



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, July 29, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUAL MEETING
Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Donna Rane-Szostak, Reza Karimi, Lynn Jarrett, John Frankel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ADVISORS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

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

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Director Karimi moved to approve the agenda. It was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report from April 29, 2021

Director Karimi moved to approve the Report. It was approved by consensus.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Rane-Szostak stated that water has become such an important issue. We (ETWD) must import 100% of our drinking water. That, combined with the drought and several residential meters in Third showing 'excessive water consumption', highlight the importance of water conservation. Fortunately, with completions of recent connections near Gate 9, most landscape water in Third is now recycled water.

Chair Rane-Szostak said residents whose meters indicate Tier 4 (excessive) water usage will receive a letter from the Village requesting increased attention to water conservation and a need to check for leaks. The Village can assist in such an inspection.

Mr. Wiemann discussed what landscape is doing to conserve water e.g. performing regular system checks to identify overspray and system malfunctions, converting to spray heads, etc.

A resident who works for El Toro Water District (ETWD) reported that the recycled water project at Gate 9 has been completed. The challenge is that recycled water depends on how much waste water is being generated to be recycled.

A resident Building Captain informed the committee that some residents use water right after the sprinklers have turned off. Giving building captains any information about water use would be most helpful.

Consent Calendar:

None.

Reports:

6. Analysis of the Irrigation Meters

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the information with the committee.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

7. Village Television and El Toro Water District

Chair Rane-Szostak shared with the committee the ETWD 2021 Drinking Water Quality Report. Also, an ETWD publication related to the recent rate increase showing that not only is the rate for Tier 4 (excessive) water considerably higher than for Tier 1 (efficient), but Tier 4 experienced a more significant rate increase per unit of measure (748 gallons*). Tier 1 increased from \$2.65/ccf* while Tier 4 went from \$7.95/ccf* to \$8.52/ccf*-- a far more significant increase.

In last week's Globe, there was an article by Mr. Wiemann about the irrigation schedules.

ETWD is always juggling how to spend money to ensure water is available.

The ETWD budget includes infrastructure costs to ensure they can deliver you the water. Half of the budget is waste water process and other half is purchase and delivery of water.

Chair Rane-Szostak will be speaking with the Garden Villa Association about water conservation at their September meeting.

A Director for ETWD reported that So Cal and OC have been doing a great job of water banking. Northern California is in a much more precarious water situation than our area.

Discussion about how tiers of water usage works.

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

Discussion ensued.

9. Availability of Low Flow Shower Heads and Toilet Leak Tablets at Resident Services

Some low flow shower heads and toilet leak tablets are available for residents at Resident Services.

Items for Future Agendas:

10. Identify Items for Future Agendas

Concluding Business

11. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

One member commented that the water damage at Pallazo and Duenas appears to have been fixed, but the area nearer the school has a tarp over it and wondered if the committee knows what that is. Mr. Wiemann reported that the consultant in finalizing plans for that work. Natural springs are there and the mitigation there when the community was built has failed. Water there now is seasonal. Request to inform residents in that area of what is happening there.

ETWD will have a Community Advisory group meeting in November. There will be sandwiches and they would love to everyone in the Village to attend. At 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday in November.

On Oct. 19, there will be an H2O for HOAs meeting at the new Lake Forest Community Center.

12. Response to Member Comments

None.

13. Committee Member Comments

None.

14. Date of Next Meeting is Thursday, October 28, 2021

15. Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.

Donna Rane-Szostak

Donna Rane-Szostak (Aug 9, 2021 13:45 PDT)

Donna Rane-Szostak, Chair