining the requested permit. However, this will take some time and in the interim we have people who have been waiting up to 5 years now for water connections. Approval of the connections will also stop further counterproductive drilling of private exempt wells within the Timberline service area.

I look forward to working with you, please don't hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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# Water System Plan Timberline Village #628 WSID: 88388

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Timberline Village #628 Water System Plan provides a long-term planning strategy for the water system over the 10-year and 20-year planning periods. The plan was prepared to update the previously approved plan in 1975, incorporate system changes, and increase the number of approved connections. The objectives of this plan are to evaluate the performance and adequacy of the water system, to determine what will be necessary to meet the infrastructure demands for the next 20 years, and to identify issues that may affect the operation of the water system. The plan was prepared in accordance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-100.

The original submittal of this WSP requested approval of 40 additional connections; in the intervening time the waiting list for connections has grown to exceed this number. Given the need for further additional connections and the ability of available water rights and system capacity to supply these, Thurston PUD now requests approval of 60 additional connections rather than 40. The existing system supplies 286 (primarily part time) connections, which are calculated as 120 ERU (equivalent full time residential connections). The system currently has sufficient annual water rights to supply 222 ERU. Approval for 346 connections is requested at this time. In the unlikely event of all new connections being full time residences, this would result in a total of 180 ERU, well below the water right limitation of 222 ERU. This request is modest and conservative. Approval of these connections will allow fulfilment of the existing waiting list for connections and will also halt the resulting ongoing proliferation of exempt wells occurring within the Timberline Village service area. Approval of further connections may be requested in the future once additional in process water rights are obtained or additional history of reduced water loss is available.

With the exception of the Goat Rocks Wildfire and DSL event of autumn 2022, average source production over the past 4 years has consistently been 40 acre-feet per year, well within the 58 acre-foot per year water right (see Section 2.2.3 for data and analysis). 18 acre-feet per year excess available water rights represents 45 % of current use, a substantial quantity of water considering that the ongoing use of 40 acre-feet per year includes both supply of 286 existing connections as well as DSL. Given that all additional connections are infill and will not extend the distribution system or increase DSL, it is evident that 60 additional connections can be supplied by existing water rights.

Thurston PUD has gone to great lengths both to reduce DSL and overall system usage, and to demonstrate the ability of the Timberline Village water system to supply the currently requested connections. This has been an extended process which has required property owners in need of water connections to wait for nearly 7 years since the moratorium on further connections was enacted at the end of 2017. Thurston PUD hereby requests approval of the Timberline Village #628 water system to serve 346 connections.

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270 approved connections, 286 existing connections (39 full time connections,
231 part time, 12 multi-family, and 4 commercial)
120 existing
S01, Well 1, AFM952, 1965, 8" well, 120 gpm pump capacity
S02, Well 2, AFM953, 1974, 8" well, 95 gpm pump capacity
None
Reservoir 1, 1982: 2 – 30,000 reservoirs, 60,000 gallons total
Wells pump to distribution in the lower zone and fill a reservoir in the upper
zone. Booster pumps pressurize the upper zone.
2,400' of 1.5" pipe
8,000' of 2" pipe
900' pf 3" pipe
12,500' of 4" pipe
3,300' of 6" pipe
2,000' of 8" pipe
Total: 29,000' of distribution pipe
G2-00887C, Qi = 160 gpm, Qa = 39 ac-ft/yr
G2-22984C, Qi = 160 gpm, Qa = 19 ac-ft/yr
G2-25619C, Qi = 400 gpm, Qa = 58 ac-ft/yr (non-additive)
Total existing certificates: Qi = 400 gpm, Qa = 58 ac-ft/yr
G2-29150, New application with priority date 11/7/94, Qi = 400 gpm, non-
additive, Qa = 58 ac-ft/yr additive
197 gpd/ERU
714 gpd/ERU
174 gpm (at current 286 connections and average DSL)
PUD No. 1 of Thurston County

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# Timberline Village #628

Water System Plan

#### Acronyms

ADD	Average Daily Demand
С	Coefficient of Friction
DSL	Distribution System Leakage
ERU	Equivalent Residential Unit
GWI	Groundwater Under the Influence of Surface Water
HGL	Hydraulic Grade Line
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MDD	Maximum Daily Demand
MPA	Microscopic Particulate Analysis
NTNC	Non-Transient Non-Community
PHD	Peak Hourly Demand
ppb	Parts per Billion
ppm	Parts per Million
RSA	Retail Service Area
SMA	Satellite Management Agency
SWL	Static Water Level
SWSMP	Small Water System Management Program
UTC	Utilities and Transportation Commission
WDM	Water Distribution Manager
WFI	Water Facilities Inventory (form)
WSDM	Water System Design Manual
WSDOH	Washington State Department of Health
WSP	Water System Plan
WUE	Water Use Efficiency

# Chapter 1 System Description

## 1.1 Ownership and Management

Timberline Village #628 Water System (WSID 88388B) is an existing Group A Community water system located 4 miles northeast of Packwood in Lewis County, Washington. The system serves full and part-time single-family residences, one condo building, and one hotel. The system has a large transient population due to the proximity to Mount Rainier National Park and White Pass Ski Area. The system is owned and operated by PUD No. 1 of Thurston County. The system is currently approved for 270 connections but has 286 connections existing. Pertinent information about the water system is summarized below:

Water System Name: System Type: WSDOH ID Number: Location: Sources: Approved Service Connections:	Timberline Village #628 Group A Community 88388 B Lewis County, Washington 2 active wells (S01, S02) 270
Type of Ownership: Name of Owner: Owner Address:	Special District PUD No. 1 of Thurston County 1230 Ruddell Rd SE Lacey, WA 98503
Type of Management:	Owner Managed

The Thurston PUD Water System Plan Part A – Umbrella Plan will be referenced throughout this WSP. Additional information regarding ownership and management is outlined in the Thurston PUD Umbrella WSP.

## 1.2 System History and Background

The Thurston PUD Umbrella WSP contains information regarding the history of the PUD.

The Timberline Village #628 Water System was originally developed by Far West Industries in the 1970s. The water system was acquired by PUD No. 1 of Thurston County in 2017. Well 1 was completed in 1965 and Well 2 was completed in 1974. Since the original construction, the system has installed two 30,000-gallon reservoirs and a booster pump station to serve the upper zone. The community grew at a relatively steady rate until 2017 when the water system was found to be overconnected and exceeding its water right, primarily due to high leak loss. Since this time Thurston PUD has instituted a variety of water conservation measures, replaced a failing section of the distribution system, and implemented an aggressive leak monitoring, locating, and repair program. These efforts have reduced leak loss and reduced annual usage to within the existing water right.

#### 1.2.1 Existing Facilities

The system's source of potable water is entirely from groundwater. Groundwater is withdrawn from 2 wells located in the same vicinity. Well (AFM952) is drilled to 89 feet and Well (AFM953) is drilled to 63 feet. The total source capacity is 365 gpm.

