

A Short Response for Our Owner/Users

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It has become apparent the Community Association does not intend to release any information about the wells on their 27 acre Heritage Park. We have no idea why they consider this information to be such a big secret and actually their failure to get involved may be adding to the “rumor and allegations” mentioned in their President’s letter. There does not appear to be any reason to continue exchanging letters with them at this time and it is apparent the Community Association is not going to allow anyone to speak about this issue to attendees at one of their monthly meetings.

Further Comments:

- 1) The November meeting of the BCCWID is available at this website. None of the things stated by the President of the Community Association are shown in the minutes, including his heavily emphasized “NO EFFECT”. Indeed no evaluation was possible because Heritage Park pumping data was unavailable. One can’t determine an effect without the potential causative data. Unfortunately the normal audio recordings for most 2012 BCCWID Board Meetings, including the November one, are non-existent due to failure of prior secretary and chair to record them, so the current Board has no way to determine what was or was not said. Management maintains they said the data presented was BCCWID well data over a 5-6 year period but no Heritage Park data was presented to allow determination of any “EFFECT” of their pumping.
- 2) There is no question that the amount of water reaching BCCWID is in decline. A 10 year drought cycle in the Southwest is recognized by weather experts and expected to continue with warmer summers due to global warming. Upstream use in Cordes area has definitely increased as that community’s needs have grown leaving less water to reach Black Canyon City.
- 3) After the two domestic water suppliers, the 27 acre Heritage Park has to be the third largest user in Black Canyon City. Large ponds lose surface water and irrigated vegetation transpires water to the air. Of course this loss is maximized in the summer months at the most critical time for domestic water draws.
- 4) Certainly the two domestic water suppliers draw millions of gallons per month and only the Black Canyon City Community Association may know what Heritage Park pumping draws. Our summer estimates for surface pond loss and transpiration loss of new vegetation suggests the Park could use a million plus gallons per month. Certainly their pumping capacity is the third largest in Black Canyon City.
- 5) No one knows the capacity of the Agua Fria aquifer and certainly not by month. But if the two domestic water supplier’s pumps run dry one summer all residents will want to know how much is being pumped, who is pumping it, and what can be done to immediately restore the domestic water supply.
- 6) The BCCWID level III drought requirements are primarily a request being made of our users. The BCCWID has no police powers to enforce them. Voluntary compliance is expected from responsible people. As mentioned by the Association letter, the District does use tiered billing to help minimize wasteful use and will continue to do so.