

**Westside Water Association  
2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
May 27, 2012 at Havurat Ee Shalom**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

In attendance

Board members John Candy, Mary Margaret Briggs, Pat Call, Cindy Pollock and System Manager Doug Dolstad. Board member Denny Conner was absent due to scheduling conflict.

31 shareholders were present, 50 proxy forms were submitted; a quorum was achieved.

President's Report

Report made by vice president of the board, Pat Call, in place of board president Denny Conner.

Welcome remarks. Note of the passing of former Westside Water Association board member and neighbor, Daniel Schumacher.

An overview of the past year's work was presented highlighting the Capital Planning Project and the successful pilot study done on arsenic remediation in the Canyon Well.

Minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave a report describing that Westside Water Association continues to be in a strong, solvent financial position. Documents available on website:

[http://www.westsidewater.org/documents\\_wwa.htm](http://www.westsidewater.org/documents_wwa.htm)

Shareholder Bill Morse stated that he finds the format of the financial reports hard to understand, and that the abbreviations used are not made clear. He would like to see an accounting of assets that include capital such as real estate and equipment.

Manager's Report

The system manager summarized the past year's operations the highlights of which are:

Work with the assistance of Skip Rand on a Capital Planning System that sets a value on the system's material assets, estimates the life expectancy of equipment and infrastructure, and plans financial requirements for replacement of those assets. From this work we will be able develop a rate structure that will make sure financial resources are in place to maintain the water system.

Doug described the Municipal Water Law and presented work done with board member John Candy to make sure WWA is in compliance with the law. The law requires that we become more efficient users of water. As a water system, WWA will meet that goal by proactively replacing aging water pipes so leaks do not occur and becoming more responsive to fixing leaks as they occur. Shareholders will work to reduce their consumption by ½ of 1%, or approximately 1 gallon per day. Shareholder Kate Thompson asks if we can work as a group to reduce the cost of buying water efficient appliances. Related documents are available on website:

[http://www.westsidewater.org/documents\\_wwa.htm](http://www.westsidewater.org/documents_wwa.htm)

Results of the arsenic remediation pilot study were presented. Results of the pilot study are very encouraging and are available on website: [http://www.westsidewater.org/documents\\_wwa.htm](http://www.westsidewater.org/documents_wwa.htm)

Rationale of the WWA board for implementing arsenic removal in the Canyon Well include:

1. Results of the pilot test show an arsenic reduction to the detectible level of 3ppb. It may be less than this but tests are not able to show smaller amounts.
2. The state asks that we provide 125gpm to meet the needs of our shareholders, we have only 45gpm; we meet only 36 percent of state requirements.
3. While we can blend water from the Canyon Well with other resources and still be in compliance with federal standards for arsenic not exceeding 10ppb, doing so would only achieve a total of 60gpm. This is less than half of what the state would like us to provide for our members in terms of quantity. Furthermore, we have heard from members that they would prefer that the arsenic is removed from the water.
4. We can implement the first phase of arsenic remediation project with modified existing filtration equipment at a modest cost of between \$14-24,000 (or \$19-29,000 with a \$5,000 contingency).
5. For the security of our water system, we must develop redundancy in water sources in case something should result in the failure of or diminished supply from the existing well point source/s. Arsenic remediation will allow us to maximize the usability of our well water, providing a very stable supply of water.

Pat Call asks if there are questions. A member asks if we can achieve the same results with conservation methods. Answer, "no", we can not achieve the needed quantity of additional water through conservation. However, we may choose to develop conservation methods in lieu of implementing a phase 2 of the arsenic remediation.

**WWA board will present and seek comments on the Capital Planning Project and a new rate structure at a meeting in June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at Havurat Ee Shalom.**

#### Global Water Initiative

Donations to WWA Global Water Initiative totaled around \$3000 for the year. We plan to continue donating the money to El Porvenir, an organization based in Nicaragua that provides training and funds for communities to develop clean drinking water and sanitation. A video describing the work accomplished this past year with funds donated by WWA members is available on our website: [http://www.westsidewater.org/documents\\_wwa.htm](http://www.westsidewater.org/documents_wwa.htm)

#### Election

An election was held to fill the two positions on the board that had been completed by Denny Conner and Mary Margaret Briggs. Both volunteered to run again. Neither was opposed. Denny Conner and Mary Margaret Briggs were re-elected by acclaim vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes recorded by Mary Margaret Briggs.