The system is comprised of the two wells, storage, pressure boosting pumps, and water line. There is no backup power available for the wells or booster pumps. Controls are provided by pressure controls at the wells and via telephone communication from the reservoirs.

## 1.3 Related Plans

The following documents were consulted in the preparation of this Water System Plan:

- Lewis County Comprehensive Plan, updated 2017
- WRIA 25/26 Watershed Management Plan, Grays-Elochoman and Cowlitz River Watershed Planning, updated 2013

Lewis County maintains a *Comprehensive Plan* which was last updated in 2017. This document was developed to comply with the State's Growth Management Act (GMA). The *Comprehensive Plan* provides guidance on which the planning and land use projections within this WSP are based.

Timberline Village #628 is within the Cowlitz River watershed (WRIA 26). The plan which addresses water quality, conservation, and environmental resource issues.

No inconsistencies or objections to the Water System Plan have been identified at the time of writing.

The nearest adjacent water system is High Valley Country Club which is approximately 0.5 miles west of Timberline Village #628's service area boundary. This water system is located across the Cowlitz River.

See the Thurston PUD Umbrella WSP for related plans.

## 1.4 Service Area, Maps, and Land Use

A map of the service area, retail service area, and water rights place of use is shown in Appendix 10.2. Detailed system maps are included in Appendix 10.3. There are no proposed changes to the service area.

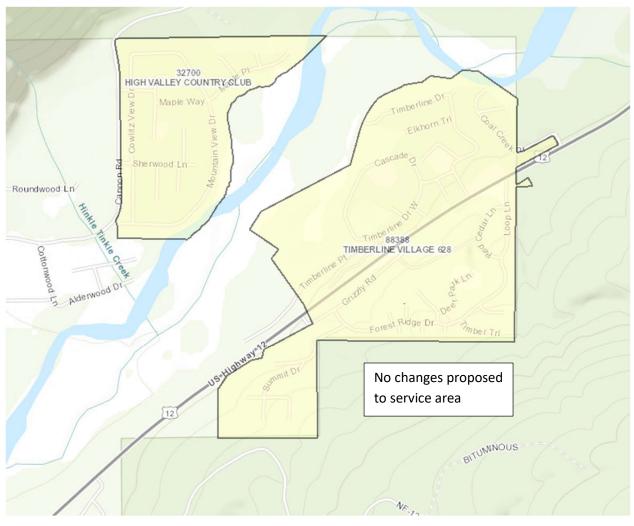


Figure 1-1 Service Area

#### 1.4.1 Retail Service Area

The retail service area is where a municipal water supplier has a duty to serve connections under the conditions described in Section 1.6. For the Timberline Village Water System, the retail service area is identical to the existing service area. Future water system growth on the water system is expected to be from the infill of undeveloped lots within the existing service area. The service area currently consists of 421 parcels; under existing zoning, subdivision of larger existing parcels to create up to an additional 61 parcels is possible, giving a total of 482 parcels (493 connections including existing condominiums) within the existing service area.

## 1.4.2 Future Service Area

The Timberline water system is not located in an area covered by a Coordinated Water System Plan, therefore future service area does not apply to the Timberline Water System. No increase in the system's service area is currently anticipated.

#### **1.4.3** Service Area Agreements

The Thurston PUD does not have any service area agreements with outside utilities. No competing utilities have registered service areas within the bound of the existing or future service areas proposed; therefore, no utility coordination is required.

## 1.4.4 Land Use and Zoning

Zoning within the Timberline Village #628 water system is shown on map prepared by Lewis County (see maps included in Appendix 10.2. The area is zoned Rural Residential Center with a density of one unit per gross acre (RRC – R1). The Timberline Village community is primarily part time residential and recreational, with some limited full time residences.

## 1.5 Service Area Policies

Service area policies are outlined in the Thurston PUD Umbrella Plan. Any new connections to the Timberline Village #628 water system will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## 1.6 Duty to Serve

Timberline Village #628 has a duty to serve all new connections located within its Retail Service Area, provided the following four threshold factors are met, as described in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-106:

- 1. Timberline Village #628 has sufficient capacity to provide water in a safe and reliable manner. Timberline Village #628 holds a BLUE operating permit. The system is adequate for existing connections but is not allowed to add new connections. The system currently has more active connections than the approved number of connections. The goal of the WSP is to gain approval for additional connections.
- 2. The service request is consistent with state and local regulations. The provision of service within the Retail Service Area is considered to be consistent with the *Lewis County Comprehensive Plan*.
- Timberline Village #628 has sufficient water rights to provide service. A capacity analysis demonstrating existing water rights are sufficent to serve additional services is in process. Pending Water Right application G2-29150 for an additional 58 acre-feet per year or more will add significant additional available water rights if approved.
- 4. Timberline Village #628 can provide service in a timely and reasonable manner. For planning purposes, "timely service" is defined as receiving water service within 120 calendar days plus construction time. If the extent of water service requested required construction of major facilities such as the replacement of installation of new storage tanks, wells, booster pumps, or distribution mains, the time associated with engineering, regulatory review and approval, and construction may be added to the 120 days.

The provision of new water service is "reasonable" if:

- The conditions of service are consistent with local land use plans and development regulations.
- The conditions of service and associated costs are consistent with those documented in the water system plan, and
- The conditions of service and associated costs are consistent with the water system's standard practice experienced by other applicants requesting similar water service.

If the request cannot be permitted because these criteria cannot be met, the system shall issue a denial of water service and a brief explanation of the reason that service cannot be provided. The customer and the water system may negotiate a future facilities upgrade through a developer extension agreement; however, this may require significant engineering and construction, and would not be done as a part of the Duty to Serve.

## 1.7 Local Government Consistency

In accordance with the Municipal Water Law, Timberline Village #628 is working on obtaining a signed consistency statement from Lewis County to document that this WSP is consistent with local area planning. A copy of the Lewis County consistency statement will be included in Appendix 10.8 of the WSP.

## 1.8 Watershed Plan Consistency

As discussed in Section 1.3 above, Timberline Village #628 is within the Cowlitz watershed (WRIA 26). The *WRIA 25/26 Watershed Management Plan, Grays-Elochoman and Cowlitz River Watershed Planning* was consulted in preparation of this Water System Plan. The watershed management plan addresses water quality, conservation, and environmental resource issues. No inconsistencies between the watershed management plan and this Water System Plan were identified.

## 1.9 Complaints

Complaints regarding water service issues may be directed to Thurston PUD.

# Chapter 2 Basic Planning Data

# 2.1 Current Population, Service Connections, and Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs)

## 2.1.1 Population and Demographics

The Timberline Village #628 water system is primarily a residential community comprised primarily of part tie residences, limited full time residences, and commercial services. Community buildings include a community center and pool. Commercial services include Packwood Lodge and a small restaurant.

