

New Avenue Mutual Water Company

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**

April 26,  
2018

Held at home of Mike DiPietro

[newavemutualwater.com](http://newavemutualwater.com)

Board Member	In Attendance	Office #	Best #	Home/email #
Jim Armstrong	YES		408-202-3509	<a href="mailto:namwco2000@gmail.com">namwco2000@gmail.com</a>
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Joe Cardinali	YES		408-832-8902	408-847-6394 <a href="mailto:jmcardinali@gmail.com">jmcardinali@gmail.com</a>
Mike DiPietro	YES		408-391-5094	<a href="mailto:mikedipietro@aol.com">mikedipietro@aol.com</a>
Alan Heinzen	YES		404-422-1548	408-848-2116 <a href="mailto:alan@heinzen.com">alan@heinzen.com</a>
Jae Schwartz	YES		408-892-2887	408-847-4919 <a href="mailto:_jae1@aol.com">_jae1@aol.com</a>

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President, Mike DiPietro.

1. **Attendance**, All Board Members in attendance (see chart above).

**Guests:** None

2. Adjustments/Additions to Agenda: None

3. **Review and Approval of the Minutes:** \_Motion to approve by Jae, Second: by Alan, All in favor, minutes approved.

4. **Financial Summary Updates: Jim**

Checking: \$ 101,393

Chase: \$ 168,345\_\_\_\_\_

General Review and Accounts: No issues at this time.

1. Egleberry Tax Service, No updates, no actions per Jim
2. Investment updates: No updates per Jim
3. Jackie Monthly Board Payment Discussion: Joe explained that Jackie in speaking to Marilyn, recommends we use "trades" for services in place of the \$150 monthly payment. After discussion the Board agreed with her recommendation. Mike will contact Jackie to take needed actions to make the switch. If a member leaves the Board and stays a homeowner he will be able to use the credits until they are used up. If a member has "trade credits" and sells their home the Board would need to pay off the "trades" to the member who is leaving. Further discussion is needed.

Delinquent Accounts:

1. None at this time.
- 2.

General Discussion:

1. Web Site Reimbursement, Joe still needs to submit directly to Egleberry for reimbursements.
2. Dante Carbello has been hired as a W1099 contract employee to be used to update the Water Board Web Site. Joe will coordinate Dante's work and invoices.

## 5. Presidents Report and Updates: Mike

1. Santa Clara Valley Water District, meeting April 25, 2018, Raising Water Rates Meeting/update, Dave and Sandy attended two different Santa Clara Valley Water Board meetings on raising rates. The Water District Board will be/is recommending to increase rates for use. If water rates increase we will need to raise our rates. The Water District will also raise our rates to help fund the State Water Project that is the “tunnel system to ship water to southern California”. If fees are raised the bill will be added to annual property taxes.
2. Annual Water Board Agenda and Board Participation – See Old Business
3. Mike asked Joe to look for Corporation Book, also to contact Tim if he knows its location.

## 6. General Business Reports: All

1. **Board Training:** None scheduled at this time per Jae
2. **Water Quality Updates: Jae**
  - 1) Report and updates:
  - 2) CM ANALYTICAL reports: N / A  
[https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/JSPWaterSystemDetail.jsp?tinwsys\\_is\\_number=4261&tinwsys\\_st\\_code=CA](https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/JSPWaterSystemDetail.jsp?tinwsys_is_number=4261&tinwsys_st_code=CA)
3. **Water level Updates: Dave** no actions or updates, need time to focus on Annual Meeting.
  - 1) **Levels: March 2018**

	April 26, 2018 Current Levels
Shasta Dam 76% capacity	_____
Lake Oroville 45 % capacity	_____
San Luis Reservoir 87 % capacity	_____
Coyote Lake 25% capacity	_____
Anderson Dam 25% Capacity	_____
Ground Water Recharge – good	_____
Church Street holding ponds – full	_____
Other: Snow Pack 37%	_____

## 7. Maintenance Report - Maintenance Projects and Improvements: Alan

### 1. WATER USAGE REPORT REVIEW:

**General Discussion** – Alan presented and reviewed spread sheets, concerns over “estimates” vs. actual reading of meters. Alan will look over numbers for accuracy. We sell about 82% of water we pump, and lose about 18% of water. Investigating the losses is an ongoing project of the Board. (See spread sheet).

Alan explained that Well Levels are constant for the past 2 years, this is additional evidence that our water does not come from the Water Districts water aquifer.

Jae was contacted by Leda Marschke, 2510 Duchess Court, her concern is her bill has been high (Almost triple) and the exact same amount for 7 months, 5,265 gallons used per month. This may be one of the estimates made and not read, Alan will look at the bill and make proper adjustments. Jae will contact Leda to tell her of our actions.

### 2. GENERAL MAINTENCE DISCUSSION AND UPDATES: Alan

1. Alan repaired Duke Drive leak: Leak may have been leaking for years (30 gallons per minute rough estimate). Alan brought in PVC pipe to show Board. Glue fitting failed, Alan feels there are many more of the same joints in our 8 ½ miles of pipe that may fail. Since this has been repaired we will see if this makes a difference in the 18% monthly loss of water.

### **Action Plan: TO DO LIST**

- a. Jae will analyze water usage loss.
- b. Alan will ask Steve to provide spread sheet with age/replacement of existing meters
- c. Action Plan to replace 10 meters per year.
- d. Hire outside contractor to purchase equipment and install
- e. Review meter replacement areas to determine if additional work is needed
- f. Determine criteria for meters' replacement: age, specific geographic area, constant  
*Problem areas, and quick fix area (low hanging fruit), g. Continue to develop Action Plan and time lines*

### **3. PROJECT LIST - PENDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS & ACTION ITEMS: Jae**

**See: PROJECT LIST**

## **8. Old Business**

### **Annual Water Board Meeting Discussion: All**

Jae brought to the meeting a computer and screen to view presentations. Board reviewed different flow charts and spread sheet and agreed to present one or two of the graphs and spread sheets to explain actions this past year.

**All Board members to send reports to Jae and he will add them to power point.**

Mike will contact Jackie to include in water bill the annual meeting announcement for May 17, 2018.

Jim will put together paper ballots and absentee ballot, correct spelling, add names of who is voting, phone number, and email. Jim will ask Jackie to include in monthly bill.

Annual meeting scheduled on May 17 at Alan's. Alan will provide BBQ meats and ribs. Mike will bring wine. Joe will bring beer. Allan cookies, Dave pasta salad, Jae may have a conflict on date of meeting .

**9. New Business:** Jim will get Board access codes to spread sheets.

## **10. Future Agenda Items:**

1. Annual Shareholders meeting scheduled for May 17, 2018

**11. Next Meeting:**\_\_\_\_\_

**12. Adjournment:** 7 PM\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes and Agenda prepared and submitted by Joe Cardinali, Board Secretary

