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**Subject:** Pumping to begin next week

Jas,

With pumping scheduled to begin next week and it is unclear how long pumping would be needed, we are again bringing lower lake levels, like in 2019.

In 2019, as we installed the new potable water intake line for the town, Catalyst also replaced the damaged intake that was on the main intake for town.

I am concerned for the condition of your main intake given the condition we found it in in 2019 (imploded and partially plugged).

Can you confirm that you have inspected the main intake system for your water system this year? If you have, did you also inspect the water intake system that Catalyst installed?

If not, it would be very helpful to know these two intakes are in good condition as we bring stress to the whole system with lower lake levels.

Our new installation of water intake, that could be needed, if lake level is lowered significantly, will need to be primed in advance of the lower lake levels.

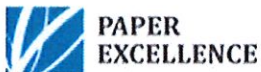
A vacuum truck can be used to remove air from the syphon pipe and we can discuss that after pumping has begun as we have a few weeks before any concern for town water intake.

I have shared this email with James Ormbrak who is the engineer coordinating things for pumping this year.

James and I will coordinate with you to schedule vacuum truck or other means of removing air pocket from new water intake line that Catalyst installed, but this will not be needed in first 3 weeks of pumping.

The work would be scheduled to take place during week 2 or 3 of pumping as that is still in advance of when your main intake water line becomes a concern for low lake levels.

Regards,  
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