The breakdown of services is as follows:

- Residential Connections
  - o 39 Full-time
  - o 231 Part-time
  - o 1 Condo (12 Units)
- Non-Residential Connections
  - o 1 Community Center
  - o 1 Community Pool
  - o 1 Restaurant
  - o 1 Hotel

The 2010 census data suggests the Lewis County households have an average of 2.5 people per household. Based on this, it is estimated 98 full time residents live in the 39 full time residences. The seasonal residences tend to be occupied by visitors to White Pass Ski Area by the homeowners or short-term rentals to visitors.

## 2.1.2 Types of Usage

The Timberline Village #628 water system has both residential and non-residential connections as part of the water system. The non-residential connections are the community center, pool, restaurant, and hotel. In addition, the system has a large portion of part time connections. The usage types for the system will be defined as full time residential, part time residential, community, commercial, and distribution system leakage (DSL).

Determination and criteria for full time versus part time residential connections is in Section 2.2.2.

# 2.2 Water Production and Usage

## 2.2.1 Meter Data

Timberline Village source and service meter data is recorded monthly. There are additional zone meters to help with leakage, these are also recorded monthly. Service and source meter data for the three year period from June 2019 to May 2023 was analyzed in this WSP.

#### 2.2.2 System Parameters: ADD and MDD

The full-time residential users are used as the basis for the ERU analysis. For the sake of analysis, a connection is considered to be a full time ERU if on average over the past three years it has less than 2 months per year with water use of less than 160 cf/month (40 gpd). This results in 39 full time connections, with an ADD of 197 gpd. This definition and number of full-time connections is supported by a 2022 survey conducted by Thurston PUD, wherein 16% of respondents stated that their home was a full time residence or vacation rental (which are included in the same category due to similar water use characteristics vs part time use properties). 16% of the existing 270 non-commercial or multi-family connections predicts 43 full time connections, similar to the 39 full time residential connections identified though review of metering records.

Part time residential and commercial ERU's are calculated by dividing their respective per connection MDD by the full time residential MDD. The ERU<sub>ADD</sub> is the average of the monthly usage of full time residential connections between July 2020 and June 2023, which is 197 gpd/ERU. The Maximum Month's Average Day Demand (MMADD) is 393 gpd/ERU which occurred in December 2022. An ERU<sub>MDD</sub> of 714 gpd/ERU is calculated by multiplying the MMADD by a peaking factor of 1.65 and a safety factor of 1.1. Based on metering records the 4 commercial connections equate to 13 ERU, the condo with 12 units equates to 2.1 ERU, and the 231 part time connections equate to 50.5 ERU (0.22 ERU per connection).

#### 2.2.3 Distribution System Leakage

Timberline Village records source and service meter data monthly and compares them to determine DSL. The system has historically experienced significant DSL due to a combination of poor original water line installation, a large distribution system, and low density development with low occupancy rates. The system is fully metered as of November 2019 and zone meters have been installed to analyze leakage. Additionally, Thurston PUD has been completing ongoing leak repair on known leaks and as leaks come up. This has resulted in a significant reduction is DSL.

Average DSL and consumption have been reduced since acquisition of the system by Thurston PUD and have been within the water right for the past 48 months, with the notable exception of the fire and main rupture event of Fall 2022 (see Section 4.6 for detailed discussion of event). It is clear in the chart below that this event is an aberration from the norm and should not be considered in forecasting future system demand.

Water Pumped per month

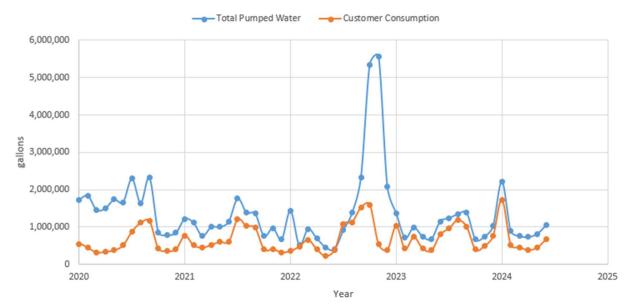
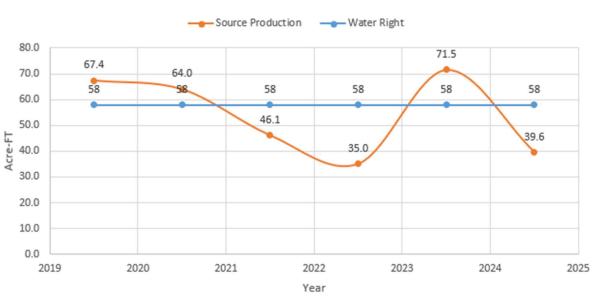


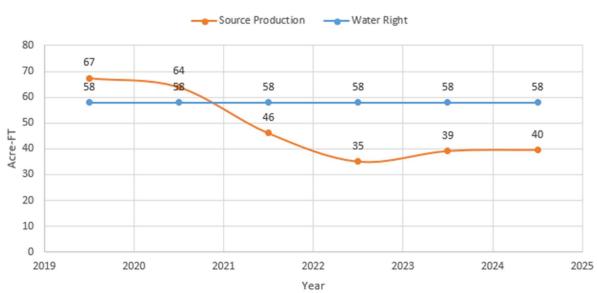
Figure 2-1 Total water pumped and customer use per month (Jan. 2020 to June 2024, each point represents one month)

Other than the DSL event of autumn 2022 the water system has been opperating below its water right for the past 48 months. The charts below show total pumped water vs water right on an Annual basis, with the year running July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30 in order to utilize available records to date for 2024. The first chart shows as-measured source metering (including DSL of the autumn 2022 DSL event), the second normalizes the leak event of autumn 2022 based on average source production of the same period in the years 2020, 2021, and 2023. The average source production of the past 4 years is 40 acre-feet per year, leaving an excess of 18 acre-feet per year (45% of current average source production) available under existing water rights.



**Total Annual Source Production** 

Figure 2-2 Water Consumption, Acre-Feet per Year



Total Annual Source Production, Normalized for Autumn 2022

Figure 2-3 Water Consumption (normalized for autumn 2022), Acre-Feet per Year

## 2.3 Water Supply Characteristics

The Timberline Village water system is supplied from 2 groundwater wells, drilled in 1965 and 1974. The wells appear to be finished in different aquifers. The well have been in continuous use since drilling and there have not been any problems with availability of water from the sources. This indicates a high level of sustainability. Several leaks have recently been repaired throughout the distribution system, reducing the overall distribution system leakage, and therefore lowering demand on the sources of supply.

## 2.4 Water Supply Reliability Evaluation

The community is served from two sources. In addition the community has 60,000 gallons of reservoir capacity allocated for standby storage. The community does not have backup power at the well sites or the booster pumphouse. A generator transfer switch has recently been installed at the well pumphouse. No interties with other systems exist or are proposed for the Timberline Village Water System.

## 2.5 Future Population Projections and Land Use

## 2.5.1 Land Use and Zoning

The Timberline Village service area contains 421 existing parcels and is zoned RRC-R1 which corresponds to an area designated one unit per acre. Based on current zoning up to 61 additional lots may be possible, for a total of 482 lots possible. It is likely that not all lots are buildable, however some lots may be eligible for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Based on this, buildout is assumed to be up to 482 parcels at this time; and including the condo units this results in a projected buildout of 593 connections.

