

Per our last update, well 7 was a success. It has a capacity of 1500 GPM, which surpasses the 1000 GPM that was required of the developer, per the developer agreement.

What's next? We call it "Phase 2," and this is a short list of its primary objectives:

1. Construction of New tank 1 and tank 1 booster pump station. Tank one is our 40 year old concrete tank
2. Pumps and piping for Big Bend Booster station. Currently there is just a building there.
3. Construction of Tank 3. A brand new tank that will sit well above all current homes in Comore Loma.
4. Well 7 Pump and housing. We need something to pump water from our new well.
5. Transfer switch at well 2
6. Installation of 24 new fire hydrants.

All of these items were assembled in a package that went out for bid in Early October. The Board's biggest fear was that the bids would come back well above our budget of \$3,000,050.00. If the budget figure is foreign to you, please go to the CLWC website and review the "Upgrades" tab, it will give you the history of the whole project. The Board's fears were extinguished when the bids came in. Seven companies bid on the project and many were well within our budgetary guidelines. In the end, the Board awarded the bid to the low bidder, DePatco Construction, an Idaho organization.

So, where do we sit now? The bid package is all-inclusive, it tells DePatco how to do the work, to what specs the work needs to be done and when the work needs to be finished. As soon as the DEQ approves our award (remember, everything we do needs to be approved by DEQ because that is where we are borrowing our funds) we should start to see DePatco construction vehicles moving in to the areas described above.