

Belmont Terrace Water Board Meeting

July 12, 2022

Approved

Board Members in attendance: Jean Tillinghast, Denile Kosten, Laura Hormel, Suzanne Llamado, and Sandy Pete

Absent: Andy Lennox

Others in attendance: Bruce Petersilge and Debby Turner

The meeting was held on Zoom. It was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

June's minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Since the last meeting the Board approved by email vote moving our workers' compensation insurance to "The Zenith" through CalMutuals/JPRIMA.

Reports/Project Updates:

O&M Update from Bruce:

- System flush on July 10. Operators did the normal directional flush and used less than 20,000 gallons.
- Discussed customer notification once system flush was completed. It was decided that the wording in the flyer re all cones being removed once the flush is completed is enough. Notifying residents via email is omitted.
- Purchased chlorine at \$8.25/gallon. We have 25 gallons on hand and summer monthly usage is 5 to 6 gallons.
- Current schedule for manganese testing is 3 to 6 years.

Re-piping, tank cleaning and new roof:

- Debby is finalizing re-piping drawing.
- Bruce is getting quote from Farr and Fitch Brothers for the re-piping.
- Bruce had a discussion with Farr regarding meters, double-check valves, and curb stops. Farr said because of expense other systems have done a small number of homes at a time. When we do this, it would be a perfect time for the homeowners to replace their service line from the meter to the house.
- Also discussed lower Terrace valve project.
- There will be a phone conference with Dan Reiter regarding our questions on page 12 and beyond of the contract. Is the \$19K on the GHD contract legitimate? Jean will report back on phone conference.
- Reroof will take approximately 3 months or longer to permit. Jean was inquiring if we could do this in parallel with other activities to meet this winter's schedule. Laura suggested weekly project meetings. Sandy suggested re-piping and tank cleaning this year, then reroof the following year.

Operator Job Descriptions: No update

Drought Emergency Action -- Laura: The newsletter is in progress and will be out by the weekend. The newsletter will have the water usage graph, water saving tips, and links to helpful websites such as Daily Acts, Sonoma water, and others.

Old Business:

Need for new ERC leader: Denile reviewed the ERC leader flyer with Ann Hamilton. Denile will check back with Ann in a couple of weeks.

No Cost Leak Detection Survey: Both Jean and Bruce made inquiries but couldn't find any response.

SB552: Sandy will have update at August's meeting regarding January 2023 requirements.

New Business:

PFHxS in drinking water: The board discussed what this means to us and when, however, we had little data to review.

Request for hookup by Gourmet Mushrooms: The Board was unanimous that we could not support this request. We discussed John Rosenblum's concern that a new well on their property could affect our aquifer.

Cross-Connection Control Program: Bruce brought up that we really need to address the cross-connection issue for the 9 homes above the booster pumps. Bruce discussed a quick and inexpensive fix from Week's using a backflow preventer on each of the outside hose bibs at the 9 homes. The backflow preventer cost \$4.75 plus tax. We would need to draft a letter of agreement and get it signed by the homeowners. It was moved and approved that we purchase enough anti-syphon valves for the hose bibs on all 9 homes.

Water Usage Survey: Debby reminded us that we need to conduct a water usage survey. She suggested we let our customers know that is coming up in the newsletter.

Executive session: Notes sent to Board members only.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm