

## Minutes for the Mill Creek Lassen Mutual Water Company Annual Meeting 7/4/2015

Meeting was called to order by Bob Kittle at 11:25.

Motion to approval minutes approved.

Treasurers report - Shirley Boracci

Proposed budget distributed to all attendees  
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Balance in CDS and checking

Request to put Treasurer's report on the website. Shirley will get information to Amy Webster for website inclusion.

Deficit in this years anticipated budget (23800) is in excess of \$4700 due to legal expenses associated with rework of bylaws to accommodate the collection of delinquent dues and assessments.

Discussion on subject of raising annual fees to \$400 to cover legal expenses and build our reserve to meet future needs while reducing need for additional assessments. Relative to Mineral at \$600 plus still a bargain here at \$400. \$50 per month plus overages in Mineral versus \$34 per month expense here if/when \$400 annual fee is implemented.

Potential for State mandated engineering study and metering in the future discussed.

Approval of contract of for 1-21 loop made on 7/2/15, V&H Associates. 60 day target for completion, approximately 9/30. Firm is bonded. One year warranty. John Freshe from the Mineral Water company will oversee installation.

Question re boxes at cabin sites. We will receive an additional box to accommodate the anticipated meters for 1-21 only. Added boxes will need to be added to the balance of the homesites when meters are mandated. State mandating our metering be enhanced to measure overflow to help us accurately report total consumption.

Metering questions re frequency. Potential monthly or quarterly readings. Mineral water meters cost \$109,000 at installation, for information purposes.

Report on Terry and Tom attending the Board of Supervisor. Water rights still being challenged through our attorney. Frustrations aired re our State regulators lack of communication on our request. Any time delay by the regulators will move to the date for our compliance. No response to our Nov '14 letter as of this meeting date.

Ash Tank issues initial estimate of \$40000, plus another \$40-50000 in additional costs expected in next two years.

Paskenta, one of the other communities, is putting in a new pipeline to meet State requirements. Ishi Camp is having to abandon the spring they have been using due to new regs. They are spending big dollars comply.

We continue to battle using our legal representative. Flows have been above the CFS requirement at Los Molinos and Supervisor Bundy representing that area defended Mill Creek. The response from the California Water Resources Board was it was too complicated for us to understand. Per Terry, no Health or Safety issues will be honored in appeals per the State per letter to Terry. No grants will be available because our cabins are considered second homes.

Consider letter writing campaign our legislators.

We are comply with the requirement to curtail our utilization by 20%. We are required to not water outside plants more than two days per week. Our attorney says we are in compliance as long as we maintain our curtailment efforts, until such time as they CA Water Resources Board rules on our appeal regarding our water rights.

Motion was made by Mitch Hoggard to increase the 2015-2016 fees from \$200 to \$400, and the succeeding years. Second from Bill Zeller. No additional questions, call for the question, voice vote was unanimous, no dissent or abstentions were offered.

Discussion of penalties for late payment and those who have not met their obligations. Water Company has been using the MCSHA Bylaws as a template. We will check with our attorney re the combined boards and the needs for bylaws for the combined boards scheduled for fiscal 2016.

John Kirch is at the end of his term. John has said he would be willing to continue on the board. Moved, seconded and approved by voice vote to return John for an additional four years.

Terry presented the findings from State testing and the efforts we have publicized in efforts to reduce our water usage. This has been communicated in writing at the meeting and will be followed up for those not able to attend today either by e-mail or letter.

Final question re the remaining valves in the original "new system". How many valves remain from the installation. Per Terry, five poor quality valves remain. As they fail few are replacing with a higher quality valve.

Motion to adjourn was received and seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Webster