



**August 17, 2021
Water System Update**

Dear QCBFD,

Preliminary results from Monday sampling show that Well #1 has tested TC-/EC- or free from bacteria. Before the RIDOH will act on this information and allow us to place well #1 back in service, it requires a certified report which normally takes the lab 5 business days to produce. We have paid a premium to expedite the certification so it can be presented to RIDOH within 72 hours.

Once RIDOH receives the accelerated certified report we expect they will allow well #1 to be put back into service. Hopefully before this weekend.

For now we remain solely on well #2. Many of you have noticed the slightly yellow tinge of toilet bowl water or bathtub water. This will persist until well #1 is back online.

Well #2 can only supply 40 gallons per minute or 40% of our peak water supply of 100 gallons per minute. In fact this past weekend, despite a call for decreased water usage, community water demand exceeded the ability of well #2 to refill our water tank for several hours, especially the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday. This means the community water demand exceeded 40 gallons per minute throughout this time..

Fortunately our water storage tank reserves allowed, as designed, the community to continue to have normal water

pressure throughout the day. We were close but we came through. Thank you to everyone who did their part to use a little less water during that period.

We await final RIDOH clearance to restore water delivery from Well #1.

Thank you again for your patience.

One final note, Public Works will plan to host a virtual water system informational update the weekend of August 28th to describe the progress made towards developing a water treatment facility which will improve our water quality and provide 4-log disinfection. Please stay tuned for more specific information.

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