

LA CUMBRE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 30, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Ed Sands

Present: Directors, Ed Sands, Sig Wathne, Jim Scorso, and Jane Loda. Also present, Mark Manion, General Manager Mike Alvarado, Administrative Manager Jeff Dameron and Office Manager Maria Armijo

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Scorso, seconded by Mr. Uradnicek to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Tom Schultheis resident on Via Roblada explained to the Board, due to financial reasons, he is unable to pay the full amount of \$75K for a new meter connection. Instead is asking the Board to approve a deposit.

The Board thanked Mr. Schultheis and informed him they would discussed the matter and let him know of their decision.

State wide urban water conservation regulations-Presentation by Mark Manion of Price, Postal & Parma

Mark Manion reviewed with the Board the State's water conservation regulations and informed the Board that a mandatory regulation to promote water conservation needs to be implemented no later than August 27, 2014.

Listed below are use restriction elements requested by the Board to be suggested in order to promote water conservation:

1. The use of potable water to outdoor landscapes is limited to 2 days a week and should not cause runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, public and private walkways and roadways.
2. Do not use a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shutoff nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water.
3. Do not use potable water to wash down driveways and sidewalks
4. Do not use potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

The Board is also looking into raising rates as yet another form of promoting water conservation.

Mr. Manion left the meeting at 2:42

Approval of Minutes of regular Board meeting June 2, 2014

Mr. Alvarado requested the last sentence under Approval of Minutes of regular Board meeting, April 21, to be taken out.

Ms. Lodas requested the words “reviewed and made” (under water billing procedure) be changed to “has recommended”.

It was moved by Ms. Lodas, seconded by Mr. Uradnicek to approve the minutes as modified. Motion carried.

Approval of Annual Meeting minutes, June 10, 2014

Ms. Lodas requested the word “taking” (third sentence under General Manager’s report) be taken out.

Also requested by Ms. Lodas are the words “devices including” (second sentence, fourth paragraph of General Manager’s report) read “device such as”.

Mr. Alvarado requested the word “gets” (first sentence, second paragraph of Finance Report) be changed to read “receives”.

It was moved by Ms. Lodas, seconded by Mr. Scorso to approve the minutes as modified. Motion carried.

Proposed water rate increase

After a discussion regarding a water rate increase, the Board agreed to change the water rates for tiers 3 and 4 as shown below:

	Residential	Commercial	Agri.	Rec.
La Cumbre Water Co 3/1/14	CURRENT			
1st Tier - First 40	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37
2nd Tier 41-90	\$5.21		\$3.27	
3rd Tier 91-190	\$6.05	\$6.05	\$3.27	\$6.05
4th Tier 191 and above	\$7.45			
			Ag - First 40 HCF @ \$4.37/ HCF less than or equal 870 HCF / Acre / Year @ \$3.27 > 870 HCF / Acre / Year @ \$6.05	
La Cumbre Water Co	AS OF 9/1/2014			
1st Tier - First 40	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37
2nd Tier 41-90	\$5.21		\$3.27	
3rd Tier 91-190	\$8.05	\$8.05	\$8.05	\$8.05
4th Tier 191 and above	\$11.45			
			Ag - First 40 HCF @ \$4.37/ HCF less than or equal 870 HCF / Acre / Year @ \$3.27 > 870 HCF / Acre / Year @ \$8.05	

It was moved by Ms. Lodas, seconded by Mr. Uradnicek to approve the rate increase as presented. Motion carried.

Closed session

The Board met in closed session from 3:30 until 4:05 to discuss personnel matters at which time it returned to regular session.

Election of Officers

It was moved by Mr. Scorso, seconded by Mr. Wathne to approve the following slate of Officers for 2014-2015:

President:	Ed Sands
Vice President:	Sig Wathne
Secretary:	Bob Uradnicek
Treasurer:	Jane Loda

Motion carried.

Supplemental water purchase program update

LCMWC has entered into an agreement with Biggs West-Gridley for 200 AF of water. After extensive planning the LCMWC Board of Directors increased its delivery goal to add an additional 200 AF. The additional water is made available from Mojave Water Agency.

In addition to the supplemental purchase program LCWMC will receive an additional 35 AF of water from Westlands Water District. The only cost will be treatment and conveyance from the City of Santa Barbara.

State water (DWR) statement of charges-under collection of fees

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has been under collecting fees for the past two years. LCMWC's estimated additional amount due is approximately \$236K. CCWA is looking into using the reserve funds to apply toward the amount due. LCWMC's reserve fund is \$51,249.

Finance Report

Mr. Dameron reviewed with the Board the finance report.

It was moved by Mr. Scorso, seconded by Mr. Uradnicek to receive and file the finance report. Motion carried.

Board approval/Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to adopt the IRWM project.

It was moved by Mr. Uradnieck, seconded by Mr.Scorso to approve the resolution subject to date change. Motion carried.

Water production and water supply report

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

It was moved by Mr. Uradnicek, seconded by Mr. Scorso to receive and file report. Motion carried.

Badger meter reading pilot project update

Mr. Alvarado reported 10 Badger meter endpoints have been installed throughout Hope Ranch in the areas with the worse cell coverage. Pilot testing will be done for four months at which time a decision to continue with Badger will be made.

Hope Ranch groundwater basin update

Mr. Alvarado reported the drilling for the basin has been canceled. The driller which gave the initial bid is too busy with other work. Mr. Alvarado will look for bids from another drilling company.

Next meeting: Regular Board meeting-Monday September 8, 2014 at 2:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Maria Armijo
Office Manager