

# Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

P.O. Box 588, Redwood Estates, CA 95044-0588

---

Water issues? Call Miles Farmer at (831) 920-6796  
Questions? Call Lisa Ridenour at (408) 792-7762  
Contact the Board – <http://chemeketapark.org/contact>

---

## Board of Directors Meeting, February 13, 2020

### I. Call to Order

David

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance: David Casper, Josh Rupert, Dana Hartzell, Vincent Mackewicz, Richard Buxton, Miles Farmer, and a few members of the community.

### II. Review and adopt minutes

David

Dana made a motion to approve the January minutes without changes. Josh seconded; motion approved.

### III. Public Comment

Board

A community member asked about the uneven pavement left after the valve work was done at Navajo and Pawnee. The Board will evaluate the site and perhaps add a little bit of pavement to make the area smoother.

### IV. Financial Report

#### a) Expenditures, budget, past due accounts

Lisa

Major expenses for January were: \$1,230 to San Jose Water for water purchases from Montevina pipeline; \$1,273 to Cypress Water for meters and supplies; and \$650 for park maintenance. There are currently 5 delinquent accounts greater than 90 days past due; total amount due is \$12,806. Of these accounts, 4 have water shut off, 2 are on payment plans, and 2 have liens.

#### b) Capital improvements planning

David

The Board will have a meeting to discuss the capital improvement plan for the next five years. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Residents are invited and encouraged to participate.

### V. Fire Safety – Chemeketa Firewise

**Feb 29<sup>th</sup> is the Leap Into Fire Safety event at the Clubhouse. This is by far the most important event this year, with information on how to protect your home from wildfire.**

Gate widening project is complete. Will submit grant for \$500 from NFPA. Funds will go toward emergency water tank. Water tank will be 5,000 gallons (minutes last month mistakenly stated water tank would be 2,000 gallons). Estimated cost of tank delivered to the site would be \$2,200-\$2,400. Gravel pad may cost about \$1400; miscellaneous plumbing at \$300 and labor of \$800.

There were 31 little redwood seedlings planted below the garden area to provide a canopy which will reduce the amount of brush re-growth.

Met with Supervisor Mike Wasserman's Chief of Staff and Aide to explain the priorities our community is trying to accomplish as a Firewise community. They were appreciative of what we were doing. We mentioned the difficulties in engaging San Jos Water with creating a defensible space (shaded fuel break). The Chief of Staff wants to be copied on our communications with SJW so she can keep tabs on what is happening. SJW states they want to do defensible space in Chemeketa Park as well as Call of the Wild. Will continue discussions.

Did you know....you can contact Green Team to remove a large item once or twice a year? This is a great way to eliminate another possibly hazardous item from your environment. Call them at 408-283-8500 or at visit online at [www.greenteam.com](http://www.greenteam.com).

The Chemeketa Firewise group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and meetings usually last one hour. Meetings are held at the Clubhouse and ALL ARE INVITED TO PATICIPATE.

## **VI. Water Report**

### **a) Water Operations Report**

**Miles**

Total treated water production for January (31 days) was 664,239 gallons. The average daily usage per hookup is 143 gallons. The average raw water turbidity for water entering the plant was 1.96 NTU and the average finished water turbidity was 0.035NTU (.300 NTU is the maximum turbidity allowed by the state). Rain totals for the month were zero. Average filter flow rate – 30 gpm; chlorine usage – 18 gals; alum usage – 50 lbs.

### **b) Los Gatos Creek backup source status**

**Dana / Miles**

Cypress Water will put in a small pump system at the spring ,adjacent to the redwood tank. The fallen tree and brush have been cleared from the electrical and piping systems at the LG Creek water source. Next thing to do is use the spring to test the redwood tank to assess any necessary repairs.

### **c) Water conservation guide**

**Dana / Miles**

There has been discussions 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.**

### **d) Watershed sanitary survey status**

**Vincent**

Best time to perform the survey is during the dry summer months. Will look to begin project in late July/early August. Cost is \$5,000-\$6,000. Barry from Balance Hydrologics will have an updated proposal for the Board to review within two weeks. Survey was due last year, but typically not an issue to submit 1-2 years late. Survey is to be completed every five years.

### **e) Generator installation**

**Dan / Miles**

Cypress Water submitted an estimate for the concrete pad for the generator. Waiting to hear back from Dan. David will contact Dan for an update.

### **f) Short well project planning**

**Dan**

Short well project planning will be addressed at the Capital Improvement planning meeting on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Join in the conversation. Discussions about what is needed to begin the process – engineering plans, permits, water rights, etc.

## **VII. Roads**

### **a) Roads update**

**Board**

Will evaluate the Pawnee/Navajo site and perhaps add a little bit of pavement to make the area smoother.

## **VIII. Playground / Clubhouse / Community**

### **a) Community bulletin board**

**Dana**

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

## **IX. Adjourn**

**David**

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

---

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

**February 29<sup>th</sup> – Leap Into Fire Safety!** Join your neighbors **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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.

### **SR 17 Shaded Fuel Break Project: (February 25-28, 2020 – Week 27):**

There will be a lane closure on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>, in SOUTHBOUND direction from Redwood Estates to Summit Road, between the hours of 9am-3pm. Hydromulching for erosion control will occur during lane closure. Continuing roadside vegetation cleanup will occur around Moody Gulch near mile marker 3.4. There will not be any lane closures from Tuesday to Friday (February 26-28), however, crews may still be present near the highway on neighborhood feeder roads, and work vehicles may be entering and exiting the highway. Please continue to use caution while driving in the project area.

#### **Impacts:**

- Over the next several months, crews will be working along SR-17 and in adjacent communities. Traffic in the project area will be intermittently impacted so please plan for extended travel times during lane closures. **If possible, please plan your SR-17 trips before 9:00AM and after 3:00PM.**
- Rain will cancel lane closures though work may continue in adjacent areas.
- The project team is working to minimize traffic impacts and will provide weekly updates to residents and highway drivers. Stay informed of delays and alternate routes.
- **Check project status and sign up for weekly updates on [Firesafe17.com](https://firesafe17.com). Traffic information can also be found on [511.org](https://511.org).**