## 2.6 Future Growth and Water Demand

The Lewis County Comprehensive Plan's mid-range county wide population growth estimate is approximately 1.05% per year over the next 20 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that the average annual growth rate for the period of 1970 to 2001 was 1.06% per year.

The Timberline Village community has traditionally experienced more rapid growth than the Lewis County average, likely due to the many recreational activities available in the area. Based on available records, Timberline Village grew at an average rate of 1.72% per year from 1993 until the moratorium on additional water connections in the first half of 2017. Given the continuing availability of recreational activities and trend of remote work it is likely that the trend of moderately elevated growth relative to Lewis County will continue.

The current wait list for water connections is 43 lots, though this is likely an under representation of pentup demand since many property owners have likely been waiting to sell their parcel or pursue development until connections are available. It is assumed that once additional connections are available connections will be granted to all properties on the waiting list and growth will resume at the previous rate of 1.72 % per year. Based on this, buildout is expected to be reached in the next 21 years.

# Chapter 3 System Inventory and Analysis

## 3.1 System Design Standards

All design and future construction shall be completed in accordance with the Washington State Department of Health Water System Design Manual (Design Manual). The following is a brief summary of relevant standards set forth in the Design Manual:

Water Demand	Chapter	3
PHD	Equation	3-1
Capacity Analysis	Chapter	4
Distribution System	Chapter	6
Hydraulic Analysis	Section	6.1

Over the next 20 years the system does not anticipate growing beyond its existing service area. There are various sizes and types of waterlines in service today.

## 3.2 System Inventory and Asset Condition Assessment

#### 3.2.1 Overview

The water system is served water by infrastructure located at two sites and the distribution system. The two sites are the well house (both wells are located here) and the reservoirs and booster pumphouse. The system is split into two pressure zones; the lower zone serves the areas from 1125 to 1250 feet elevation, comprising about 65% of the system, and the upper zone serves the remainder of the system from 1250 to 1375 feet elevation. The lower zone is pressurized by gravity from the reservoirs, and the upper zone is pressurized by the booster station.

Table 3-1 lists the sites and associated components:

Site	Well(s)	DOH Source Number	Reservoirs	Booster Pumps
1	Well 1 and Well 2	SO1, SO2	None	None
2	None	N/A	2 – 30,000 gallons ea.	4- Grundfos CR8, 5 HP

Table 3-1: Summary of Sites

The distribution system consists of 1.5", 2", 3", 4", 6", and 8" waterlines. Water lines are looped on the north side of the highway with and span across Highway 12 to serve the south side and the upper summit zone. A summary of pipe sizes and quantities in service are shown in Table 3-2.

Total	29,000 feet
8″	2,000
6″	3,300
4″	12,500
3″	900
2″	8,000
1.5″	2,400
Pipe Size	Length (feet)
Nominal	Installed

Table 3-2: Pipe Inventory

The wells and service connections are all metered and are read monthly. The PUD has also installed three zone meters which are known as: Ghost Town, Elkhorn, Fill Line, and Upper Zone. The zone meters have helped determine where leaks are occurring. Additionally, if the PUD observes a spike in a service meter reading, the property owner is contacted to determine if there is a leak present.

#### 3.2.2 Sources

Timberline Village #628 has two wells. The well logs are in Appendix 10-5. A summary of the well is shown in Table 3-3.

Well	Well Tag	Elevation (ft)	Well Depth (ft)	Static Water Level <sup>1</sup> (ft)	Capacity (gpm)	Pumps To	Controlled By
						Distribution	Pressure/
1	AFM952	1186	89	36	125	/Tanks	Telephone
						Distribution	Pressure/
2	AFM953	1186	63	30	240	/Tanks	Telephone

Table	3-3:	Summary	of	Sources
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#### 3.2.3 Water Rights and Capacity

Table 3-4 summarizes the system's water rights; there is an additional pending water right permit application with a priority date of 1994 for an additional 58 acre-feet per year. Due to the length of time in waiting for processing of the application the PUD is now pursuing cost reimbursement processing. The water rights self-assessment tables and copies of the water right certificates can be found in Appendix 10-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Static water level measurements from well logs

Certificate Number	Priority Date	Qi <sup>1</sup> (gpm)	Qa <sup>2</sup> (acft/yr)
G2-00887 C	11/19/1968	160	39
G2-22984	7/15/1974	160	19
G2-25619	6/13/1980	400	58
Total		400	58

Table 3-4: Water Rights and Pumping Capacities

#### 3.2.4 Storage

The system has two 30,000 gallon reservoirs which were built in 1982. The tanks are both horizontal steel tank each with a common inlet and outlet. The wells are called to fill the reservoirs via telephone communication from floats in the reservoirs. The reservoirs have vents but no overflows. The inlet/outlet piping is exposed. Each tank is approximately 12' in diameter and 36' in length. The tank volumes were modeled in AutoCAD due to their horizontal configuration.

	Dimensions (Feet)		Volumes (Gallons)				
Tank Name	Length	Diameter	Volume	Dead Storage (1.5' at top)	Operational Storage (1.5' vertical)	Dead Storage (1' at bottom)	Remaining Volume
Tank 1	36	12	30,000	1,800	3,000	1,000	24,200
Tank 3	36	12	30,000	1,800	3,000	1,000	24,200
Total			60,000	3,600	6,000	2,000	48,400

Table 3-5: Storage Summary

#### 3.2.5 Booster Pumps

Timberline Village #628 has four identical 5-HP booster pumps with variable speed control which supply the upper pressure zone. The pumps are programmed to a setpoint of 70 psi. At 70 psi each pump can provide 65 gpm. The combined flow rate of these pumps is 260 gpm. There is no generator to provide power to the booster pumps. During a power outage the upper pressure zone (1/3 of the system) is without water.

#### 3.2.6 Buildings

Timberline Village #628 has two buildings which house water system components. These buildings are summarized in Table 3-6.

 $<sup>^1\,{\</sup>rm Qi}$  is defined as the maximum instantaneous withdrawal rate allowed by water rights.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Qa is defined as the maximum annual withdrawal allowed by water rights

#### Table 3-6: Summary of Buildings

Site	Building Size	Year Constructed	Notes
1	12'x16'	2021	Well 1, source meters
2	24'x14'	1992	Booster Pumps

The well pumphouse was replaced in 2021 including a new foundation and electrical panel after the previous pumphouse was damaged in a flood.

## 3.3 Capacity Analysis

The existing system supplies 286 connections, which are calculated as 120 ERU (equivalent full time residential connections). The system has sufficient annual water rights to supply 222 ERU. Approval for 326 connections is requested at this time. In the unlikely event of all new connections being full time residences, this would result in a total of 160 ERU, well below the most limiting capacity element (annual water rights).

