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To: Members of City Council

From: Daniel O'Rourke, Chief of Water Division

Date: March 30, 2017

Subject: Quarterly Report



Pursuant to PCO-8-14 Sub A, the Water Division is pleased to present the following quarterly specific items referenced in the resolution. They are as follows:

1. Work is beginning once again to provide additional fire protection in advance of the Governor Francis sewer project. All work will be performed by Water Division crews.
2. Leak detection efforts have resumed once again in designated areas throughout the distribution system. Our continuing goal is to reduce our unaccounted non-billable water resulting in reduced wholesale purchases from Kent County Water Authority and the Providence Water Supply Board.
3. The budget process for the 2017/2018 fiscal year has begun but we are still awaiting final audit results for the past fiscal year which will dictate the continued implementation of our multi-year rate plan. However, at this juncture we will have to raise the portion of the bill

which reflects the wholesale cost of water increase from the Providence Water Supply Board.

4. The Water Division recently met with DPW and National Grid to coordinate utility upgrades, replacements, and tentative paving plans.
5. Water Division crews have begun marking out curb stops in conjunction with our recent efforts to pursue delinquent accounts. We anticipate sending out shut-off notices in the near future to customers who are not current with their water/sewer usage bills or have not entered and complied with payment arrangements.
6. We were recently notified by the Rhode Island Department of Health that we must resume lead and copper testing due to exceedances of lead levels by the Providence Water Supply Board. All contiguous customers (wholesale customers) must resume testing during the 2017 calendar year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 738-2008 extension 9374.

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