

LA CUMBRE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017  
MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by President Jane Lodas

Present: Directors, Jane Lodas, Marc Russo, Oz Fundingsland and Bob Uradnicek. Also present, General Manager Mike Alvarado, Administrative Manager Jeff Dameron

Absent: Alex Rodriguez

Public comment: None

Approval of agenda

Mr. Alvarado requested adding Encore Drive and Cuervo Booster pump to the agenda under Operation update.

After further review of the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. Fundingsland to approve the agenda as modified. Motion carried.

Approval of regular Board meeting minutes of January 11, 2017

Ms. Lodas requested the word "was" be added to the first sentence under "Encore and Well #16 update".

After further review of the minutes, it was moved by Mr. Uradnicek, seconded by Mr. Fundingsland to approve the minutes as modified. Motion carried.

Approval of the Special Board meeting minutes of January 25, 2017

After a review of the Special Board meeting minutes of January 25, 2017, it was moved by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. Uradnicek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Closed session / personnel matters

The Board met in closed session from 2:09 until 2:15 at which time it returned to regular session.

Proposed leak assistance program

Mr. Alvarado and Mr. Dameron explained that, there are currently eight customers (with smart meters) who have had continuous leaks that remain unrepaired. Both Mr. Alvarado and Mr. Dameron suggested a leak assistance program up to \$300 off the cost of a leak detection agency cost to those who have a 10 gl./hr. or more leak for at least 30 days. Mr. Alvarado spoke to two leak detection agencies who have offered to deduct \$50.00 from their cost if we had such a program.

After further review, the Board decided to forgo the offer to reimburse the homeowner.

#### Water production report

Mr. Alvarado reviewed with the Board the water production report.

#### Carry over water update

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board, 305 AF of water will be delivered to MWD 3:2 short term exchange. LCMWC will need to take delivery of the remaining water by end of 2017. Mr. Alvarado is considering taking delivery of the water as early as the summer of 2017.

#### Review of ground water management plan

Mr. Alvarado and Mr. Dameron reviewed the ground water management plan and informed the Board there are no concerns that would effect LCMWC. The management plan will be reviewed every five years opposed to every ten years.

#### New drinking water regulations for schools

Mr. Alvarado informed the board a permit to the drinking water regulations was amended to include the schools from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. LCMWC will need to monitor the schools (Vieja Valley and Laguna Blanca Schools) for lead on a yearly basis. LCMWC will supply the schools the sampling packet and pay for the cost of having the samples tested. If the samples come back with levels of lead, that exceed the standard, it will be the responsibility of the schools to remedy the problem.

#### Sale of Case backhoe

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board the new backhoe is being built for LCMWC and is expected to arrive at the end of April. The old backhoe was evaluated by Case and informed Mr. Alavarado it has a value of \$12,500. There is a buyer who is offering \$10K. After further discussion the Board agreed to sell the old backhoe for \$10K.

#### Operations update

##### Via Bendita

Mr. Alvarado informed the board the Via Bendita line had a 4" pipe inside an 8" steel line which made locating the leak difficult. After the new service lines were run, the 4" line was capped.

##### Nogal filter plant annual maintenance

The Nogal Treatment Plant experienced some iron break through in the filters. Found a valve that had pulled apart. Valve was repaired and the tank was cleared of sand.

##### Vieja Drive / Via Tranquila main line break

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board, due to the amount of rainfall, three Eucalyptus trees fell. One landing on top of a high pressure fire hydrant which luckily did not burst. But the roots of one of the fallen trees had wrapped around a 16" line causing a major leak. A temporary fix was done by welding plates over the holes on the pipe. Mr. Alvarado informed the Board 50ft of the line will need to be replaced.

#### Cuervo valve replacement project

Water line which crosses behind homes cracked flooding a homeowner's backyard earlier in the year. Line is difficult to get to and had to be dug out by hand. Leak has been fixed but valve was found to be broken making the repair very difficult. The system around Cuervo will need to be shut down in order to replace the valve. Mr. Alvarado informed the Board that approximately 80% of the valves are old and need to be replaced.

#### Encore Drive

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board there was a leak on Encore Drive and Modoc Road in a line that is buried 8ft deep and runs under a home owner's expensive planter walls and trees. LCMWC had to remove three palms trees from the homeowner's property where the leak had surfaced. Mr. Alvarado suggested abandoning the line and replacing it away from private property by placing it on road within LCMWC's easement.

#### Cuervo Booster pump

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board the Cuervo Booster pump station is operating with one pump. Arrangements are being made to get a second pump. The piping will need to be reconfigured as the new pump does not have a horizontal split case like the old pump. The new pump will be much more energy efficient.

#### Office emergency generator

The generator to the office was not producing power. It was found that the bearing went out on the generator. Parts cannot be found. Mr. Alvarado informed the Board about two possible options for the generator. First option would be to take engine to Bell Flower, CA. to be evaluated and see if it can be repaired. Second option would be to purchase a new one.

After further discussion on the projects listed above, is was moved by Mr. Fundingsland, seconded by Mr. Uradnicek to move forward with the Vieja Drive/Via Tranquila main line, Cuervo valve replacement, and the Encore Drive replacement line projects at time and material. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Next meetings: Regular Board meeting – March 27, 2017

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