

# Diamond A Mutual Water Company Newsletter



Fall 2017

DIAMOND "A" MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

## Report on Our Water Company

### Highlights

#### Operations Overview:(Bill Angeloni/Dick Bryan)

Well production has been stable

#### February 2017 State Inspection

1. The items requiring correction by July 5 have been completed
  - Outstanding items are to:
  - Complete and submit an Operations Manual
  - Complete and Submit an Emergency Response Manual
  - Close out an overdue certification for a back-flow protection device

#### Zone 2 Tank replacement

We have received the permits for the tank replacement and the contractor has been mobilized. Current activity involves site preparation for the new tank. Temporary tanks have been put in place while the old tank is removed and the new tank is erected. We anticipate hav-

ing the new tank in operation by around beginning of the year.

#### System Controls update:

A timer has been installed on the control line for Wells 1 and 2 feeding the Zone 1 Tank so that filling the tank is done during the off-peak power hours between 8:00pm and Noon. This installation will save cost by avoiding the higher usage rates during the high-peak usage period between Noon and 8:00pm.

#### System Status & Maintenance

- Major water main repaired on Canyon Road near Grove.
- Water main leak repaired on lower Canyon Road
- Major water main repair under failed County culvert on Kenleigh Drive.

#### Zone 2 Tank Replacement

- The Zone 2 Tank replacement project permits have been received and the earthwork started,
- (i) Tank procurement from Superior will be released for fabrication shortly.
- (ii) The tank is scheduled to complete by the end of the year.

#### System Controls Update

- JDY completed the installation of the timer and additional float in the Zone 1 Tank to implement off-peak pumping for Wells 1 and 2 so that pumping is only done during the off-peak and partial off-peak hours at night and early morning. We will be monitoring PGE billing for effectiveness.
- Two required ATT control circuits have been reinstated and are now operational. Two unused circuits have been canceled.

#### Mainline Pipe Lining

- Joe Lieber presented to the Board the outcome of his investigation of lining our pipes to improve earthquake resistance of our system. A vendor provided a ballpark estimate of \$6 million to do the entire system. For comparison, an estimate to replace our entire system with 6" plastic pipe is about \$4.5 million. Joe will pursue grants for replacing our supply lines from both an earthquake and safety perspective.
- Joe mentioned that the FEMA grants that we could perhaps qualify for are under FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM). It appears we would need to go through Sonoma County's Emergency Management Division as we cannot apply on our own. Joe is working on developing communications with this group.

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## Financial Status (Dave Martinelli)

Cash Position is very strong with a cash balance of \$432k as of 6/22/17 (this is before the July billings)

Cash is high largely because our new Westamerica Bank loan for the Zone 2 Tank has been funded (\$250k)

Special recognition to Dee's collection efforts, including e-billing and e-payment. Our Accounts Receivable balance is \$410 (on YTD revenue of almost \$110k). Excellent work Dee!!!

Based on our tank budget of \$336k, we will still end 2017 with a significant (i.e.>\$100k) cash balance.

YTD Repairs and Maintenance are \$9k higher than prior year. This is due

to large breaks on Canyon and Kenleigh as well as Fix It items from the State Inspection

Cash Position is very strong with a cash balance of \$416k as of 9/7/17. Based on our remaining tank budget of \$300k, we will still end 2017 with a significant (i.e.>\$100k) cash balance

## Governance

A Water Certificate evaluation was performed to validate the current value. The value is determined to be \$25,000. The Board accepted the valuation.

A policy for claims of abnormally high water usage due to leaks was discussed and agreed upon.

The remaining 2017 Board Meetings will be held on 18 September and 11 December. The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on March 25 at 4:00 PM at the Recreation Center.

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard Bryan, Peter Hohorst, Joe Lieber, Dave Martinelli, Celia Schake, Patrick Treacy, & Ron Matteson

STAFF: Dee Young – Administration, Bill Angeloni - Operations Manager

## Emergency Contacts

Emergency	Answering Service	576-6136	
Water Problems	Jerry and Don's Yager Pump and Well	762-1473	info@jerryanddonsyager.com
Operations	Bill Angeloni	996-3854	angeloni@vom.com
Business Office	Dee Young	939-9440	4deeyoung@sbcglobal.net

*The primary contact for Water Problems is Jerry and Don's Yager Pump and Well  
which operates a 24/hr per day dispatch service for Diamond A Water.*