

LA CUMBRE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
1:00 PM VIA ZOOM / IN PERSON
NOVEMBER 29, 2021
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by President Alex Rodriguez

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

Absent: Doug Campbell

Public Comment: None

Approval of agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda. No motion to approve the agenda as presented was made.

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021

After a review of the regular Board meeting minutes of October 25, 2021, it was moved by Ms. Lodal, seconded by Mr. Thomson to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Mr. Dameron reviewed the finance report with the Board. After further discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lodal, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to receive, and file the report. Motion carried.

Lobbyit Report

Mr. Rodriguez reported Lobbyit continues to look for federal grants that would benefit the Water Company. And Mr. Alvarado is working on a grant of approximately \$1 million for the Vieja well.

Department of Water Resources \$1.2M Grant

Mr. Alvarado officially presented to the Board a \$1.2M grant he acquired from the Department of Water Resources' Small Community Drought Relief Program for the well replacement. Mr. Alvarado is currently awaiting a draft funding agreement for review.

Resolution for Grant Funding

Mr. Alvarado presented to the Board for approval the Resolution for Grant Funding for the Vieja well. Once approved, Mr. Alvarado will be able to submit the grant.

After further discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lodal, seconded by Mr. Thomson to approve, and sign the resolution. Motion carried.

Water Production Report

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

No motion to receive and file the report was made.

Conservation Rebates

Mr. Alvarado and the Board reviewed the Water Conservation Rebate Program letter. After further discussion, the Board requested the letter be brought back to the Long-Range Planning Committee for further review and to make changes as suggested.

Staff Report

Mr. Alvarado reviewed the staff report with the Board.

Office Solar Panel Project

Mr. Alvarado reported the carport area will not support the weight of the solar panels and original roof tiles (per Hope Ranch Association's request) as the columns holding up the carport are galvanized pipes, and the Santa Barbara County may not issue a permit for the project. Mr. Alvarado will meet with the contractor to see if only the columns can be replaced to meet regulations or if the entire carport needs to be re-done.

Employee Retirement

Mr. Alvarado informed the Board, Dolores Ramirez a valued employee for ten years will be retiring and the end of this month. The recruiting process to replace Ms. Ramirez will begin in hopes to hire someone at the beginning of the new year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Next meeting: Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom / in person

Maria Armijo
Office Manager