As a conservative measures, water use estimates assume that all new connections will be full time residences, though it is probable based on historic trends and the 2022 customer survey that many or most new connections will be part time use. With only 16% of existing connections being full time, it is clear that in the 50-year history of the community there has been minimal conversion of part time to full time use, a trend also expected to continue based on community survey results. Given this a request for approval of 326 connections (160 ERU) provides a very substantial buffer in the event some additional existing part time connections transition to full time connections and it is reasonable to expect and conclude the system to will not exceed its water right.

See worksheet 4-1 on the following page, and current system limits in Table 3-7 below:

Limitation	Maximum ERU
Water Rights, Instantaneous withdrawal	359
Water Rights, Annual withdrawal	222
Total Source Production	319
Booster Pumps	N/A <sup>1</sup>
Reservoirs	242
Distribution System	353
Most Limiting Factor: Annual Water Rights	222

#### Table 3-7: System Capacity Summary

<sup>1</sup> – Booster pumps supply upper pressure zone only

## 3.4 Distribution System Analysis

A hydraulic analysis was performed by Northwest Water (see Appendix 10.3). Model results show that the system exhibits minor friction losses, with pressure differences largely driven by elevation. The results demonstrate the existing distribution system is limited to a flow rate of 395 gpm, well in excess of the existing PHD of 174 gpm.

## 3.5 Summary of System Deficiencies

There were no significant deficiencies found during the latest sanitary survey.

Washington State Department of Health recommends backup power for water systems without gravity supplied standby storage, which would include the upper pressure zone at Timberline. However, it is Thurston PUD's policy per resolution 22-39 to allow water system residents to elect to install backup power generation; residents of the Timberline water system have not chosen to pursue backup power installation at this time.

# Chapter 4 Water Use Efficiency Program

#### 4.1.1 Current Program

The Thurston PUD Board of Commissioners recognizes that water is a valuable commodity, and the wise and efficient use of water is a goal that is in the best interests of its constituents.

#### 4.1.2 Goals

State regulation (WAC 246-290-830) requires the governing body of the municipal water system to develop the water use efficiency goals through a public process. The current WUE goal was considered in a public meeting held on October 19, 2020. The current goal for years 2021 through 2030 is to reduce and/or maintain the annual average demand per connection, for all Group A systems, to no more than 250 gallons per day. The Timberline water system is currently meeting this goal.

#### 4.1.3 Measures

As part of a water system plan, DOH regulations also require the implementation of a specified number of water use efficiency measures. WAC 246-290-810 identifies the minimum number of water use efficiency measures that must be evaluated based on system size. Thurston PUD has less than 9,999 connections and therefore must evaluate or implement six supplementary water use efficiency measures in addition to the mandatory measures. Please see Part A WSP, chapter 3.4 for Water Use Efficiency Measures.

In addition to water efficiency measures identified in the Part A WSP, Thurston PUD currently offers customers the following efficiency related devices and incentives:

- Shower Timers -first come first serve basis
- Soil Moisture Meters -first come first serve basis
- Irrigation Timers -first come first serve basis
- High Efficiency toilet rebate (\$50.00)

#### 4.1.4 Reclaimed Water

Systems serving more than 1,000 connections are required to evaluate reclaimed water opportunities. The Webster Hill system is comprised of properties that have private septic systems, and therefore would not be able to implement a sewer treatment plant for reclaimed water use. With fewer than 1,000 connections, Timberline is not requred to further evaluate reclaimed water opportunities.

#### 4.1.5 Consumer Education Program

Thurston PUD sends out seasonal water conservation tips to customers at least bi-annually within our monthly newsletter. Conservation is also included in our annual consumer confidence reports. Newsletters can be found online at <a href="http://www.thurstonpud.org/pud-news-newsletters.htm">http://www.thurstonpud.org/pud-news-newsletters.htm</a>

## 4.1.6 Annual Reports

The annual report provided to DOH by July 1 must include:

- •Total system production and system wide consumption
- Distribution system leakage in percentage and volume
- Goal description, schedule, and progress toward meeting goals

Thurston PUD submits the annual WUE report on DOH's SENTRY database system, <u>https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/eh/portal/odw/si/Disclaimer.aspx?Page=FindWaterSystem.aspx</u>, before July 1 every year and adds a copy of the report to the website at <u>http://www.thurstonpud.org/water-systems-ccr-2017\_copy(1).htm</u>. Additionally, the District reports this information to each customer on the annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR), example included in the Part A Water System Plan, Appendix J . The CCR provides each individual water system the current goal, total water produced and what the average household used for that water system.

## 4.1.7 Water Rates

Please see Water System Plan Part A, Section 6-6 and 6-7 for discussion and evaluation of current and future rates. Please see Thurston PUD website for current rates and fees <u>http://thurstonpud.org/our-rates.htm</u>.

## 4.2 Demand Forecast

See Sections 2.5 and 2.6 for population and demand forecasting.

## 4.3 Water Use Efficiency Savings

Since acquiring Timberline, Thurston PUD has reduced leak loss from approximately 40 gpm to 8 gpm. Thurston PUD has a significant successful history of improving water use efficiency of acquired systems. See WSP Part A section 3.8 for additional history of WUE Program success at Thurston PUD water systems.

## 4.4 DSL Exemption for Water Systems under 500 Connections

Timberline Village 628 serves less than 500 connections. Since acquiring the system Thurston PUD has taken significant measures to reduce leak loss, reducing DSL from over 40 gpm in 2018 to around 8 gpm. It is unlikely that leak rate can be further reduced given the current limitations in leak detection technology. Thurston PUD requests exemption to operate under the 20% leak loss limit, as there are no feasible means by which Thurston PUD may further reduce DSL.

## 4.5 Source and Service Metering

#### 4.5.1 Source Meters

All sources are metered. Any additional sources developed in the future will be metered when installed. Source meters are read monthly.

## 4.5.2 Service Meters

The system became fully metered as of November 2019. Any new connections will be metered prior to connection to the water system. Service meters are read monthly.

## 4.6 Distribution System Leakage

If a system's distribution system leakage exceeds 10 percent, the conservation program must also provide an implementation program that includes leak detection and repair, and other measures to reduce water loss. The system was not fully metered until November 2019, so the DSL prior to this is not accurate. Below is a summary of the distribution system leakage as reported on the Water Use Efficiency Reports:

Year	Distribution Leakage %	Percentage of metered connections
2019	74.9 %	100 % (as of November)
2020	63.32 %	100 %
2021	40.3 %	100 %
2022	60.1 %	100 %
2023	28.6 %	100 %

DSL was extremely high as a percent of water use when Thurston PUD assumed ownership of the Timberline Village water system in 2017. This was partly due to incomplete metering of the system, but primarily driven by a large number of small ongoing leaks. Thurston PUD replaced the highest leak loss areas of the distribution system and began an aggressive program of finding and fixing remaining leaks. As a result, DSL steadily declined and has stabilized at below 8 gpm, which has been the average DSL for the past 3 years (except for event discussed below). Further reduction to below the current average DSL rate of loss is infeasible at this time, as remaining micro-leaks are far too small for any form of detection. Replacement of the distribution system is planned to begin in 2039; at an estimated cost of nearly \$4,000,000 if begun in 2025, premature replacement is not justified for the reduction of an average 8 gpm DSL.

