

**WESTERN HEIGHTS WATER COMPANY
32352 AVENUE D
YUCAIPA, CA 92399-1899**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2021

CALL TO ORDER / PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2021

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Report - Ben Kelly

5. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

April Board Meeting – Friday, April 16, 2021

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

a) Discussion Items

a. Water Sold – Exhibit 1

Water sales for February 2021 are 1.7% lower than they were for February 2020, and 20% higher than for this time in 2020.

b. Budget Status and Financials – Exhibit 2

Total Bank Balance	\$1,580,006
Total Revenues:	\$226,199
Total Expenses	<u>\$159,329</u>
Net Income	\$66,870

Total revenues for 2021 are 43.5 percent higher than year to date in 2020. Expenses are 10.5 percent higher from this time last year.

Major Projects – Exhibit 3

c. Projects Status Update

Well 2A GAC Treatment – The GAC equipment is installed, and all underground piping is complete. The above ground piping is being installed. All piping and vessels have been flushed and disinfected. The DDW issued the permit to operate. We are waiting on the vendor to come and load the GAC, perform startup test, and to provide operations training. They are scheduled to come out next Thursday. We plan to have the system fully operational by the middle to the end of March or first week of April.

18th Street Pipeline Replacement – We have begun work to replace approximately 800 feet of 14-inch pipeline that runs in an easement between 17th Street and 18th Street. The pipe is old and in very poor condition. We have had several leaks on this line in the past three years. We are installing a new 18-inch in 18th Street to replace it. The new larger line will improve the ability to fill the South Reservoir, which is a minor deficiency that we discovered in developed a water model. This work is budgeted and part of our annual pipeline replacement work.

13th Street Pipeline and YVWD Intertie – There is a new Dutch Brothers Coffee shop connecting to our system on 13th Street, just north of Yucaipa Blvd. YVWD has an existing 12-inch water line in 13th Street that is the backup fire suppression water of the high school. The line runs from Chapman Heights to Yucaipa Blvd. Rather than install a parallel 12-inch water line, we made an agreement with YVWD to purchase the segment of the line from Thunderbird Way to Yucaipa Blvd. About 500 feet of pipeline. They agreed to sell us this portion of the line for \$55,000. We collected \$17,800 from Dutch Brothers for the new service line to their property. This is in addition to the connection and water supply reliability fees. So, the net cost for the 12-inch line is \$37,200. It would have cost us \$90,000 to \$100,000 to install a new line ourselves. In addition, we will have a second point of importing water from YVWD on 13th Street. Ultimately, we plan to have three points for importing water: North Reservoir, which is existing, 13th Street, and a future connection at the East Reservoir.

South Booster Upgrade – We have begun work on the South Booster Upgrade. The upgrade will include three new 1,000-gpm pumps, three new variable speed drives, new electrical cabinets, and piping improvements. These upgrades will improve reliability of the pump station, reduce energy consumption, improve system pressures, and ensure adequate fire flow of this section of the water system. The pump and drives are on order, and we plan to begin work by the end of April. The upgraded pump station will be online by the end of May. The work is being done as joint effort between our staff, The Electrical Connection, our electrical contractor, and Don Peterson Construction, who is the contractor for the GAC installation. This work is budgeted as part of 2021 Major Projects.

Recycled Water Program – Attached for your review and comments are the new Cross-connection Ordinance and Best Management Practices. These two documents need to be adopted by the Board as part of our application with the State to take over recycled water deliveries in our service area. Please review and provide any comments to me. I will request approval of these documents at the April board meeting if there are no comments.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

None

8. DIRECTORS' MATTERS