

Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

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Board of Directors Meeting, March 12, 2015

Present – Attending were President Linda Wallace, Treasurer/Secretary David Casper, Director James Green, Director Dan Markey, Bookkeeper Lisa Ridenour, and Watermaster Tyler Boswell. Also attending were members John Kuntzmann, Chris Sands, and Lowell Webb.

Not attending were Vice-President Brad Hartzell, Alternate Director George Bruder, and Alternate Director Kim Fletcher.

Call to order – Linda Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.

Acceptance of the Minutes – Minutes from the December and February Board of Directors Meetings were approved (Dan motioned, Linda seconded).

Finance report – Lisa submitted a financial report to the Board for the month of February. The larger payments last month were as follows:

- \$5,400.00 to Geoconsultants, Inc., for work on the new well project
- \$2,470.80 to Chris Sands Construction for the Los Gatos Creek project

There are currently five delinquent accounts (greater than 90 days past due) and the total amount due for these accounts is \$37,944.13. Of these accounts, three have water shut off, one has established a payment plan, and the other was sent a past-due notice.

David reported that he submitted a first claim for reimbursement of expenses covered by grant funding by the State Water Resources Control Board. The first claim covers expenses through the end of January and is still being processed by the state. He is now working on a second claim covering expenses from the month of February.

Water report – Treated water production for December was 1,129,300 gallons and average daily production over 28 days was 40,332 gallons. The plant was offline for five days during the month due to heavy rains. The flow in Moody Gulch has stabilized since the rain events earlier in the month and is flowing at 130% over peak demand. Water supply from Moody Creek is still supplying all of our water needs and Los Gatos Creek has not been used for 3 months. Raw water turbidity ranged from 0.96 to 5.26 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 49% of capacity.

Linda reported that she signed an agreement with San Jose Water Company to extend the previous agreement for drawing water from Los Gatos Creek on an emergency basis. This new agreement is from March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016 and may be extended further if the drought continues.

Dan reported on the new well project:

- Dan met with a geological consultant to evaluate the well site after the recent rains. The drilling company was ready to bring equipment onsite before the rain started, but decided to wait until the ground dries out completely. Estimated that this would take about 4 weeks (mid-April).
- A redwood tree was removed from the hill above the well site. The roots were exposed by water runoff and undermined the tree.
- Well permits were granted from Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Dan is still working on permits for the electrical and pipe connection to the water treatment plant.
- Dan is still working with the County to merge the three parcels that pipes need to cross.

Tyler reported that the Montevina pipeline connection is fully operational. It has passed a final inspection by San Jose Water and water tests required by the State. He will add a section to the system operator's manual with instructions to periodically draw water from the connection and test the water quality.

Tyler also reported on the replacement of a valve in the distribution system at the corner of Kiowa Trail and Crow Trail. He notified households in the immediate area about the work and that he would be shutting off water, but it led to shutting off more water lines than originally estimated. So, some households did not get prior notification of the outages. It was decided that any future work would be communicated to the whole community, including notices at the park entrances and on the website.

Tyler talked to Nate Merrill and received a verbal quote for the work to install new roof vents on two of the upper tanks. Nate will send a written quote within the next couple of days. The Board approved funds for this project, not to exceed \$1,200 (James motioned, Linda seconded).

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

Clubhouse/Playground report – Nothing to report this month.

Fire prevention report – Brad reported that the spring chipping program has been scheduled by the Santa Clara Fire Safe Council to run from April 18 through April 26, 2015. He will make sure that notices are posted at the park entrances and on the website.

Other issues – Linda suggested that the Board hold a community meeting in April to report on efforts to address the water emergency conditions and to encourage conservation. The Board decided to hold the meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 4:30 PM.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
David Casper, Board Secretary

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