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Dear Neighbors,

After learning about the leak in the water system I thought we should probably have a meeting to discuss that and other water issues... (meters, for instance). I contacted some of you and suggested we meet tonight (Monday). Those of you who I got hold of seemed in favor. But before I got too far down the list I decided I'd better talk to David. I got hold of him late Saturday and he told me he thinks we'd be jumping the gun. They are still working to find the leak/leaks and, although some areas have been eliminated as possible sites, there is a valve down by Randy Hatch's house that has a broken part that won't allow it to be turned off. Therefore, they can't check that area until the valve is replaced. And there are other unchecked areas still, across the highway, so in that regard, it probably IS early for a meeting. I got off the phone agreeing that maybe we should wait.

But this morning I'm not so sure. There are other issues that need be addressed--and probably very soon. A big one is that on Feb. 2 David has to meet with the water authorities in SLC to get things settled as to what type of water company Cedar Ridge is to be--a public utility or a mutually-owned water company. (We're kind of in limbo right now). He plans to propose that it be registered as a "mutually-owned" company, feeling that type would best serve our needs. That means we will all become part-owners (with voting rights), but many of us are very reluctant to "mutually" agree to take on the Cedar Ridge company just now. There are just too many unanswered questions about company problems and what our related obligations will be.

David said, that after his meeting in SLC, he will come home and make his proposal to us and that we will not be forced into something we don't want. The people at the state seem to see it differently and said that once they give approval for Cedar Ridge to be mutually-owned that's THAT, as far as they're concerned. They just want it to be officially one type or another. After that's been settled with them the only way we could contest it would be in civil court. There might be no argument as to which type of company Cedar Ridge should be, but if there IS we should certainly work that out before Feb. 2.

Being designated as a public utility could very well mean more government regulation, more fees, and more costs, but there also might be advantages. I'm sure I don't know enough to know and probably most of us are in that boat. It would be nice if we could find someone to teach us. Paul Fulgham, the Tremonton director, would be good, but I wasn't able to get hold of him. His personal number is not in the phone book and today is a holiday, so the chances of getting him to come are not good. Frank Walker understands a lot about water systems but is out of town. David could teach us, but doesn't want to meet yet. Maybe he could be talked into it...

So, I'm a little stumped about whether or not to continue trying to put together a meeting for tonight. I feel it would be a good idea, but there's no point in ME calling one, unless others think it's important. (I've already shared everything I know). I guess we COULD compare notes on how we feel about the "mutually-owned" idea... (see who is available to help with one, etc). But actually what's important is that David knows how we feel. He's meeting with his lawyer tomorrow, by the way.

Ok, while typing this I've heard from some of you who DO want to meet so let's do. Deweyville town hall 5:30. I hope no one is offended that I threw this little party. Come to you want...everyone's invited.

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