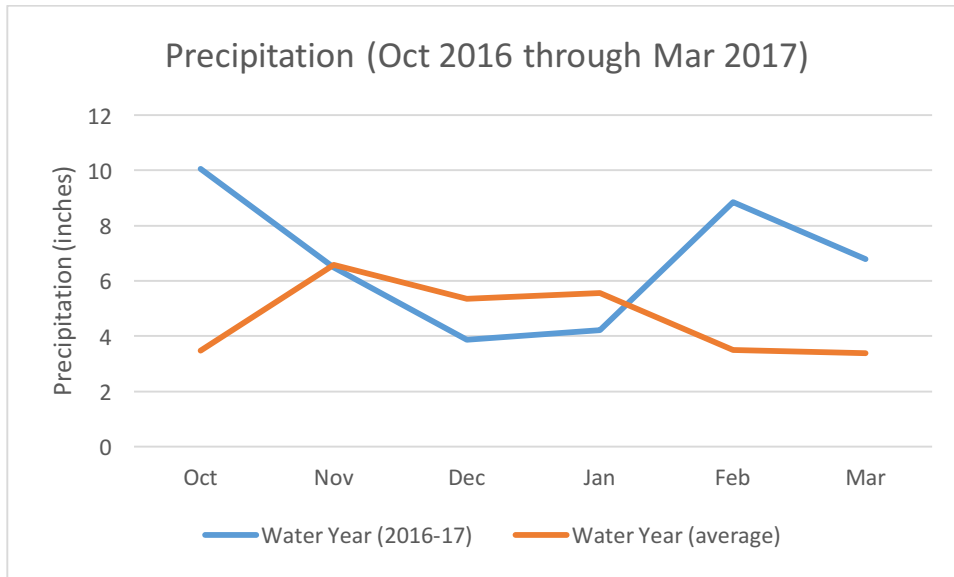


Notice: 2017 Annual Meeting to be held 7 pm Thursday May 25th at the Havurat on Westside Highway.

October 1st is the official start of the annual “water year” in the western United States and the current 2016/2017 precipitation is up over 40% from normal with a total of 40 inches in the last 6 months. A graph of these results looks like:



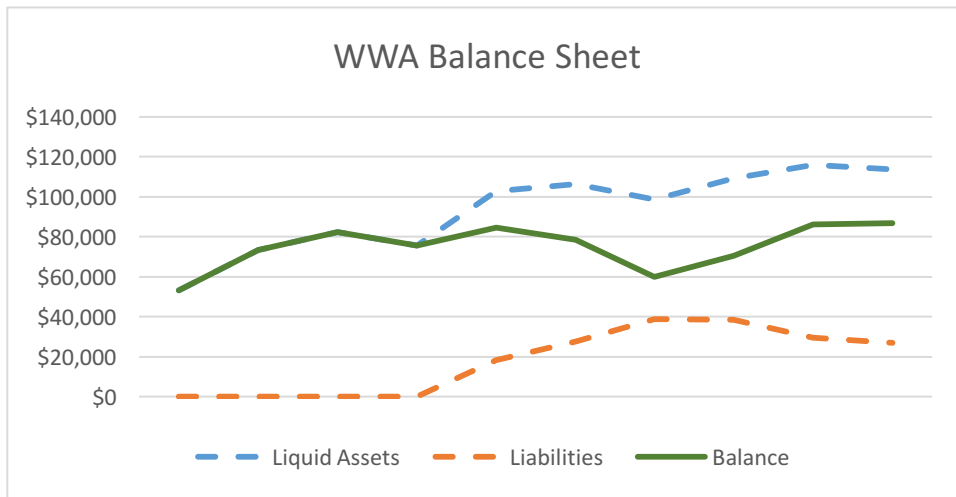
It is too early to tell what impact these extraordinary rains will have on our operations for the rest of the year but the board and manager will be keeping a close eye on all aspects of the system.

Financial Status

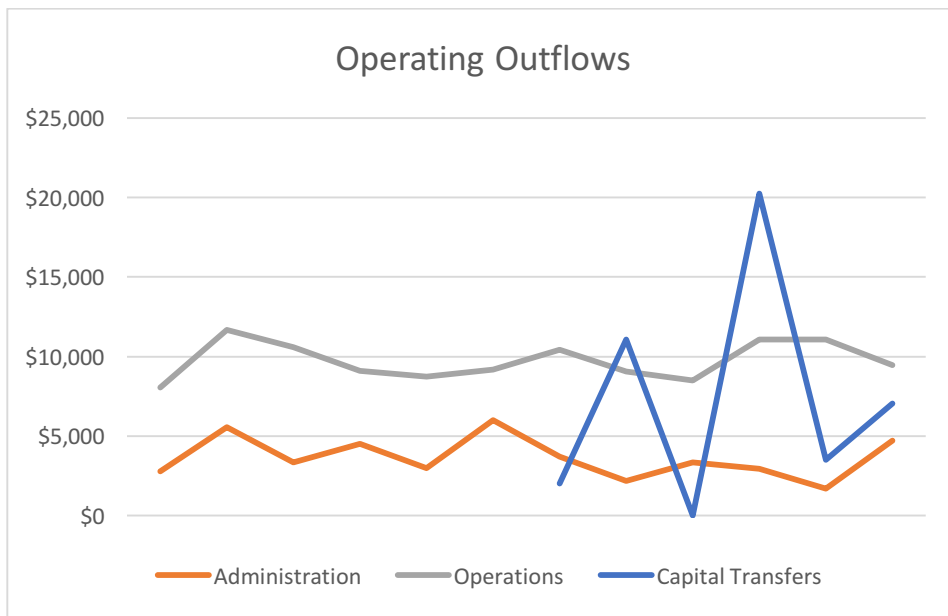
As reported in an earlier edition of this newsletter the Association is now setting aside explicit funds for Repairs & Maintenance and for Capital Improvements (CIP) at the rates of \$12,500 and \$30,000 per year. At the March board meeting we further agreed to a one time set aside of \$30,000 as an emergency reserve fund (in keeping with DOH guidelines this represents two months’ operations plus the replacement of the most expensive mechanical component in our system). As of the end of February the balances in these accounts are:

