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Staff's update regards to statement Groom Creek water system in recent years plagued with series of breaks in the asbestos-concrete pipe , this is not true as of this date per records at the Arizona Corporation Commission there have been 3 reported outages since 2005. Mar.21,07?, Aug.8,07 due to customer construction on new home and breaking main line ,outage 2hr30Min at 1113 Elk Trail ,Oct. 19-23,07 Silver King Circle this due to construction in that area using Jack Hammer breaking up boulders and vibrating the line cracking it. In regards to the expense the of these being costly it is because this Water Board has no plan in place for emergency's they have not negotiated with a contractor for someone that would be available at these times so when you just call someone on the spur of the moment you are going to pay top dollar. It appears that these failure's were not due to the aging system. The Silver King main line breaks over the years are due to the line not being deep enough after the county grading the road has taken away and making it closer to the surface . The Arizona Water Resources ,AMA, Jack McCormick was called out to Groom Creek by Jerry Hodgson and Kal Miller to conduct a leak detection on the Water System and per Mr. McCormick there were none found this was done the beginning of 2008. As far as replacing the asbestos pipe due to safety, the asbestos is of no danger to anyone unless you breath it in the lungs the danger is to the person breathing in the fibers when cutting to repair the line and they have to wear mask's and then flush the line out when finished with the repair.

As far as the Yavapai County paving the roads in a meeting with Mr. Tom Thurman County Road Commissioner on Aug.4,08 he advised that Groom Creek is on a 5 year plan with other area's and not in the near future. The state has taken some of their fund's and they do not have any projected date to start. There are approximately 3 miles of road already paved in Groom Creek so why if there has been no leak detection and no outage reported on these roads due to main breakage is this even being considered in the replacement? Groom Creek Estates 1 and 2 were not put until the 70's and no reported main line breaks from faulty pipe. It does not make any sense to replace this whole system and burden this little community with 1.8 mil debt with the economy in the state it is in and why has the Water Board not applied for Grant funding before requesting this financing approval? There are large municipalities such as Phoenix, Tucson ,Prescott, that have the concrete asbestos pipe installed much earlier than the 60's and they have no plans to replace their system. Groom Creek Water System is just not that bad.

This is a continuation of the original intervention by the following people . Address and signature on file.

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