

**BLUE LAKE SPRINGS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**  
**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Interim Meeting**  
**Blue Lake Springs, Arnold, California**  
**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9:00am**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 8:58am the meeting was called to order. Directors present were Steve Alberts, Robert Maginnis, George Paul, Tom Schneider and Sharon Tobias. Absent were Dave Owen and Paul Penney. General Manager Hicks, Administrative Operations Manager Lee Schmedes, Recording Secretary Nhu Bergstrom, and General Counsel Michael Minkler were also in attendance.

Several guests were present at the meeting.

00:00:34

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

11<sup>th</sup> Interim Meeting of April 11, 2015:

With no additions or deletions, the Minutes of the April 11, 2015 meeting will stand as printed.

Special Meeting via Teleconference of April 29, 2015:

With no additions or deletions, the Minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting will stand as printed.

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**DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA:**

A shareholder asked the Board what is the timeframe for the installation of meters for the entire subdivision. President Maginnis replied the special meeting on April 29, 2015 resulted a board resolution to apply for a grant to help with the cost of meter installation. Treasurer Schneider added we should hear the result of the grant application by October. The shareholder asked if the Board had a plan for the installation whether we are awarded the grant or not. Treasurer Schneider replied as more information becomes available the LRSP committee will be able to put together a timeline for the installation. As of right now, there is no set schedule in place. President Maginnis reiterated though meter installation is in the near future and a high priority of the water company, the Board's main focus is to find additional water sources and to establish a redundant water system.

Another shareholder asked the Board when infrastructure improvements are scheduled to take place. The shareholder is having a hard time finding an insurance provider due to the fact the nearest fire hydrant is more than 1,000 feet from their home. GM Hicks responded approximately 60% of the pipeline in the subdivision has been replaced and upgraded. Treasurer Schneider mentioned the LRSP committee is working on a priority list to either have the rest of the capital improvements made during the meter installation or after; however, all projects are dependent on available funding. The shareholder suggested the annual fee should be broken down into quarterly payments especially if there might be an assessment in the near future.

A shareholder expressed concerns regarding the use of graywater and wanted to know what kind of resources are available. RS Bergstrom responded information regarding graywater use, costs, guides, and state and county restrictions are posted on the website.

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**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

April 2015 Balance Sheet & Income/Expense Statements:

Treasurer Schneider reported April 2015 Balance Sheet and Income/Expense Statements.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Water Production/Consumption/Drought:

GM Hicks reported April water production and consumption. GM Hicks noted data from the master meter was pulled and in April 2015 compared to April 2014, there was a 30% reduction in water usage. A sample of 25 full time homes had their meters read; usage for April was 115 gallons/per day. GM Hicks thanked the shareholder for conserving and encouraged everyone to continue to do so.

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Drip Systems:

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Director Paul to allow owners to utilize a drip system in compliance with the current BLSMWC policy. Seconded by Director Schneider. After discussion, the motion failed 0-5.

01:51:30 **MOTION** Pressure Washing (prior to painting):  
A motion was made by Director Schneider to allow pressure washing prior to painting and deck staining. Seconded by Director Paul. . After discussion, the motion failed 0-5.

02:06:58 **MOTION** Rebate Program:  
A motion was made by Director Schneider to accept the Residential Toilet Rebate Program and reallocate \$75K from Well Exploration to the program. Seconded by Director Tobias. 5-0 motion passed.

02:14:30 Water Agreement with CCWD:  
GS Minkler reported matters regarding the water agreement with CCWD are contractual and will be discussed in Executive Session.

02:13:32 **PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:**  
Well #4, #5, #6:  
Director Alberts reported two pump proposals were received for Well #4, however the pump specs need to be forwarded to L&SC Engineer Firm for review.

491 Blue Lake Springs Drive:  
Director Alberts reported trees were removed at the new office site. Stumps will be removed after inspection by the Forestry Department is completed. The septic installation is scheduled on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

02:34:00 **COMMITTEES:**  
Long Range / Strategic Planning Committee:  
Director Schneider will create a matrix of priorities showing a variety with funding options. LRSP Committee will schedule a teleconference with grant writer John Pedry from MC Engineering to discuss.

02:43:15 **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**  
Website:  
RS Bergstrom reported website statistics for April 2015. RS Bergstrom mentioned a 'How-to' page on reading meters and conservation progress status was posted on the website.

02:46:00 **HWY 4 COORDINATING COMMITTEE:**  
GM Hicks reported on the last Highway 4 Coordination Committee meeting. The next meeting date is June 11<sup>th</sup> and location to be determined.

Calaveras Conserves will have a display at the Frog Jump this year and the committee is looking for volunteers to man the booth.

02:52:30 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
Correspondence will be answered individually.

**ACTION ITEMS REPORT:**  
RS Bergstrom reported the current and completed Action Items.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made at 11:51am.

**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Matters discussed in Executive Session were contractual.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Nhu Bergstrom, Recording Secretary  
Reviewed by Lee Schmedes, Administrative Operations Manager  
Summarized from digital recording of the meeting

**APPROVED: June 13, 2015**