

# Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

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## Board of Directors Meeting, June 11, 2015

**Present** – Attending were President David Casper, Vice-President Brad Hartzell, Treasurer Richard Buxton, Secretary James Green, Director Dan Markey, Alternate Director Lisa Ridenour, Alternate Director Kim Fletcher, and Watermaster Tyler Boswell. Also attending were members Lindy Meisenbach and Chris Sands.

**Call to order** – Brad Hartzell called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

**Acceptance of the Minutes** – No minutes were available for review.

**Election of Officers** – Richard Buxton and Lisa Ridenour each received 29 votes during the annual meeting; they discussed their roles and agreed that Richard would serve on the Board and that Lisa would be the first alternate. After some discussion, Board officers were chosen for the 2015-16 year (David motioned, Dan seconded). David Casper was elected President, Brad Hartzell was re-elected Vice-President, Richard Buxton was elected Treasurer, and James Green was elected Secretary. Dan Markey will continue to lead on Water Projects.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Linda Wallace for serving as Board President during the past 11 years and for her volunteer work as part of the water company for nearly 30 years. She will be sorely missed.

**Finance report** – Lisa submitted a financial report to the Board for the month of May. There was one larger payment last month of \$4,730.00 to Wy'east Engineering for work on the new well project. There are currently seven delinquent accounts (greater than 90 days past due) and the total amount due for these accounts is \$40,409.97. Of these accounts, three have water shut off, three have established a payment plan, and the other was sent a final notice.

David proposed that authorized signers for the Comerica checking account be changed to reflect the new Board officers. The new signers will be David Casper, Brad Hartzell and Richard Buxton. He further proposed that the Dreyfus investment account be closed and the funds be transferred to a Comerica savings account. (David motioned, Richard seconded).

David reported that he submitted updates to the third claim for reimbursement of expenses covered by grant funding by the State Water Resources Control Board. Lisa reported that she received payment for the first claim and the second claim is still in process.

**Water report** – Treated water production for May was 1,686,500 gallons and average daily production over 31 days was 54,403 gallons. The flow in Moody Gulch is flowing at 50% over peak demand. Raw water turbidity ranged from 1.36 to 1.81 NTU and average finished water turbidity was 0.034 NTU (.300 NTU is the maximum turbidity allowed by the state). The plant was running at 53% of capacity.

Dan reported on the results from a pump test on the new well to determine flow rate and water quality:

- The well was pumped for 24 hours and a hydrologist carefully measured the pumping rate and took water samples for analysis. After 24 hours, the pump was turned off and the water in the well was allowed to recover. The water came back to 68.81% of the pre-pumping water level, so this means that the water doesn't recover as quickly as we would like.
- Based on the pumping data and the recovery rate, the hydrologist calculated that the well could produce a steady 2.61 gallons per minute.
- Field measurements of total dissolved solids (TDS) from the groundwater ranged between 1220 to 1800 parts per million, which is considered too high for potable water. It is expected that this water will be blended with treated surface water to bring the TDS concentration to within state standards.
- Water samples were sent to the lab for official testing and results are pending.

Tyler reported that Capitola Pumps tested the old well on water company property near the Los Gatos Creek transfer station. They were able to find water at 40 feet, but discovered an obstruction at 45 feet and couldn't go any deeper. An hour of pumping resulted in a low flow of 2 to 3 gallons per minute of dark and murky water. This is not promising as an additional water source.

**Roads report** – James is soliciting quotes for various roads projects around the park, but no quotes ready to present this month.

A property owner on the blocked-off section of Apache Trail did a considerable amount of grading and cut a road into the hillside that leads down to the creek. The county red-tagged the property since this work was done without permits. James is concerned that once the rains return, this may result in significant erosion and undercut the roadway and other properties up the hillside. He will keep a close eye on the situation.

**Clubhouse/Playground report** – Dan reported that George Bruder is working to begin construction of a path through the playground. In order for the work to start, the piles of wood chips from the chipping program need to be moved – Chris Sands will follow up with options.

The Annual Cleanup program is scheduled to start this weekend. Three dumpsters will be delivered on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> and the gates will be opened during the day on Saturday and Sunday until they are full. They will be removed on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> and a second set of two dumpsters will be delivered on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Again on the second weekend, the gates will be opened until the dumpsters are full. Kim and James will monitor during the first weekend and Kim and David will monitor the second weekend.

**Fire prevention report** – Brad is working to finalize a project grant to clear brush and dead trees in the park this summer. They would prioritize areas around the clubhouse and along evacuation routes.

**Other issues** – James introduced the possibility of raising rates to pay for deferred maintenance and repairs in the park. This could be done as a special meeting or at next year's annual meeting. James will work on bringing a specific proposal to the Board at a future meeting.

David adjourned the meeting at 10:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Casper, Outgoing Board Secretary

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The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 at 8:00 PM and will be held at the Chemeketa Park Clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend.

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## Special Board Meeting, May 28, 2015

The Board met in special session to discuss issues in advance of the Annual Meeting.

**Present** – Attending were President Linda Wallace, Vice-President Brad Hartzell, Secretary/Treasurer David Casper, Director James Green, Director Dan Markey, and Watermaster Tyler Boswell.

**Call to order** – Linda Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

### **Discussion and adoption of amendments to the Chemeketa Water Conservation Plan**

The current water conservation plan, adopted in September 2014, calls for a 20% reduction in water usage and prohibits the following activities:

- Neglect of pipe breaks or water leaks
- Using potable water to wash your house, patio, driveway, or deck
- Using potable water to wash a car
- Filling or refilling a pool or hot tub
- Overwatering a garden or lawn and causing water to run off

Based on new regulations from the state, one more restriction was added to the conservation plan (Linda motioned, David seconded).

- Watering of lawns and other ornamental plants will be allowed only 2 days per week, on Sunday and Wednesday.

### **Update, discussion, and decision regarding Moody Gulch and Mid-Pen request re water easement**

Linda updated the Board about discussions with a representative of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District regarding the amendments to the Moody Gulch agreement. He said that their current draft document removes the company's water rights on the property. These water rights, as outlined in the original agreement, are very important to the company, so Linda will ask for a written copy of Midpeninsula's proposal for review.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Casper, Board Secretary