

Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

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Board of Directors Meeting, January 9, 2020

I. Call to Order

David

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance: David Casper, Josh Rupert, Rob Anderson, Dana Hartzell, Richard Buxton, Miles Farmer, and a few members of the community.

II. Review and adopt minutes

David

Dana made a motion to approve the December minutes without changes. Rob seconded; motion approved.

III. Public Comment

Board

Dave made a motion to permanently adjust the beginning time of the Monthly Board Meetings to 7:00 p.m. Rob seconded; motion approved. The community will be notified.

IV. Financial Report

a) Expenditures, budget, past due accounts

Lisa

Major expenses for December were: \$6,375 to Cypress Water for valve cluster on Navajo/Pawnee; \$1,009 to State Water Resources for water rights annual fee; \$650 to for park maintenance. There are currently 9 delinquent accounts greater than 90 days past due; total amount due is \$16,752. Of these accounts, 4 have water shut off, 4 are on payment plans, and 2 have a 30-day notice; and 2 have liens.

V. Fire Safety – Chemeketa Park Fire Safety Council

We are looking at a 5000 gallon tank vs. 2000 gallon.

The gate widening project will happen in late January. Looking at possible areas for a 2,000 gallon emergency water storage tank. Fire Safety committee participated in a project to plant redwoods as a reforestation of the area below the Clubhouse. This reforestation assists in reducing the amount of brush re-growth. Two education workshops are planned: Saturday, Feb 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse is [Leap Into Fire Safety](#) – a home hardening workshop with guest speaker Ed Hayes from the FireSafe Council of Santa Cruz. The next education workshop will be on Saturday, May 2nd which is National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. This will be a family fun day at the playground. Stay tuned for more details. There will be four community work days in the spring for brush clearing. These dates will be set up when the chipping dates are set. The FireSafe Council has a small grant available for evacuation signs. Will work on a route for everyone to use in case of evacuation.

VI. Water Report

a) Water Operations Report

Miles

Total treated water production for December (30 days) was 663,585 gallons, with 191,780 additional gallons purchased from the Montevina Pipeline, for a total water usage of 855,365. Montevina Pipeline was used during the rain events in December. The average daily usage per hookup is 190 gallons. The average raw water turbidity for water entering the plant was 1.94 NTU and the average finished water turbidity was 0.051NTU (.300 NTU is the maximum turbidity allowed by the state). Rain totals for the month were unavailable. Average filter flow rate – 30 gpm; chlorine usage – 18 gals; alum usage – 50 lbs.

Cypress Water will be doing upper water tank plumbing upgrades soon. This will require a short-term water shut-off. The community will be notified in advance. Tank 1 is leaking via the gasket. Cypress Water will begin looking at solutions similar to the re-lining of Tank 2 several years ago and report back.

b) Water conservation guide

Dana / Miles

There has been discussion about creating a water conservation guide as well as ways to notify the community in times of needed conservation. Included topics: water saving tips both indoor and outdoor, guidelines for emergency power outages, and notification opportunities. The Board will be working on this project for the next couple of months. **The Board would appreciate input from the community on this project – if interested, please send a message via the website to the Water Board.**

c) Replace distribution system valves

David / Miles

Discussion about using the remaining budget for this fiscal year to hire a person to create a paper map to get more details about the underground workings of the Park's water system (recommended by cross connection program findings). David and Miles will work together to find someone to do the map survey.

Cypress Water has recommended putting a check valve on the fire tank so it can be used in case of fire. Will discuss this in the February planning meeting. Estimate the cost at \$1200 labor and \$800 parts.

d) Cross connection program status

David

David reported on recommendations from the water system survey report. This includes installing backflow prevention devices at the clubhouse, eliminating potential cross-connections at the treatment plant, and cleaning up unused pipes and conduits. The report also recommends having an updated system map and creating a formal system to document all system improvements.

e) Watershed sanitary survey status

David

Vincent will take over this project. Look for an update next month.

f) Generator installation

Dan is waiting for pricing for the concrete pad to put the propane tank on. Cypress Water will get this to him.

g) Short well project planning

Board

No updates this month.

h) Los Gatos Creek backup source status

Dana/Miles

Cypress Water was updated on the damage to the infrastructure for the Los Gatos creek water line. It was suggested that filling the redwood tank with water from the nearby spring would help to preserve the condition of the water tank and make sure it doesn't dry out. Asked for a budget and scope of work. Cypress Water will work on that in January.

VII. Roads

a) Roads update

Board

Rich got rock and put it in a few areas to prevent water/flooding. Will look into roads projects for next month's budget meeting.

VIII. Playground / Clubhouse / Community

a) Community bulletin board

Dana

The community board has been included in the update to the gate and the creation of the Area of Refuge project. Will revisit when this project is scheduled.

IX. Adjourn

David

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Chemeketa Park Clubhouse. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN CHEMEKETA PARK:

Mark your calendars for upcoming community events:

February 29th – **Leap Into Fire Safety!** Join your neighbors **Saturday, February 29th at 10:30 a.m.** at the Clubhouse for a home hardening workshop with guest speaker Ed Hayes from the Firesafe Council of Santa Cruz. The presentation will include information on how homes burn, the need for defensible space, and many photos showing do's and don'ts. This presentation will leave you with a process of how to prioritize defense projects around your home. Come with your questions!

May 2nd – **First National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day - Mark your calendars.** This is a family event that will include lots of kid friendly activities as well as park and home fire safety ideas. More details to follow.

OSCH road closure update – It appears the work is done. The Board is waiting to hear back from the contractors for an update.

SR 17 Shaded Fuel Break Project: (January 27-31, 2020 – Week 23):

Lane closures planned for Monday to Thursday 9am -3pm, weather permitting. Rain will cancel closure. Roadside hazard tree, brush removal work and erosion control planning will continue along southbound Highway 17 in the area from Redwood Estates exit to Summit Road. Exits will remain open.

The SR-17 Shaded Fuel Break Team would like to thank all local residents and commuters for their patience and for understanding how critical a safe evacuation route is for the community. The project is extremely complex, requiring cooperation and coordination between multiple individuals, organizations and agencies. We appreciate all who are helping to make it happen.

- CAL FIRE, Caltrans, and the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council