As referenced throughout this WSP, the exception to the otherwise clear trend of reduced DSL was a major DSL event in the autumn of 2022. The cause of this event was unmetered supply of firefighting water for the 6,000+ acre Goat Rocks Wildfire. The Timberline Village water system was the primary source of water for suppression of this fire over an extended time period. During the same time, there was also a large main break. Unfortunately, there were no visual signs of leakage due to location in very gravely soil, and due to high fire-fighting water use this loss could not be identified until the metering month following the end of the fire. Once identified, locating took additional time due to a significant windstorm followed by an early heavy snow which prevented locating activities. As soon as was possible Thurston PUD deployed a major leak detection effort, and ultimately located the main break using novel leak detection techniques.

In direct response to this DSL event of 2022 Thurston PUD implemented an enhanced water use monitoring system to allow rapid alert and identification of similar main breaks in the future. It is unlikely that the combination of events that transpired in autumn 2022 would align again, and if so, Thurston PUD would be able to monitor for and detect any leaks as they developed in order to rapidly respond as conditions allow.

Based on DSL trend over the 18 months since the end of 2022 it is clear that this leak detection system is performing as intended. Notable successes were detection of a major main break in late 2023, which was identified and addressed in one day, resulting in minimal leak loss. At the beginning of January 2024, a probable leak was again detected. Thurston PUD immediately took action and quickly determined it was located on private plumbing of the Packwood Lodge. Thurston PUD immediately notified the Packwood Lodge of the suspected leak and made action recommendations.

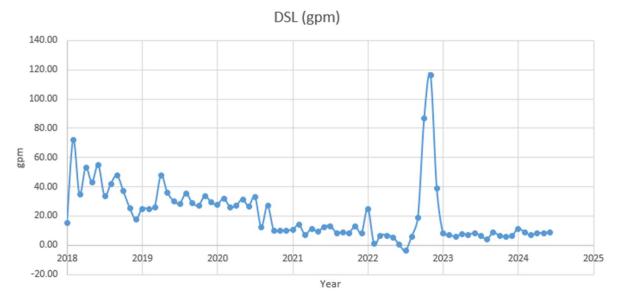


Figure 4-1 DSL in Total GPM, Highlighting Event of Autumn 2022

As detailed in this WSP, Thurston PUD has employed an aggressive leak detection program and has successfully found and fixed leaks to greatly reduce DSL, however a system wide average baseline loss of 8 gpm remains due to micro leaks which are too small to detect. DSL resulting from this low baseline loss apears artificially inflated as a DSL percentage due to low system use. Because of the number of part time homes, average day demand on a per connection basis is only 69 gpd, which is only about one third the state average. Further, though the distribution system is fully built out, the service area is only approximately halfway developed. With 4.9 miles of mains serving only 286 connections (only 39 of which are full time) water use per mile distribution system is extraordinarily low, therefor even minor leakage shows up as high DSL on a percentage basis. Overall, leakage per mile of distribution system is lower than average for water systems in Washington State and nation wide.

Though two large leaks occurred in the past year, the Timberline Water System is still on track to be well within its water right for 2024. This is due to the rapid identification of leaks by the leak detection system, along with rapid and effective response to find and fix leaks by Thurston PUD.

Photographic documentation of 2022 Goat Rocks fire and fire-suppression efforts utilizing the Timberline Village water system as source of supply provided by a Timberline Village resident on following two pages.

#### FW: Photos of Packwood fire setup



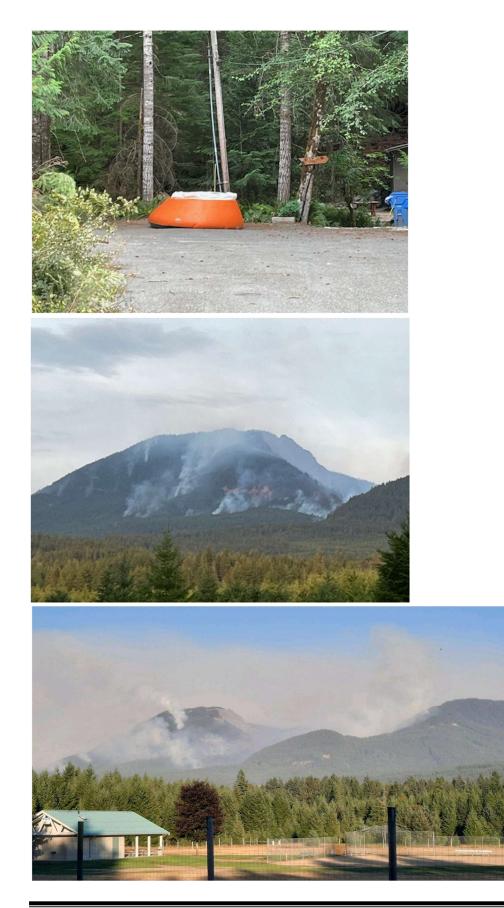
John Weidenfeller To Kim Gubbe; Doug Piehl; jrehberger@cascadialaw.com FYI...see below....Pictures of the Goat Rocks Fire reservoir containers and lines.

From: Jeff Kittle <<u>Jeff.Kittle@formacc.com</u>> Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 2:52 PM To: John Weidenfeller <<u>jweidenfeller@thurstonpud.org</u>> Subject: Photos of Packwood fire setup

Those swimming pools were in every cul-de-sac. They were also filling up with the hoses laid out and the hoses were eventually all charged with water. This was definitely their closest source of water.

From: Jeff Kittle <<u>Jeff.Kittle@formacc.com</u>> Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 2:45 PM To: Jeff Kittle <<u>Jeff.Kittle@formacc.com</u>> Subject:





## 4.7 Water Loss Action Control Plan

Through the Water Use Efficiency Rule, Washington State has implemented a program in which one of the objectives is to reduce unaccounted for water usage for each water system to 10% or less. Water systems with less than 500 connections, upon DOH approval, are allowed up to 20 percent DSL with evidence that the system is doing everything in their toolbox to minimize leakage.

The District is requesting the allowable 20 percent DSL for this water system with fewer than 500 Connections, and further, when and if such percentage numerical standard is infeasible as described herein, approve this water loss action control plan, as developed and implemented, as meeting compliance with the Water Use Efficiency Rule in accordance with WAC 246-290-820(1)(b)(iv). Section 4.6 documents the last six years DSL and Appendix 10.4 documents annual production and customer usage. The Timberline water system became fully metered by the end of 2019.

Thurston PUD has taken the following water loss control measures to reduce water use and DSL of the Timberline Village water system:

- Installation of zone metering and data logging source meters
- Targeted water main replacement
- Replacement of all service meters over 20 years old
- Active survey/investigation and repair of distribution leaks
- Rebates for water efficient toilets and smart landscaping irrigation controls
- Landscape irrigation audits
- Free customer leak audits
- Conservation targeted tiered water rates
- Customer leak repair incentives
- Free customer soil moisture meters
- Main break detection system monitoring in real time and providing automated alerts to staff.

