

LONG RANGE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

AUGUST 4, 2009

Location: Prescott Public Library
Present: John Parrish, Board
Pat Fitzgerald (Pat F)
? (Pat's employee) Tom Naus, Operator
Pat Autrey, Board (Pat A)

The meeting started at approximately 12:10. A brief outline of the essential elements for any short/long range plan was presented to the DVWD Board at a previous meeting, and all present determined this outline was adequate as a starting point for the purpose of this meeting. We decided that our charge was to develop an initial framework to bring to a future open meeting of the Board.

Pat A noted that Susan Echenrode already has the recorded history of the District, and the Board has an approved Mission Statement. John Parrish suggested that a good beginning would be to develop a long term goal, i.e., in what position does the District want to be in 20 years?

The sub-committee's initial recommendation for the ultimate 20 Year Goal to the Board would be: Diamond Valley Water District would have a gravity fed water distribution system, with fire hydrants, with a sewer lift system to pump refuse to a nearby city's sewage plant.

We then spent the remainder of the time to brainstorm short term goals, which are listed below in no particular order. It was determined that Board buy-in of the recommended Long Term Goal was necessary to refine the short term goals (for instance, if the District is moving towards a gravity fed system, pump station rehab is not as critical as enhancing the Lisa tank's capacity)

- REPLACE OPAL TANK (1-2 years)
- REPLACE OPAL'S HYDRO TANK
- REPLACE BLOW OFF VALVES
- INSTALL NEW ISOLATION VALVES AND/OR ADD ADDITIONAL VALVES
- REPLACE AIR RELEASE VALVES
- FIND DEFECTIVE METERS, REPAIR LEAKS, AND REPLACE WITH AUTO READ METERS (1 YEAR)
- REPLACE ALL METERS TO STATE OF THE ART AUTO READ METERS, WITH POSSIBLE HOME AUGMENTATIONS - HOMEOWNER COULD READ WATER USE VIA INFRARED REFRIGERATOR MAGNET
- ENHANCE SECURITY - FENCING, LIGHTING, ETC.
- ASCERTAIN THAT ALL HOMES WITHIN DIAMOND VALLEY ARE METERED
- REPLACE AND/OR UPGRADE WATER MAINS
- UNTIL SYSTEM IS GRAVITY FED, UPGRADE EXISTING PUMP SYSTEM (SYSTEM ENGINEER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
- INSTALL A LOOP ON ALL DEAD END PIPES
- HAVE A LOCAL DVWD OFFICE FOR MANAGER, BOARD MEETINGS, STAFF, SUPPLIES AND RECORD STORAGE, WITH UPDATED OFFICE EQUIPMENT
- REPLACE RAMADA AND LISA TANKS WITHIN 5 YEARS (LISA WITH LARGE TANK IF WE DECIDE TO WORK TOWARDS GRAVITY FED SYSTEM)
- GET GRANT FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND SEWER (ASAP TO ASSIST BOARD IN DETERMINING BEST FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION)
- AS PART OF FEASIBILITY STUDY, DETERMINE POTENTIAL GROWTH FOR DIAMOND VALLEY, AS ADDITIONAL HOMES, LINES, METERS, ETC., WILL MOST LIKELY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WATER OPERATOR STAFF.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40.