

# Sierra Park Water News and Updates

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## Board of Directors 2015-2016

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Treasurer	Bill Ordwein
Human Resources	Heidi Ordwein

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## President's Message

### Good news!

After two years of effort, the Water Company's application to the CPUC has been approved. We are happy that this long process has come to an end, and have received a very positive response from the State Water Board about working together as we move forward. Many, many details remain to be resolved, but we have already begun to coordinate with the Recreation Association on the transfer of property to the Water Company, as directed by the CPUC.

As part of its ruling, the CPUC has set the Water Company's budget for this year and next year, as well as retroactively mandating a budget for operations since June 2013. The Board will be studying the impact of this new budget definition as we focus on continued delivery of quality water to our customers. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

The Commission has also authorized the Water Company to undertake an engineering study to help guide future capital improvements. The Board and its consultants have already begun the Request for Proposals process so we can get this study underway soon. You can hear about our progress at the annual meeting in May.

Looking forward to moving ahead! -- *Kirk Knudsen*

*Next SPWC Board Meeting will be at 8:30 am on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*



## Water Services Contact Information

For any questions or information about water, please call the Water Company at 209-533-7998, reach us via email through the link on our website or by mail at:

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# Sierra Park Water Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 by president Kirk Knudsen.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kirk Knudsen, Heidi Ordwein, Bill Ordwein, Wanda Lenhardt and Philip Barthman.

**SHAREHOLDERS PRESENT:** Michael Lechner and Susie Lechner.

Others Present: Mike Van Gundy, John Marshall and Don Nessler.

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING:** Phil Barthman made a motion to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board of Director's meetings minutes. Heidi Ordwein seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- One contact regarding the inability to find a shutoff valve
- Two regarding leaks
- Two regarding possible sales
- Three regarding emails
- Two regarding CPUC decision

**WATER EMPLOYEE REPORT:** Heidi Ordwein - John is now certified at the T-1 level for water treatment and improvement.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**President** - Kirk Knudsen - The CPUC ruling is final, and the Water Company's application has been approved! This brought a positive and supportive reaction from the State Water Board. Once the property transfer from the Rec Association is complete, the Water Company will be able to bill customers with confidence that payment will be forthcoming. We will have the authority to shut off water delivery for non-payers.

**Vice President** - Phil Barthman - We are happy to have this issue behind us.

**Secretary** - Wanda Lenhardt - The last newsletter went out the week of December 21<sup>st</sup>. No stocks were sold this month.

**Treasurer** - Bill Ordwein - The CPUC ruling dictates the budget for the next two fiscal years. We are tracking to the budget. Taxes are ready to be filed. Once official tariff sheets are filed with the CPUC, we will be owed a significant amount in back payments and will have the ability to collect.

**Human Resources** - Heidi Ordwein - The caretaker's holiday schedule has been adjusted to reflect John's Tuesday-Saturday work week.

**Director of Capital Improvements** - Bill Ordwein - The CPUC ruling mandates development of a capital improvements study and plan, to be prepared by engineering professionals. The Board will retain Don Nessler as project manager to help with scope definition and bid solicitation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Wanda Lenhardt and Bill Ordwein will draft a policy regarding property transfer fees for the Board to review.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Don Nessler, water consultant, spoke with the Board. Due to the wet weather, natural springs are cropping up and look like water leaks. We have checked, but the pipes are intact.
- Also due to the rains, the manganese levels should begin to drop somewhat. In the meantime, Don Nessler met with TUD to inspect some used filter vessels for manganese removal that might be suitable for re-use.
- Bill Ordwein reported that recent capital improvements have resulted in significantly fewer water breaks this year. Also because of recent improvements, the breaks we've had have caused disruption to only a limited number of property owners.

Closure: The board moved to executive session to discuss financial and legal matters at 8:58 am.

Executive Session ended at 10:47.

The regular meeting reopened at 10:06. Report from from executive session: the last day for stock purchase prior to this year's annual meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48. *Next meeting will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.*

