

## **October 2012 - Message from your HVCC Water Department:**

We have had issues with our Kubota backhoe most of the summer. We now have it repaired and are back in business installing water meters. High Valley 1 was completed last spring and HV 10 is about 6 meters from being completed. High Valley 9 will be our next area of focus. We are doing some jumping around to cause as little water interruption to our members as possible.

I am happy to report very few leaks on the home owner's side of things. We should be able to check well 10 to see that what we pump out of the ground, matches the amount going to the customer very soon. With the meter readings and the well readings, we will be able to tell if we have any leak issues in our system. That's what the Water Use Efficiency rule, that caused us to have to install the meters, is all about.

I am also happy to report in 2011 we used 37.3 million gallons of water. That is a savings of about 5.5 million gallons from our next lowest water use year of 2008 which was about 42.7 million gallons. The highest year was 2004, with 79.5 million gallons. This is a big savings not only in water, but in electricity costs and wear and tear on our pumps, etc. A BIG THANK YOU to our members for conserving water use, and reporting leaks when you see them.

So what's next? In the very near future we will need to have a public/member meeting to establish Water Use Efficiency "Goals" for the next 6 years. The goals should be designed to use water more efficiently. Each goal must identify the measurable water savings that will be achieved at a specific time in the future to meet the regulatory requirements.

*Example:* Demand side goal. Reduce our annual consumption per residential connection by 3% over a 6 year period.

There are several things we can, or need, to do to satisfy the state which will be decided at our future meeting.