The combination of these measures has both reduced overall water use and consumption and has reduced leak loss to the current average of under 8 gpm system wide, which is 1.6 gpm per mile distribution main. Finding and fixing the remaining water loss spread over 4.9 miles of mains is not reasonably achievable, as the remaining very small leaks are not detectable. Neither is it economically feasible (or ecologically justifiable given the amount of construction materials) to prematurely replace the entire distribution system. Therefore, while the above measures are ongoing, the current leak rate likely cannot be reasonably further improved upon. However, it is very important to again note that the above measures have resulted in achieving a leak loss at the Timberline Village water system which is lower than the national average of 1.9 gpm leak loss per mile distribution main based on information in the most recent ASCE Infrastructure Report Card.

While DSL, as a percentage of total water used appears high, Thurston PUD's ability to significantly reduce the DSL to a level (on a per mile of main basis) to below the national average confirms the system's leak loss rate is not unreasonable, within an acceptable range, and does not constitute waste. It should further

be noted and recognized that when the community is fully built out the percentage will decrease, as leak loss should not increase but consumption and use will increase.

It is notable that Timberline Village water system is currently meeting Thurston PUD's conservation goals of average use of no more than 250 gpd per connection, per Thurston PUD Resolution 20-35. Additionally, Thurston PUD is compliant with WAC 246-290-820(1)(b)(iv) and with RCW 70A.125.170(4)(C)(i) ("In setting water conservation goals the water supplier may consider historic conservation performance and conservation investment, customer base demographics, regional climate variations, forecasted demand and system supply characteristics, system financial viability, system reliability, and affordability of water rates."). See Appendix 10.4 Meter Data for additional information.

The PUD is committed to finding and repairing leaks as they are found.

Future steps:

- Continue use of monitoring system to detect potential leaks.
- Repair leaks as found cost varies and is budgeted in current O&M budget.
- Find funding to replace distribution infrastructure that is over 50 years old.

Thurston PUD employs tiered water rates as well as numerous other measures and incentives to promote customer water conservation. Though unlikely, should water rights could be exceeded in the future due to customer water consumption, Thurston PUD will notify residents and will work with the community to institute outdoor watering restrictions. Thurston PUD will continue to work with the Washington State Departments of Health and Ecology and welcomes further assistance on promoting customer conservation within the architecture of municipal water supply and consumer protection regulation.

In the event of a future wildfire, water line washout by flooding of Cowlitz River or Coal Creek, or other emergent event which could potentially result in significant undocumented water use or water right exceedance, Thurston PUD will endeavor to notify and request guidance from the Washington State Departments of Health and Ecology in an expeditious manner.

Water use for emergency firefighting does not require a water right, however if undocumented such use becomes categorized as DSL. Under emergency circumstances such as those of 2022 Thurston PUD is often not notified by emergency responders prior to use of the water system for fire response, and such use is not customarily (nor anticipated to be) metered. As much as it lies within the ability of Thurston PUD and does not endanger PUD staff or interfere with emergency services efforts, Thurston PUD will endeavor to document dates, purpose, and general scope of water use for emergency use.

# Chapter 5 Source Water Protection

## 5.1 Wellhead Protection

The wellhead protection program has been developed in conjunction with the WSP. The following susceptibility assessment, protection area, and contamination source inventory will provide the necessary documentation to make educated management and land use decisions to prevent aquifer contamination.

#### 5.1.1 Susceptibility Assessment

Ground Water Contamination Susceptibility Assessment forms for each source for the Timberline Village water system are included in Appendix 10-7. The results of the assessment are summarized in this Chapter.

#### 5.1.2 Wellhead Protection Area

A map showing the 100-foot protected radii and the 6-month, 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year ground water travel radii is shown in Figure 5-1 below. The well protection radii are calculated using the formula found in the susceptibility assessment as provided by the WSDOH.

#### 5.1.3 Contamination Source Inventory

The following are potential sources of contamination within the 10-year travel time radii:

- 1. Residential Septic Systems
- 2. Residential Chemical Applications (Pesticides, herbicides, etc)
- 3. The Cowlitz River

Since land use and zoning throughout the service area is unlikely to change, changes in, or addition of, sources of contamination are unlikely.

#### 5.1.4 Notification of Findings

The following agencies will be provided with a letter (see Appendix 10-7 for a copy of the notification letter) requesting information about any potential sources of contamination within the Wellhead Protection Radii:

Lewis County Health Department Lewis County Department of Community Development Emergency Services (911)

All the homeowners with lots within the 10-year radii will also be sent a notification letter. See Appendix 10 for copies of the notification letters.



Figure 5-1: Wellhead Protection Areas

#### 5.1.5 Contingency Planning

The system has some redundancy given that they have 2 permanent sources, though these sources are located adjacent to each other. Based on the well logs and water quality, the wells appear to draw from the same aquifer. In the unlikely event that the aquifer becomes contaminated, and the groundwater is inaccessible to the community, the following alternatives will be considered: a boil water notification could be used on a short interim basis while long term treatment or another water source are pursued. Alternatively, Thurston PUD's tanker could be used to fill the Timberline reservoirs; there are numerous approved Group A water sources in the vicinity, including High Valley Country Club, Goat Rocks, and Lewis Co water District #3.

## 5.2 Water Quality Analysis

#### 5.2.1 Asbestos

The system does not have any asbestos cement pipes, therefore, asbestos testing is not required.

#### 5.2.2 Bacteriological Testing

The systems tests one sample from the distribution system for coliform bacteria each month. In the past 10 years, there have been 0 coliform violations. The Coliform Monitoring Plan is included in Appendix 10-7.

#### 5.2.3 Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)

IOC samples have been taken from each source on the system over the past 5 years. No EPA-regulated primary contaminant has exceeded the states Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). Well 1 exceeded the manganese MCL in 1996, however, subsequent samples have been below the MCL.

#### 5.2.4 Lead and Copper

The system performs routine lead and copper sampling every 3 years from the distribution system. Lead and copper have been present in the samples above the minimum detection limits; however, none have exceeded the action level of the Lead/Copper rule so no treatment is required. The Lead and Copper Monitoring Plan is included in Appendix 10-7.

#### 5.2.5 Nitrates

Annual Nitrate testing is performed at each of the systems sources. As of the most recent sampling in 2023 both wells had nitrate levels less than the lower limit of lab detection.

#### 5.2.6 Radionuclides

Radionuclides samples were collected in 2021 from both sources, the Radium or Alpha particles emission for each well was less than the State Reporting Limit (SRL) of 1 mg/L and 3 mg/L, respectively.

#### 5.2.7 VOCs and SOCs

Samples for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and synthetic organic compounds (SOCs) were last collected in 2022 and all results were less than the SRL's.

