

## **County Action Surprises Board**

At its January board meeting, the Black Canyon City Water Improvement District was surprised to learn Yavapai County planned to repave four BCC streets beginning February 1. While residents of BCC and the BCCWID board are supportive of improved streets in Black Canyon City, the short notice will have a major impact for the water district.

The water district is in the position of needing to replace the water mains and service lines to meet current codes. The BCCWID felt comfortable with the notice and scope of the initial planned project with sufficient capital reserves available to complete the water upgrades before the onset of the county paving. Increasing the project to include four streets will require a much larger capital outlay. Water manager Randy Hrabina estimates the cost of the project to be around \$200,000.

The BCCWID board approved hiring Kelley/Wise Engineering to start the initial engineering plans for the water district. Yavapai County has tentatively extended the start date to May 1 to give the water district additional time. The county has also indicated it will better communicate with the district, in particular about road paving projects within the water district boundaries.

Notices will be forthcoming to alert the public of the construction status.