

**New Avenue Mutual Water Company**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Special Zoom Meeting - Summary**

Time: Nov 8, 2022 19:30 Pacific  
Time (US and Canada)

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Board Members New Avenue Mutual Water Company (NAMWCO) present: Mike DiPietro, Joe Cardinalli, Alan Heinzen, Jae Schwartz, Jim Armstrong, Dave Biasotti.

Guests: None

**Special Meeting Called to address State Water Board Failing notice**

1. Welcome – Zoom - Special Meeting called to order by Mike DiPietro at 7:35 pm
2. Notice from State Water Board, Senate Bill 200, published list of Public Water systems that are failing:

On November 2, 2022 we were informed by the state that New Ave Mutual Water Company was on the failing list due to the Manganese problem with Well #3 and the one-year time period to fix the problem had expired and we had not resolved the problem.

General Discussion followed by all Board members:

Manganese Contamination Issues at Well 3 the Graph continues to show that the Manganese levels are way below the MCL danger/red line area on the graph.

Jae explained the failing information notice regarding Well 3 to the Board and that we are taking corrective action with Well 3 and there seems to be a basic miscommunication with the state water staff. To meet the deadline Jae submitted the EAR - Electronic Annual Report, with input from Dave and Alan Water Board members. The report explained that we are not using Well 3 until the well is cleaned, the water passes all testing requirements and is approved by the state to operate. The mis-communication issue is that the state wanted us to have the Manganese problem resolved in the one-year period and we understood as-long-as we were making progress to resolve the problem the one-year deadline did not apply.

The discussions followed Jae's list:

- 1) Note that they completely understand that we want to "permanently keep Well 3 offline until the manganese contamination is addressed".
- 2) As described, it seems we want to classify it as a standby source, so it can be used for emergencies
- 3) But we can certainly ask for more time before this classification is done to see if we can avoid the re-permitting process.
- 4) I would think that after a well re-hab, that some kind of testing is done to see if the well now meets all regulations. Maybe we ask Shelley this.
- 5) "The status of a designated standby source shall not be changed to that of a regular source of drinking water supply, unless the source meets all existing drinking water standards and approval is obtained from the State Board in advance." Again, we would have to test anyway.
- 6) I think the only question is regarding the "re-permit" process and its costs.
- 7) I will wait for our discussion before I do anything further.

After in depth discussion by the Board members the following action plan was approved.

**Action item:** Jae will contact the state (Van Tsang) and give them the most recent updates. Next week, Chappell Pump Co. will remove the fencing and roof, pull the pump and get Well 3 ready for Well Rehabilitation Services Company to be on site to video tape the well casing, brush and clean the well, and finally treat with chemicals to hopefully resolve the manganese problem. Jae will ask the state if we can have more time to resolve the issues since we are in the middle/action phase of the process

3. Next Board Meeting in person: Thursday, November 17, 2022, @ 7 PM, at Jim's House.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm. Summary minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Cardinalli, Board Secretary.