# **Chapter 6 Operations and Maintenance**

## 6.1 Water System Management, Personnel, and Certifications

See Thurston PUD WSP Part A, Sections 5.1 and 5.2.

## 6.2 Operations and Preventative Maintenance

The routine operation and preventative maintenance schedule for the system infrastructure is outlined in the WSP Part A in Chapter 5, Table 5-2, and further detailed in Appendix M. O & M procedures are fully detailed in Appendix N of the WSP Part A.

## 6.3 Comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality sampling for each system is taken in accordance with the Water Quality Monitoring Schedule (WQMS). If any water quality testing exceeds the standards set forth in WAC 246-290-310, the DOH will be notified immediately. The current WQMS Report (Appendix 10.7) provides the sample schedule, which is summarized below in Table 6-1.

Monitoring Group	Test Panel	Sample Location	Schedule/Status
Coliform	Coli	Distribution	Monthly
Asbestos	ASB	Distribution	9 year
Lead and Copper	LCR	Distribution	3 year
Nitrate	NIT	All Sources	Annual
Complete Inorganic Chemicals	IOC	All Sources	Waiver – 9 year
Manganese	IOC	S01	3 year
Volatile Organic Contaminants	VOC	All Sources	Waiver – 6 year
Herbicides	Herb	All Sources	Waiver – 9 year
Pesticides	Pest	All Sources	Waiver – 3 year
PFAS	PFAS	All Sources	3 year
Soil Fumigants	Fumigant	All Sources	Waiver – 3 year
Radionuclide / Gross Alpha	RAD 228	All Sources	6 year

## 6.3.1 Coliform Monitoring Plan and Map

The coliform monitoring plan was prepared by Thurston PUD. The coliform monitoring plan can be found in Appendix 10-7. The system takes one routine samples per month from distribution. If there are any failures, repeat distribution samples and a source sample are taken per this plan. See the Coliform Monitoring Plan for details.

## 6.3.2 Lead and Copper Monitoring

The Lead and Copper Monitoring plan can be found in Appendix 10.7.

## 6.4 Emergency Response Program

The Emergency Response Plan is found in the WSP Part A, Appendix P.

## 6.5 Cross Connection Control

The cross-connection control policy and program are located in the WSP Part A, Appendix R. A list of the cross connection control device and testing dates is included in Appendix 10.10.

## 6.6 Sanitary Survey Findings

The latest sanitary survey was performed in 2021. There were no significant deficiencies or significant findings identified during the survey. An observation was made that the bladder tank in the upper pumphouse is not protected by a pressure relief valve (PRV). Another observation was made that the reservoirs do not have overflows and that vent screens are partially clogged. Addition of a PRV and a reservoir overflow and new vent screens have been added to the list of improvements in Chapter 8. The complete sanitary survey is included in Appendix 10.1.

## 6.7 Record Keeping, Reporting, and Customer Complaint Program

See WSP Part A, Section 5.9

## 6.8 Customer Complaint Response Procedures

See WSP Part A, Section 5.10

## **Chapter 7** Distribution Facilities Design and Construction Standards

A distribution submittal exception is approved in Thurston PUD's Part A WSP which applies to all systems owned by Thurston PUD.

# Chapter 8 Capital Improvement Program

## 8.1 Prioritization Criteria

Improvements are prioritized according to the following criteria listed from highest to lowest in importance:

- 1. Public Health Risks
- 2. Adequate Supply
- 3. WSDOH Operation and Design Standards
- 4. Achieving Conservation Goals
- 5. Regularly Scheduled Improvements
- 6. Aesthetic and Optional Improvements

## 8.2 Prioritized List of Improvements

The system has no significant public health risks, has more than adequate supply, and meets or exceeds all WSDOH guidelines for operation and design standards. Therefore, the highest three prioritization criteria are already met and the following improvements are prioritized based on the remaining criteria (4-6) as well as project scope and cost.

- 1. Cellular source metering and large leak alarm system
- 2. Obtain Additional Water Rights
- 3. Distribution system replacement
- 4. Replace Booster Station
- 5. Sanitary Survey Recommendations

## 8.3 Assessment of Improvements

## 8.3.1 Cellular source metering and large leak alarm system

Thurston PUD reads source and service meters on a monthly basis and also employs zone metering to identify leakage. Installation of a cellular enabled source meter monitor with alarm thresholds allows detection of development of large leaks in a more timely basis than monthly meter reading alone.

## 8.3.2 Obtain Additional Water Rights

Thurston PUD is pursuing an additional water right for 58 acre-feet per year through the cost reimbursement program. The original application has a priority date of 1994. Issuance of a permit is anticipated in early 2024.

## 8.3.3 Replace Distribution System

Thurston PUD has completed targeted replacement of improperly installed sections of the distribution system. The remainder of the existing distribution system is primarily under 50 years of age and not due for replacement. However, installation quality of the original distribution system was poor, therefore Thurston PUD plans to initiate further targeted replacements of the distribution system over the current

10-year planning period, and targets completing replacement of the entire distribution system within the next 20 years.

#### 8.3.4 Replace Booster Station

The booster station building was installed in 1974 and requires replacement, including the electrical system and pump controls. The pumps and plumbing have remaining useful life and will be retained.

#### 8.3.5 Sanitary Survey Recommendations

Observations at the most recent sanitary survey included installation of a pressure relief valve on the booster station bladder tank, installation of reservoir overflows, and replacement of reservoir vent screens.

## 8.4 Improvement Program Summary and Schedule

The community will perform all of the upgrades proposed in section 8.3. The improvements are anticipated within the next 10 years. Table 8-1 provides an overview of the likely schedule for capital improvements projects.

Improvement	Estimated Cost (2023 dollars)	Schedule	Source of Funds
1. Online source meter/alarm system	\$3,000	2023	Reserves
2. Obtain Additional Water Rights	\$30,000	2023	Reserves
3. Replace Distribution System/Upgrade	\$6,300,000	2024 -	Loan or
Distribution to Support Fire Flow	\$0,500,000	2043	Grant
4. Booster Station building, electrical, and controls	\$73,000	2024	Reserves
5. Sanitary Survey Recommendations	\$3,000	2024	Reserves

#### Table 8-1: Improvement Schedule

# Chapter 9 Financial Program

See WSP Part A, Section 6. Thurston PUD's current Asset Management Program incorporates planning for all 273 Thurston PUD systems can be downloaded from the Thurston PUD website or made available upon request.

## **Chapter 10 Appendices and Supporting Documents**

- 10.1 WFI, Operating Permit, Sanitary Survey
- **10.2** Vicinity and Zoning Maps
- 10.3 Distribution System Maps and Hydraulic Analysis
- 10.4 Meter Data
- 10.5 Well Logs and Pumps
- 10.6 Water Rights, WRSA
- 10.7 Water Quality Monitoring & Consumer Confidence Report
- 10.8 Local Government Consistency and Susceptibility Assessments and Correspondence
- 10.9 Cross Connection Control Program
- 10.10 WSP Adoption and Minutes