

Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

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Board of Directors Meeting, September 9, 2021

I. Call to Order

David

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance: David Casper, Vincent Mackewicz, Dana Hartzell, Dawn Bonin, Rob Anderson, Brad Hartzell and a few members of the community; all joined via Zoom.

II. Review and Adopt Minutes

Board

David made a motion to approve the August minutes without changes. Rob seconded; motion approved.

III. Public Comment

Trick or Treat! Save the Date! On October 31st at 5:00 p.m. families will meet at the playground and then walk the neighborhood at about 5:30. For our generous neighbors, if you would like to participate, place a bowl of candy at the end of your driveway. The children can maintain physical distance as well as have a wonderful experience.

IV. Financial Report

a) Expenditures, budget, past due accounts

Lisa

Major expenses paid during the month of August: \$2,895 to Vivid Paint for painting Tank 2; \$2,428 to PGE; \$1,687 to Bierman Hydrogeologic for the short well; \$1,600 to Membreno for removal of old stairs; \$1,145 to Bay Area Asphalt for speed bump painting; \$639 to San Jose Water for Montevina Pipeline water purchases; and \$650 for park maintenance. There are currently 4 delinquent accounts greater than 90 days past due; total amount due is \$17,570. Of these accounts, 2 have water shut off, 2 are on a payment plan.

b) Capital project status

David

The Board will take a mid-year look at account allocations and match them to projects that need to be completed or that have become more pressing.

V. Fire Safety

a) Firewise program update

Jody

In preparation for the National Firewise Renewal, the Chemeketa Firewise group is in the process of setting goals for the next three years as well as documenting accomplishments from the past three years. This fiscal year will be focused on community education in areas of reducing fuels, clearing brush, and evacuation routes. One way of accomplishing these goals is to offer Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessments which focus on educating residents with ways to clear brush and make their home and community safer from fire. If you are interested in being trained to conduct these HIZ assessments, please contact the Firewise group at: chemeketafirewise@gmail.com. Chemeketa Firewise was not chosen for the \$15K grant for evacuation route clearing. CPMWC will make its annual \$2,000 donation to FireSafe Council, specifying that it go towards the Park's chipping day. David made a motion to approve a \$2,000 donation to the SCC FireSafe Council. Rob seconded; motion passed.

b) Fire hazard removal policy

David

Last month, there was discussion about expounding the Bylaws with regards to fire hazards. A lively discussion ensued, but no decision has been made yet. More dialogue is needed.

VI. Water Report

a) Water Operations Report

Miles

Total treated water production for August (31 days) was 512,879 gallons. The average raw water turbidity for water entering the plant was 2.358 NTU and the average finished water turbidity was 0.034 NTU (.300 NTU is the maximum turbidity allowed by the state). Rain total for the month was 0 inches. Average filter flow rates: 13.5 gpm; chlorine usage: 15 gals; alum usage: 0 lbs. The Montevina Pipeline water usage this month was 705,005 gallons. That number looks high so Cypress Water will look at the meters. With the Moody Gulch water flow decreasing more each month, the plant cannot keep up with demand. Therefore, the Montevina Pipeline will be utilized until the area comes out of the drought. The community has done an excellent job of reducing water consumption. Please continue that effort so the water plant can see a 20% decrease in total water usage. There are water saving tips on the website. If you have not signed up for email updates on important community issues, go to:

www.chemeketapark.org/subscribe/.

The standby water plant effluent pump failed on 8/20/21. A replacement pump was installed on 8/23/21.

Penhall Technologies sent over a PDF file as well as a Google Earth version of the distribution system, but these are difficult to read. David offered to look into how to capture the information in a useable form. **ACTION:** David will look into ways to gather and utilize the Penhall distribution data.

b) Tank painting project status

Lisa / Miles

Vivid Paint has completed the painting of Tank 2.

c) Los Gatos Creek system status

Brad

A liner for the Los Gatos Creek tank was ordered. A work plan has been put together to repair and/or replace the Los Gatos Creek infrastructure. It is in the early development stages.

d) Los Gatos Creek agreement

Brad

Representatives from Chemeketa Park and San Jose Water met on August 30th to re-establish contact and discuss a new long-term relationship to utilize Los Gatos Creek as an emergency water source. It was learned that several years ago, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife started regulating LGC and other types of flows for raw water intakes to determine if there were changes in the flow of the creek. SJW stated they needed to have the entire watershed approved by CDFW, and then conversations could proceed. **Update 9/13/21:** SJW recommends against Chemeketa Park investing their money and efforts into the Los Gatos Creek system currently, when it is unsure of the viability of the creek to provide a reliable, sustainable source of emergency water for Chemeketa Park during this drought.

e) Transmission line project status

Brad / Miles

The Moody Gulch transmission line upgrade project from the pump house to Apache/Ogallala is in the early planning stages. Funding is available. An update to the bid for this project is in the works. There is an expectation of increased project cost since the contractor's previous bid was made in 2019.

f) Short well project status

Vincent

The short well project is probably not going to happen this year as a result of the delays from the sanitary survey. The Watershed Sanitary Survey is a review that is required every 5 years to assess the safety of drinking water. In addition, if CPMWC requests a well variance, it will require a CEQA assessment for environmental impact which can take up to 2 years to complete. Brad will reach out to his contacts to see if we can incorporate previous CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) projects that can be used for this short well project. **ACTION:** Brad will reach out to contacts regarding CEQA

VII. Roads

a) Roads update

Board

The road sign at Delaware and Comanche appears to have been hit by a vehicle and has fallen into the hillside. The Board has contacted the maintenance crew to re-install the road sign. Please be careful out there. The speed humps throughout the park have been re-striped for safety.

VIII. Playground / Clubhouse / Community

a) Vicious dog policy

David

David introduced a policy to review as an addition to the Bylaws regarding vicious dogs. Discussion ensued about whether the Board should assist dog owners on how to report cases of dog attacks to the County, or if CPMWC should be the reporting party. More discussion is needed to reach a consensus.

b) Apache stairs project

Dana / Board

The contractor that was recommended to build the handrail for the stairs required a certificate of insurance waiver. The new bid for the handrail is \$3125 (an addition of \$625). Dana made a motion to approve \$3,125 to be used for installation of the handrail for the stairs behind the clubhouse. Dawn seconded; motion passed. **ACTION:** Dana to contact contractor and set a date.

c) Clubhouse septic and other repairs

Board

Lisa has contacted Aaron Septic, the third company. No response yet. **ACTION:** Lisa ~ nevertheless, she persisted!

d) Bulletin Boards

Dana

The bulletin board was received September 8th. The posts have not yet been received. As soon as the posts arrive, the installation will begin. Location will be outside of the playground in front of the fence. **ACTION:** Dana will find someone to install the board.

IX. Adjourn

David

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom, until the mask mandate for indoors is lifted. The Zoom meeting invite will be available on the Chemeketa Park website: www.chemekektapark.org. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.