



OPEN MEETING

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

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road

REPORT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: John Frankel

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ADVISORS PRESENT: Kay Havens

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

Chair Rane-Szostak called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the Meeting Report from October 14, 2019

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

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Rane-Szostak welcomed everyone and introduced the committee members.

She narrated slides she created regarding water usage (attached).

Consent Calendar:

None.

Reports:

6. Discuss and review reports on irrigation system and recycled water usage

Mr. Wiemann reviewed with the committee the Tier 4 water usage from the El Toro Water District water bill. He stated that for the next meeting, he will include an analysis of the irrigation meters.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

7. Status of El Toro Water District (ETWD) rebates

Mr. Wiemann reported that the majority of rebates available to Third Mutual are residential in nature such as low flow shower heads and toilets. Due to recycled water restrictions, Third Mutual does not qualify for landscaping rebates.

Discussion about blue leak tablets and low flow shower heads. Mr. Wiemann suggested sending the leak tablets to buildings with high water usage. The shower heads are offered for free from ETWD.

Director Karimi discussed potable water versus recycled water.

Director Karimi thanked Director Rane-Szostak for taking over as Chair of this committee.

8. Discuss the letter to residents with high water usage

Chair Rane-Szostak related she had received one of these letters in the past. Since they had been away for two months and knew their water usage had been low, it led to discovery of a water leak on the lawn. That letter helped discovery of a major leak under the lawn and it was fixed by staff.

9. Discuss collaboration opportunities with ETWD

There are rebates for high efficiency toilets and clothes washers. Advisor Havens stated those funds are available. She said it would be good idea to let residents know that an efficient toilet would be free to them to replace an inefficient one when doing a remodel. Rebates have remained the same for several years now. Rebates on removing turf are also still available.

Chair Rane-Szostak thanked Director Jarrett for introducing her to Dennis Cafferty at ETWD.

Advisor Havens stated that community advisory groups are held quarterly at ETWD. Those meetings provide people with a lot of information. Due to climate change, many things will be changing over the next 40 years.

Pwelsh@etwd.com to be put on the list to be alerted to the dates of these meetings.

Director Havens stated that ETWD is often on Village TV with information for residents.

Advisor Havens stated it is important to let residents know who to call when they see a broken pipe.

Advisor Havens believes changing high water need trees to low water need trees is important. There are approximately 36,000 trees currently in the Village. Mr. Wiemann said staff just went through the entire nursery stock. 99 percent of plant material is grown here in the Village nursery. We are selling off some high water use plant material to another nursery replacing those with low water use plants. Our irrigation system is 50 years old and needs to be updated. One of our goals is to install flow meters so leaks can be detected.

Items for Future Agendas:

10. Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Educating Village residents.
- Keeping an eye on Tier 4 water use.
- Director Karimi was interested to see if high water usage involves owners or tenants. Mr. Wiemann said that can be done and there will be report on that for future meetings.
- Director Jarrett suggested Director Karimi write an article for the blast about rebates. Important to say that it is a one-time rebate, not a rebate for every year item is used.

Concluding Business

11. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

None.

12. Response to Member Comments

None.

13. Committee Member Comments

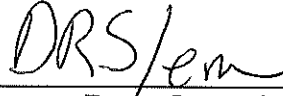
Director Jarrett told Chair Rane-Szostak that this was a good meeting and she was off to a great start.

Director Karimi said great meeting and he is looking forward to great things.

Chair Rane-Szostak stated she would like educational programs on Village TV long before the next meeting and she will be working on that goal.

14. Date of Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 21,2021

15. Adjournment at 11:00 a.m.

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Donna Rarfe-Szostak, Chair