



Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Tom Weddle, General Manager
Date: 4/15/25
Subject: Manager's Reports

Field Maintenance

Aclara is still not responding and correcting our issues. It has been a few months now since the programming issues of the ultra-sonic meters. We can now program them but lost the ability to program any other meter. I am still reaching out to them and will update the board along the process.

We had Steve Gamblin come up and train us on our new GIS locator. We have started logging in fire hydrants to start with.

Mueller gave us a zoom on their AMI radios for a chance to sell to us. I wanted to hear them out just to not be biased to Neptune only. After listening to their pitch, the price was great, but the product was not. I also reached out to people that have used it. I was hearing negative reviews from everyone.

The district completed the full list of stopped meters, and there were quite a few. We replaced the measuring chambers and put them back online. This will contribute to less system loss.

We started our bi-annual flushing of dead ends.

We have started our annual testing of water meters.

General Manager

ACLARA: We continue to be frustrated with the service that we receive from Aclara. There are unanswered questions that are showing up in the water report as unexplained gains and losses. This month I used the Aclara portal to get total consumption because there seems to be a disconnect between Tyler and Aclara. Using Tyler our losses were 22% and using Aclara they were 5%. We are currently working with Auqatrax to break down the hourly data for more accurate reporting.

When the new Neptune meters are installed in Valley View, we will have an idea how they will work in CVWD. This will in turn give us the ability to determine if the transition to Neptune within the District is feasible.

CPF Request: I am working with Jayson Brause with Government Affairs in Washington DC regarding Congressman Jay Obernolte's Community Project Funding for FY26. At this time, the timeline for FY26 requests remains uncertain and the House Appropriations Committee has not yet released their FY26 guidance, however, the process can often move quickly. We are sending details for our meter replacement, background, the technology, and why it needs to be done to Jayson to give to the congressman. I met Jayson at an ACWA and he is guiding us through this process to determine what we would be eligible for. This is in no way a commitment to the meter replacement but will at least determine if additional funds will be available for this project.