



**OPEN MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL  
WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.  
VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY**

**Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road**

**REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair- Donna Rane-Szostak, Lynn Jarrett, John Frankel, Cush Bhada

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nathaniel Lewis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bob Merget, Eve Morton

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Rane-Szostak called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of Media**

No media was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the agenda. The committee was in unanimous support

**4. Approval of the Meeting Report from November 9, 2021**

Director Jarrett made a motion to approve the Report. The committee was in unanimous support.

**5. Committee Chair Remarks**

Chair Rane-Szostak stated that at the end of March, El Toro Water District (ETWD) declared a Level Two water shortage and are requesting a decrease of water usage of eleven to twenty percent. They are requesting no car washing be done but Third already does not allow car washing. Residents should not be using their hose for any watering.

Residents are doing a wonderful job conserving water and are now being asked to do a little bit more.

Bob Merget, the Village Arborist and Support Manager of Landscape Department, reported that the watering just once a week restriction is not currently in place in Orange County.

The Irrigation Master Control Project is out to bid right now. When that system is in place, it will save a considerable amount of water for the Village. It will be a 3-5-year project.

If ETWD goes to Level Three, there will be reduction in run times of sprinklers for turf areas. We will also have to look at watering of shrubs and slopes.

Chair Rane-Szostak stated that Mr. Merget will be making presentation on trees at next week's Third Mutual Landscape Committee meeting.

Consent:

None

Reports:

**6. Third Mutual Water Usage**

Chair Rane-Szostak reviewed the three water charts provided in the committee packet.

She stated that starting last August, there has been a decline in residential water use each month.

The amount of rain received has a direct correlation to lower levels of landscape water use since Landscape does less during those rainy months.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

**7. Village Television and El Toro Water District**

We have three ETWD directors who live in the Village. They do spots on TV6. Dennis Cafferty from ETWD attended and answered questions at a recent Board meeting. There was also a recent panel on water use and it is on the Village YouTube channel if you would like to watch it.

**8. Update on Additional Ways to Educate Village Residents Regarding Water Usage**

None.

Highlights

**9. Earth Day Activities – Advisor Lee Goldstein**

Mr. Goldstein is the Chair of the Laguna Woods Earth Day Event sponsored by the Concerned Citizens Group, and stated that last Thursday, at Clubhouse 1, there was an Earth Day program from 1-4 p.m.

“There is a way” was the theme of this year’s Earth Day.

He reviewed the groups who spoke at the event.

There were 12 exhibitors.

There were about 130 attendees and the hope to expand that attendance in the future.

Discussion that garbage disposal problems can cause water intrusion events.

Organic waste was discussed.

Items for Future Agendas:

**10. Identify Items for Future Agendas**

Organic recycling containers

Concluding Business

**11. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

None.

**12. Response to Member Comments**

None.

**13. Committee Member Comments**

Several general comments were made.

**14. Date of Next Meeting is Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**15. Adjournment at 2:48 p.m.**

*Donna Rane-Szostak*

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Donna Rane-Szostak, Chair