

LA CUMBRE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
1:00 PM VIA ZOOM
MARCH 22, 2021
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Alex Rodriguez

Present: Directors, Alex Rodriguez, Marc Russo, Jane Lodas and Rob Thomson. Also present, General Manager Mike Alvarado, Administrative Manager Jeff Dameron and Office Manager Maria Armijo.

Absent: Doug Campbell

Public Comment: None

Approval of agenda

After a review of the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2021

After a review of the Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2021, it was moved by Mr. Russo seconded by Ms. Lodas to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Lodas, seconded by Mr. Thomson to enter in to closed session.

The Board met in closed session to discuss real estate negotiation and legal matters from 1:03 until 1:20 at which time the meeting returned to regular session.

Finance Report

Mr. Dameron reviewed the finance report with the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Russo, seconded by Ms. Lodas to receive, and file the report. Motion carried.

Water Production Report

Mr. Alvarado reviewed the production report with the Board.

Recycled Water Project Update

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board, Mr. Rodriguez and legal counsel have signed the recycled water project agreement and it was submitted to the City of Santa Barbara for their final approval and signatures. The agreement is expected to be received soon. Preliminary designs have also been submitted to the City for their approval.

Nogal WTP Raw Water Tank Coating Project

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board the raw water tank at the Nogal Treatment Plant has eroded due to hydrogen sulfide in the water and will need to be rehabilitated. The tank is to be sandblasted and then coated for longevity. State water will be used while the raw water tank is being rehabilitated.

Cuervo Pump Station Project

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board the Cuervo pump station, which was built in the 1940's and serves thirteen homes, will need to be rehabilitated. The pump station has two 10 HP antiquated pumps as well as an antiquated hydropneumatics 5,000-gallon tank. These will need to be replaced. A pump controller was installed to control the pump as well as to gather additional information to determine whether to install 7.5 HP pumps or possibly go up to 15 HP pumps.

Covid-19 Precautions

98% of the Water staff have had their first Covid-19 vaccine and are due for their second one in approximately two weeks. The office remains closed and will not re-open until the Governor gives directions on how to safely re-open.

LRP Meeting Update

Mr. Alvarado, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Russo reported to the Board, the LRP Committee discussed the 1000 AF/year of water LCMW can extract from the Goleta Water Basin under the Wright Judgment. The committee would like to seek legal counsel's direction as there are several legal questions that need clarification regarding the Wright Judgment.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. Thomson to seek legal counsel with regards to the Water Company's rights and restrictions to the ground water supplies in the Goleta Water Basin. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Next meetings: Regular Board Meeting – April 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

Maria Armijo
Office Manager