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To: Whiskey Creek Water Service Area residents

## Re: Fire Hydrants to be Removed from Whiskey Creek Water Service Area

As you may have noticed, the fire hydrants in the Whiskey Creek Water Service Area have recently been covered with plastic bags marked "Not in Service".

The fire hydrants were installed by the original Westerlea Estates developer and they have never been and will not be used by the Fire Dept in the event of a fire. The water system was not designed to support the fire flow required by a hydrant, and connecting a fire truck to the hydrant would collapse the watermain.

Fire protection has been and will continue to be provided in your area by the Coombs-Hilliers Fire Department's Superior Tanker Shuttle Service, which does not rely on the use of the hydrants. RDN Water Services will be physically removing the fire hydrants later in 2023 and replacing some of them with with flushing connections. Please be assured that this will not affect the Fire Department's ability to respond to a fire or the property owners' ability to get house insurance.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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