

QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICTJune 7, 2020

DearGreetings!

Water service has been reinstated with several caveats; Water may be further contaminated and our need for strict water conservation!

The lightning strike reset all the electrical monitors so the system could not recognize the water level in the tank thus there was no call for the wells to pump water into the tank. As a result our system essentially ran bone dry overnight.

We are up and running but essentially in LIMP mode, i.e. water output will be purposely reduced, until further diagnostics to our systems can be completed over the next several days. Water color and quality may be a bit off for the next 48 hours.

Since we lost pressure in the water distribution system I strongly advise everyone to treat the water as if it is contaminated! We have been, and will continue to be, on a RIDOH BOIL WATER ADVISORY due to continuing Coliform Bacteria in Well #1 but this is different! Contamination may now enter the system from any bathroom or kitchen faucet, outdoor hose bibs, shower heads, and attached garden hoses due to the low pressure differential. This is known as back flow. I expect that RIDOH will ask we further chlorinate our distribution system due to the pressure loss.

I strongly recommend you adhere to boiling any water

for consumption at least until the system is fully operational which we expect will be tomorrow or Tuesday.

We ask (demand) that the community aggressively conserve water usage until all system diagnostics have been completed and full water output resumes. Therefore please use water only for personal needs, bathing, washing, cooking, etc and forego any outdoor deck cleaning, car washing, even handheld watering of flowers until further notice.

Thank you all for your patience and enjoy the day!

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