
crestline village



WATER DISTRICT

Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Karl B. Drew
Date: May 18, 2015
Subject: Communication from President Darel Davis

Late last Friday, May 15, 2015, Larrie received a telephone call from President Davis. He has been unexpectedly called out of town and will not be able to attend this month's meeting on the 19th. He is interested in Supervisor Rutherford' agenda item and would like to be involved in the Executive Session items on the agenda. He would like to have these items postponed until he can attend the meeting when these items are discussed.

In addition, Director Clanin had previously indicated that he would not be able to attend this month's meeting on the 19th. We had Larrie contact the board members to see if we could reschedule the meeting to next week, but two directors will not be available then.

The meeting will be held as scheduled tomorrow, May 19th.



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To: Board of Directors **Confidential**
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Subject: Annual Review of General Manager - Review of Goals and Objectives

Following is the Annual Self-Review of the General Manager, in which I review my Goals and Objectives for the past year. For the past several years, the Board has used this report as a tool for its review of the General Manager.

District Goals/Objectives:

- Maintain Financial Condition of District –It is our goal to maintain the District’s financial condition. The District is now debt free and continues to maintain a solid financial position.
 - Drought Emergency: With the current drought emergency restrictions that have been enacted by the State of California our water revenues and expenses will again be impacted in the coming year. We are keeping an eye on the situation so that we can respond as necessary to the changing situation. CLAWA has not indicated that there will be any restrictions on the supplemental water supply this year. The District’s Water Conservation Program is in place and ready to be used if additional restrictions are needed to be implemented if necessary.
 - Retirement Plan: CalPERS has been doing some restructuring of their investment policies with will cause higher employer rates spread over the next few years. There are also some additional GASB rules that will affect how long-term retirement obligations will be reported on the annual audit reports.
 - Water Rates: Our last water rate increase was in July 2004. Effective July 2013, the monthly water rates for the Lake Gregory area were decreased to match the rates in the Crestline area. The water rates for the whole District are now the same.
 - With water restrictions in place, revenues have been below what were budgeted. Tax revenues have increased slightly. We have continued to manage our expenditures and capital improvements to maintain a positive cash position.

- During the 2010-11 budget planning process, we came up with a plan that would stabilize our cash requirements for a 5 year period. This involved the early retirement of our remaining long-term debt and a planned reduction in our work force. This plan also envisioned equalizing the monthly charges between the two divisions over a three year period. These goals have been achieved with the District maintaining a positive cash flow with no rate increases since 2004.
- Personnel:
 - Field Staffing
 - With the current field staffing, we have a good group of employees who are working very well together.
 - We let our newest field serviceman go since he did not obtain the required water treatment and distribution certifications in the time allowed. We are not currently looking to replace him with a full-time employee.
 - Office Staffing
 - We have maintained the current office staffing for many years. There is the Office Manager, two full-time Customer Service Representatives (CSR) and a part-time employee. This was the same number of office staff that was working here when I began working for the District in 1987.
 - Wendy Malsed, was made a full-time employee.
 - The current office staff works well together. The office staff has had some challenges with illness and the death of a family member.
- General Manager: I have recently encountered some unexpected health issues and am learning to live with the possibility of having permanently impaired vision. The extent of the impairment is currently unknown as the healing process will extend another 2 to 10 months.
- Manager-in-Training: While the District is not actively pursuing a candidate to fill the General Manager position in the future, I am constantly reviewing current employees and other people I come in contact with as potential future candidates for the position. I have compiled a short list of potential candidates for the Board's consideration at such time the Board decides to move forward.
- In the next 4+ years, there is the probability that the District will lose several long-term employees. The average years of service for the 12 regular full-time employees is over 14 years. Besides myself (28 years of

service), Chris Heryford (30 years) is beginning to look at retirement and Larrie Davis (17 years) is reaching the age where she will be considering retirement in the near future. Since we do not have much turn over, the remaining office staff and field employees have a solid working knowledge of the office operations and water system.

- Planning, Scheduling and Completing Capital Improvement/Replacement Projects – Maintaining and improving the water infrastructure of the District is a priority. While the District’s system is in excellent shape, we still have improvements that need to be planned and completed.
 - Current Capital Projects – Projects and capital expenditures that are budgeted for in the current budget: While we have delayed some of these projects, there are some that have a high priority and are being pursued.
 - We have finished the construction of the .2 MG Zurich II Tank and demolished the old Zurich I Tank. Construction of the .2 MG Zurich III Tank has begun and should be completed by November 2015. This is the last of the tank sites that currently need to be retrofitted.
 - Well Development: We abandoned the Valle slant well project due to cost and technical issues and are proceeding with two other vertical well sites on Valle and Electra Drives.
 - Lakeview Back Lot Line Main Replacement: There is approximately 2,500’ of main to be replaced or installed for this project. This is the last significant section of main that needs to be replaced and still remains on the list of work to be done.

