

**Special Hearing for Increase in Tap Fees
by Board of Directors of the Pinewood Springs
Water Districts Water Enterprise**

February 25th, 2004

Attendance: The following Directors were present constituting a quorum: Andy Sharp, Mark Upton, Pam Ping. Also present were Gabriele Benson, Frank Novak, Carl Pender, Dan DeKrey, and Bob Warner.

The hearing was called to order by Andy Sharp at 7:05.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider changes in the Rules and Regulations to the formula used to calculate the Annual Tap Fee. Currently only 6 months of the base rate is added in each year. The proposed change would add 12 months of base rate to the Tap Fee calculation.

Discussion followed by the Board members and other residents present with the general consensus being that PWS currently has one of the cheapest Tap Fees in the area.

A letter of objection sent by Michael Kielty was also discussed.

Special Hearing closed at 7:14.

**Regular Meeting of Board of Directors of the Pinewood Springs
Water Districts Water Enterprise**

The meeting was called to order By Andy Sharp at 7:15.

Mark Upton made the **motion** to modify the formula in Appendix A, section 5 of the Rules and Regs from *current base rate *12/2* to *current base rate * 12*. Pam Ping **seconded. Passed unanimously.** The Tap fee for 2005 will be \$13,011.09.

New Customer Issues: None were presented

Infiltration Gallery:

The report from the Surveyor proved the Infiltration Gallery at the WTP is located exactly where it needs to be. Carl updated us on the IG study & State. He has talked to Donna Davis and Carolyn Herman and the IG study is still being reviewed by Brad Simmons. There will be a meeting with McLaughlin Engineers when he has finished his review. Andy requested that a Board Member be present at that meeting. The \$8,000.00 Grant money has been requested. There is a balance of \$352.00. Andy will contact Donna Davis to see if that amount could be saved for later reimbursement.

Update on Drought Mitigation Plan:

1. Plant Design: Work continues on the upgrade to the WTP. The design so far looks great.

2. Environmental Report:

Frank Novak presented 2 McLaughlin Bills. One signed by Kurt Bauer for the ER for the USDA in the amount of \$2,140.00. Mark made a **motion** that we pay this bill. Pam **seconded. Passed unanimously.** The other also signed by Kurt Bauer for ER for USDA Phase II. Pam made a **motion** that we pay this bill. Andy **seconded. Passed unanimously.** Frank Novak also reported that at this time McLaughlin Water Engineers are about 30% finished with a rough draft of the ER.

3. Pipeline Design: Board members continued discussion on *fire flow* and pressure at the hydrants. Frank was asked to do a *what if* and try replacing the 4 inch pipe from the tanks with a 6 inch to see if we can get enough pressure for a hydrant. The use of type K copper pipe versus poly pipe was discussed. The Board thanked Frank Novak for his work on the hydraulics of the pipeline & hydrant location report.

PSWD property adjacent to Firehouse:

A letter from Road Board President Don Groskruetz was discussed. The Road Board wishes to build a loafing shed between the Firehouse and Hwy 36. Since the Water district will need that area for materials storage this spring and summer, it was decided to ask the Road Board to try to find another area.

Reports: See reports attached to minutes.

Mark authorized the transfer of \$5,000.00 from Colotrust Ops account to 1st National Bank to cover bills due.

Pam will have the mailbox keys and checkbook while Gabi is on vacation.

Go ahead was given to Carl to arrange for blasting on Apache, so he can start his Spring pipeline replacement project as soon as the ground can be worked.

Gabi is to remind Board members about her yearly review mid March.

Approval of Minutes- Pam made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the January meeting. Mark **seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Pam Ping moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26.

**Respectively submitted by
Gabriele Benson, admin office clerk**