A staff report containing details of the proposed water system upgrades will be considered at the November 23rd, 2010 Board Meeting. The report outlines the need for upgrades to the San Pareil water service distribution, reservoir and pumping facilities.

Proposed improvements include upgrades to the undersized reservoir and the aging pump station ($614,000) and the inadequately sized and aging water distribution system ($1,777,263). These upgrades will address the aging infrastructure and provide fire flow that meet current standards. The total capital cost for this project is estimated to be $2,391,263 for the existing water service area.

Staff are recommending the development of a petition to gain the assent of the electors in order to establish borrowing authority for the works and costs of improvements to the San Pareil Water Service Area.

Should the Board approve this recommendation a public information meeting will be held in the first quarter of 2011 detailing the proposed works and cost impacts to property taxes. Subsequently, formal petitions detailing cost implications will be sent to all registered property owners for their consideration.

For a petition to be successful it must be signed by the owners of at least 50% of the parcels liable to be charged for the proposed service, and the persons signing must be the owners of parcels that in total represent 50% of the net taxable value of all land and improvements within the proposed service area.

These improvements do not include the servicing of the 44 lots in the San Pareil development that have never been part of the San Pareil Water Service Area. These properties will be considered for inclusion once the existing water service area improvements have been completed and the system can sustain the additional demand. At that time those properties can be considered for inclusion into the San Pareil Water Service Area and a similar process to gain their assent will be undertaken. Costs for those properties will include any additional infrastructure (primarily water main installations, services and hydrants) required to service the properties and capital charges that will reflect the benefit of joining the existing system.