We have determined the alignment for the new main and have prepared the necessary easement documents for the main. We are sending our notifications to the property owners and are preparing to begin construction on this project.
 - Mid-range (1 to 6 years) Projects – These projects are reviewed annually and are listed on page 4 of the annual audit report. These are items that have been identified to be completed in the next 5 - 6 years. The list contains items that are included in this year’s budget. Depending on changing conditions and the economy some of these items may be delayed.
 - Long-Range Projects – We are in the ongoing process of identifying the future needs of the District. Most of these needs are governed by changing regulations and water supply challenges.
 - Some of our older mains are approaching 30 to 40 years of service. In approximately 20 to 25 years, the District should begin reevaluating the conditions of its water mains and developing a long-term replacement schedule based on the condition of the mains at that time. The expected

life of the existing new mains is 100 years. The District should continue to build its reserves for the future upgrading and replacement of the water infrastructure.

- The District with its current boundaries and sphere of influence is not expected to have rapid growth other than through annexations. With new service restrictions being implemented in surrounding areas due to the current drought situation, there has been a slight uptick in the number of new water services applications. Most of the areas that may annex into the District would contribute to the overall water supply and would be expected to pay for any improvements that are required to serve the annexed area.
- Regulatory Compliance – The goal is to keep the District in compliance with existing and new regulations. These regulations will be mainly related to water quality, but an area that may have a large impact in coming years is environmental regulations that affect equipment and power consumption.
 - The impact of future water quality regulations is unknown. Currently, there are no new regulations that require any changes to our treatment process. Based on anticipated future regulations, the District is in a good position to be able to comply with them.
 - As was discussed in previous years, there are regulations that affect our diesel equipment. Based on current regulations, there is a possibility we may need to update the smog equipment on some of the diesel equipment in the next few years.
 - There is the possibility that there are environmental regulations that will impact District power usage. The District does not operate large pumps so it is expected that there will be minimal impact to the District. We periodically have efficiency testing performed on our pumps and update our pump motors as necessary. We have also looked at alternative power sources such as solar and wind, but due to the terrain, lack of large open spaces and the cost of alternative power, it does not appear to be feasible at this time.
- Long-Term Water Supply – Between the local water supply and the potential of the supplemental water supply that is available to the District from CLAWA, it would appear that the District has an adequate water supply for coming year. However, there are several issues that threaten our long-term water supply.
 - Drought: The drought has continued and the State of California has mandated a 25% reduction in water consumption. DWR has announced a 20% allocation of State Water Project deliveries for this year.
 - The State of California continues to face serious water issues. The reoccurring droughts, infrastructure issues and the restrictions placed on the State's ability to pump water out of the Delta will continue to affect Southern California's water

- supply over the coming years. The State Water Project has announced that 20% of the water allocation will be available this year. Rainfall this winter has been below normal and our local well production is declining. Recent rainfall has helped some but will not make a major impact on this year's water supply.
- CLAWA has a single pipeline that brings water from Silverwood Lake to the mountain area. If something were to make this pipeline unusable, the District may have to depend on local water supplies for several months. There is also an increasing concern statewide regarding the reliability of the State Water Project's water delivery system. Historically, local wells meet between 40% and 60% of our system's normal demand. If there were to be a major interruption to CLAWA's or the State Water Project's delivery system, we would need to enforce strict water conservation measures for up to a year.

Personal Development

- Area Water District/Company Relationships – Over the past year, I have had occasion to talk with the General Managers of Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, Running Springs Water District and Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency. Attending the Water Policy conference in Claremont was an opportunity to continue establishing relationships with some of these managers.
- Staff Relationships – Employee relationships are a priority. The relationship and communication between the office and field staffs remains good. Communications between Larrie and Chris has continues to be good. We continue to encourage staff interaction by having staff lunches and barbeques.
- Educational Training
 - Certification –The State Department of Public Health requires the Chief Operator of the District to hold Water Distribution 2 (D2) and Water Treatment 1 (T1) certifications. The District requires this for all field employees.

I currently hold D2 and T1 Certifications which meet the State requirements.
 - Water Industry Knowledge – Increase general and technical knowledge about the water industry.

During the past year I have attended several water seminars and conferences, including the 2014 Fall ACWA conference in San Diego. The ACWA conferences are valuable and have helped me in having a better understanding of the regional and statewide water issues. I am planning on continuing attending at least one ACWA conference each year and other meetings and seminars that are of interest to the District.
- Community Involvement – I continue to be involved in the Crestline-Lake Gregory Rotary Club. Being in Rotary has been a positive experience for me as well as positioning the District in an organization where it has positive exposure as an active

member of the community.

- **Personal Self-Evaluation of Past Year** – The past year has been a mixed year with personal health issues impacting my performance as General Manager.
 - Capability/Knowledge of District – My 36 years of overall special district experience and 28 years of experience with the District, including 7 ½ years acting as General Manager, has given me knowledge of the District’s overall operation that is extensive. This experience has been useful during the past year when decisions needed to be made and I understood the appropriate actions that were needed. Understanding the District’s policies and ordinances are important as we enter a year where we are facing stricter water restrictions. I was part of developing the District’s Water Conservation Program in 1991.

Understanding how the “system” works, having a basic understanding of “County Water District Law” and the “Government Code”, why the District established certain policies and why things are done a certain way are invaluable in dealing with situations that arise. I have the ability to see the big picture, recognize issues or situations when they arise, understand how they affect the District and to produce appropriate solutions and/or responses.

- Productivity – I have allowed personal health issues to contribute to a couple of projects for the Board of Directors to not be completed in a timely manner. Other projects earlier in the year were completed successfully and in a timely manner.