

Status update on the new proposed Capital Improvement Project – 12 inch Main Replacement (Design):

An update was given by Mario Mareno along with a handout outlining this Capital Improvement Plan. This project will remove and replace approximately 2,000 linear feet of 12” water main from Stevenson Drive to Roberta Drive. The approximate estimate for the design work is \$70,000 and the project has been divided into two phases. It is estimated the design work would take 4-6 months to complete. The earliest timeline for the start of construction would be the winter of 2017-2018.

A motion to proceed into the design phase of this pipeline improvement project as proposed was made by Steve Zalewski and seconded by Gaston Habets. After a call for discussion and a vote by Phil Williamson, the motion was passed unanimously.

Update on DVWS valve covers labeling project:

Jack Sciaroni has a contact who will be able to complete a bead weld onto the top of the valve covers. Safety measures will be taken during the project when valve covers are not in place (when they are being welded) with cones and plywood. The estimated cost of the project is less than \$1,000.

Review compensation rates to Engineers for work completed outside their scope of duty (tabled from the December 15, 2015 meeting):

Mario Mareno presented a hand-out from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations regarding prevailing hourly wages for plumbers.

A motion to approve increasing the hourly rate for DVWS Engineers for work completed outside their scope of duty from \$40 per hour to \$55 per hour was made by Steve Zalewski and seconded by Phil Williamson. After a call for discussion and a vote by Gaston Habets, the motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review the number and nature of calls received by the dispatcher for the period from December 16th, 2015 to March 15th, 2016:

Total of 5 calls/emails. New ownership (1), request to have valve turned back on after completion of landscaping (1), homeowner seeking confirmation that a pipe in their front yard was not a DVWS pipe (1), report of a leak at 52 Chaucer (1). The leak on Chaucer drive was determined to be a cross connection and was handled by Contra Costa Water.

New Chief Engineer recruitment update and introduction of selected candidate:

The Board welcomed Dennis Roda as the new Chief Engineer for DVWS. He was instructed to purchase safety gear if he did not already own it and submit receipts.

Review personnel rules and staffing needs for the Staff Engineer position:

Keith Bryant was introduced as an Associate Engineer. Steve Zalewski informed the Board he is going to retire from the Staff Engineer position.

A motion to accept Steve Zalewski transferring his position of Associate Engineer to the new Associate Engineer Keith Bryant was made by Phil Williamson and seconded by Gaston Habets. After a

call for discussion and a vote by Steve Zalewski, the motion was passed unanimously. The Board welcomed the new Engineers.

Steve Zalewski will contact the third candidate for the Chief Engineer position to notify him of the outcome.

Review schedule for pumps to be turned on in 2016:

The water should be in the canal on April 1st. The actual date for the pumps to be turned on will be determined by the completion of system repairs and the weather.

Review potential water rationing and conservation for the 2016 season and cost increases by CCWD:

Gaston Habets spoke with Dominic DeBellis of Contra Costa Water District – he was informed that the 45% cutback for irrigation users will stay in effect for the coming season. Pricing did go up in January, numbers will be confirmed before the start of the season.

Approval of Advisory Board meeting stipend distribution.

A motion to approve payment of March 15th, 2016 stipend fees to the Advisory Board members and engineers was made by Steve Zalewski and seconded by Gaston Habets. After a call for discussion and a vote by Phil Williamson, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Steve Zalewski will contact Brian Turner of ControlCo about hooking up Pump #3 at the pump house.

There being no further business presented before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: 

Claire Voorhies, Secretary