Account	Amount
Operating cash	\$29,062
Debt Reserve	\$11,488
CIP Reserve	\$27,086
Repairs Reserve	\$ 7,164
Emergency Reserve	\$30,000

The outstanding balance on our loan with Communities Unlimited was \$17,348 at the end of February and a chart of our Liquid Assets, Liabilities and Net for the past two years looks like:



Further, our operating costs have stayed under control as shown in the chart below (we are working to smooth out our transfers to the reserve funds):



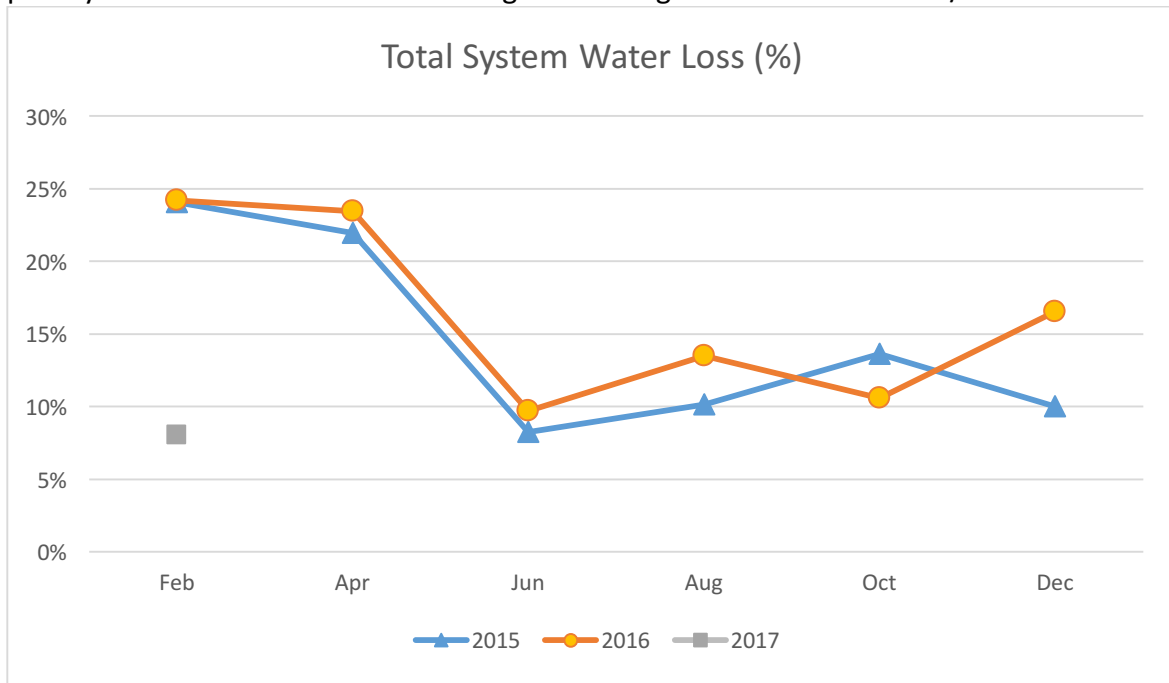
Revised CIP Schedule

In the January board meeting we discussed a change to our overall approach to Capital Improvements by accelerating some of the replacements of older sections of steel pipe in the system. The reason for this acceleration is that Island Water Management (Doug Dolstad) has

consistently been able to replace pipes for a small fraction (<40%) of what other crews charge for that service on Vashon. We have posted a revised CIP schedule to the WWA web site showing the new sequence of projects (www.westsidewater.org).

Leak Status

Our percentage leakage tends to be higher in the winter months when water use is less. This happens because our absolute leakage rate is rather constant and thus as a proportion of total water usage goes down in the summer. Although it is premature to extrapolate from one data point you will note that 2017 is starting off with a good result for our Jan/Feb value.



Heavy Snow caused Power Outage

The heavy wet snowfall in early February and the power outage that resulted from it meant that we were able to observe winter time usage under such conditions. Over the four day period members used between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 250,000 gallons of storage we have in the system. This result that without hot water and the temptation to shower, run the dishwasher or wash clothes our system has about 14 days of capacity to weather such an outage.

The board has been considering the purchase of a generator as additional backup but with the results above are questioning whether the approximate \$10K price tag would be worth it. We would like to entertain input from the membership on this topic at the May Annual Meeting.

Well Point Enhancement project

One of the CIP items for 2017 is the refurbishment of our canyon well points. Over the past 10 years that water source has been reduced from about 35 gallons per minute (gpm) to a present value of 18 gpm. In order to have adequate summertime margin for high peak usage times we want to move that source back up. We are going into a planning phase in April to define our approach to re-establishing this source field with an objective of being ready to explain it at our May Annual meeting.