

**REPORT TO JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION
MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

**SUBJECT STATUS REPORT - JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION SERVICE/WESTSHORE
FIRE SERVICES MEETINGS**

ISSUE

Integrated Water Services staff, the Chair and Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commissioners recently met with the Fire Chiefs of the District of Metchosin, City of Colwood, Town of View Royal, City of Langford, District of Sooke, and East Sooke.

BACKGROUND

Integrated Water Services staff, the Chair and Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commissioners recently met with the Fire Chiefs of the District of Metchosin, City of Colwood, Town of View Royal, City of Langford, District of Sooke, and East Sooke in separate meetings. Staff have not met with the District of Highlands Fire Chief as there are currently no fire hydrants in service in the District. The purpose of the meetings was to provide the following:

1. Introduce the Integrated Water Services management team responsible for the Juan de Fuca water distribution system;
2. Meet the Fire Chiefs and the other fire department staff;
3. Discuss current Juan de Fuca water system information, including:
 - a. The five-year fire flow upgrade program background and status;
 - b. Available water system infrastructure mapping;
 - c. Available modeled water system flow and pressure; and
 - d. Understanding water system performance limitations (flow, pressure, storage) when considering requirements for supplementary firefighting equipment.
4. Discuss the level of interest in pursuing three new initiatives:
 - a. Adoption and implementation of NFPA 291 Hydrant Flow Classification Marking;
 - b. Dispatching an Integrated Water Services duty operator for fires as an Incident Command Post resource; and
 - c. Integrated Water Services participation in fire department "practice night" question and answer sessions to build a better understanding of the water system amongst fire department staff.

The meetings were very productive and formed the basis for ongoing improved communication and working relationships. A joint meeting between the Fire Chiefs and Integrated Water Services staff is planned for November 26, 2013 at the Langford Fire Hall #1, to discuss the three new initiatives noted above, as a group, with a goal of developing an implementation strategy. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the Japan Gulch Disinfection Facilities. The meeting agenda is attached and Integrated Water Services staff will facilitate the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission receive the staff report for information.

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