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Monthly Update:

CWA has started the year with strong momentum, thanks to a fully staffed and highly effective field team that has quickly become an essential part of our daily operations. With everyone working together seamlessly—both in the field and in the office—we've been able to make meaningful progress on system maintenance, regulatory programs, and long-term infrastructure planning.

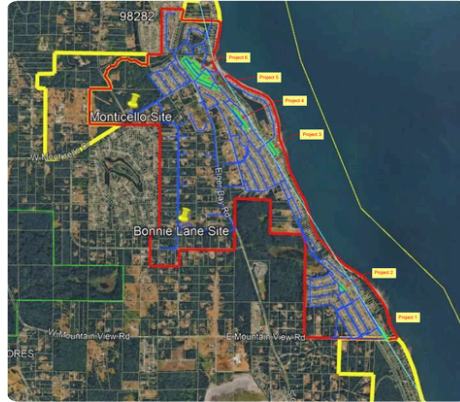
February was a foundational month for us. Our team completed a full inspection and audit of the entire water system, giving us a clear picture of its current condition and helping us identify components that need immediate attention or replacement. This work ensures we stay ahead of potential issues and maintain reliable service for our customers.

February was also the first full month of our new field crew working together, and their coordination and teamwork have already made a noticeable impact. Alongside these efforts, staff began preparing for the Annual System Flush, laying the groundwork for a smooth and efficient process.

March brought hands-on progress. The Annual Flush was completed successfully, helping clear sediment, improve water quality, and keep the system performing at its best as we head into spring. We also received the parts needed for our Cross Connection Control program, allowing staff to begin identifying which properties still need backflow assemblies installed. This program plays a key role in protecting the system from potential contamination, and getting these components in place is an important step forward.

Looking ahead, we are continuing preparations for the major pipe replacement projects planned for this summer and fall. These upgrades will address aging infrastructure, improve system reliability, and support the long-term health of our water system. With a strong team in place and a clear plan for the months ahead, CWA is well positioned for a productive and impactful year.

-CWA Staff



Pipe Replacement Update

As Springtime continues, we are gearing up for our pipe replacement project! Our hopes is to start breaking ground sometime near the end of summer/early fall. This project will start with replacing the steel pipe that is throughout our system. Washington Department of Health has required all water systems to replace any steel pipe within their system to reduce possible lead exposure. The steel pipe replacement will happen in stages. There are about 6 different parts of our system that has steel pipe.

While also replacing the lines, we are also looking into moving the meters and lines that are currently in the backyards of members' property. A fair amount of our system lies within easements that are being fenced, blocked off, and increasingly making it difficult for field staff to do their job. This is not only effecting CWA but other utilities that use easements. By moving the water lines to the fronts of homes, we can have better access to meters for repairs if and when an emergency arises.

For more information, give the office a call! 360-387-9136



Become a Board Member

The Board currently meets at 9:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the CWA office. If you're curious about how the Board operates or want to see the decision-making process in action, consider sitting in on a meeting — it's one of the best ways to understand the role and see whether it's a good fit for you.

Serving on a nonprofit board like CWA's is both meaningful and impactful. Trustees help guide the long-term direction of the organization, ensure financial responsibility, support staff leadership, and uphold the mission of providing safe, reliable water to the community.

Nonprofit boards also play a key role in transparency, accountability, and making sure member voices are represented in major decisions. It's a collaborative environment where diverse perspectives strengthen the organization as a whole.

If you'd like more information or have questions about board service, feel free to contact the CWA office at (360) 387-9136 or info@camanowater.com. We're always happy to help community members explore ways to get involved!

CWA Reminders



Keeping Meter Boxes Clear

As everyone gets back into the rhythm of spring yardwork, it's also a great moment to take a quick look at your water meter box. Keeping this area clear is a small step that makes a big difference for the whole community. When brush, weeds, or garden debris grow around the meter box, it can slow down routine work and make it harder for crews to respond quickly when something urgent comes up.

A good rule of thumb is to keep about two feet of open space around the meter box and six feet of clearance above it. This simple bit of upkeep helps our team read meters accurately, check for leaks, perform maintenance, and reach your shutoff valve right away in an emergency. It's one of those behind-the-scenes ways neighbors help neighbors by keeping the system running smoothly for everyone.

For questions or more information, contact the office.

PFAS - Forever Chemicals

PFAS—often called “forever chemicals”—have been found in water systems across the country as federal testing expands. These synthetic compounds can persist in the environment for long periods, which is why national monitoring has increased in recent years. According to recent federal data, thousands of water systems nationwide have detected some level of PFAS as part of ongoing testing programs.

CWA is pleased to share that our water system has no detectable PFAS. Routine sampling and required federal testing continue to show that our drinking water meets all state and federal standards for PFAS, including the most recent EPA regulations.

We know PFAS can be a source of concern for many households, and we remain committed to transparency and proactive monitoring.

As testing requirements evolve, CWA will continue to participate fully and keep our community informed



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A Few Notes To Remember

- Email is the best way to communicate with us! Phone calls are great too but for quick responses, email is the way to go.
- If you ever are wondering if we received your payment, you can verify on your **Customer Portal**.
- Our website, www.camanowater.com has lots of updates and information. It is recommended to check it often!
- Remember we are made up of mostly your neighbors, so please be kind!



Annual Flush Report

Even with regular maintenance, some parts of the system can accumulate sediment or experience reduced circulation. This year's Annual Flush reached those areas as well, clearing out any buildup that may have been missed during previous cycles and helping keep water moving freely throughout the network. Between missed areas from the previous year, and an entirely new field staff, the flush did take a little longer. But the thoroughness and attention to detail will really benefit our members!

The flush moved fresh water through the entire distribution system at high velocity, sweeping out naturally occurring sediment that can settle in pipes over time. This cleaning process improved overall water clarity and supported consistent, high-quality water throughout the year.

During the flush, Sage and Fernando located and uncovered system valves that had become buried under soil, vegetation, or gravel. Once exposed, each valve was exercised and tested to ensure it opened and closed properly.

These valves were essential for isolating sections of pipe during repairs or emergencies, so keeping them accessible and functional remained a key part of system reliability.

The flush also provided an opportunity to evaluate every hydrant in the system. The Field Crew monitored water pressure, flow, and mechanical condition as each hydrant was operated. This helped identify hydrants that needed repairs, upgrades, or additional maintenance to ensure they were ready when firefighters or field crews needed them.

The office also had record low calls regarding discolored water, asking where the crew was, or when the flush will end. This has been CWA's most successful flush to date!

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