

MINUTES
CALPELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Director Bogart called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present: Steve Bogart, President, Tami Baarsch-Bogart, Director, Bob Mahaffey, Director, GM, Jared Walker, Office Manager, Liz Patton, Secretary, Kate Barrett

Public Forum

None.

Hopkins Fire Update

- GM, Walker reported that the fire started Sunday afternoon and worked itself up the hill rather quickly. There were about 10 homes within the district that were lost as well as the Marina Estates booster station.
- Staff contacted Mike Luccetti to help truck water up the hill on Monday to get the tanks filled back up.
- On Tuesday, staff got a temporary booster trailer that was actually used in Redwood Valley Complex Fire as well as one of Willow's backup generators.
- Staff reached out to insurance to start the claim process and learned that Calpella never had any property coverage through the insurance policy, they only have general liability insurance.
- Jimmy Nelson from Performance Pumps came to look at the booster station and he still has the original plans for the booster station. He took all the measurements and schematics and will begin to work on getting the equipment replaced.
- Roberto Mendoza, the Districts electrician, went to the booster station and got power isolated to the building. The biggest question is do we want to pull all new wire from the top of the pole down several hundred feet to the booster pump building.
 - Only about ten feet of wire on each side is actually burnt. Staff's suggestion is to install some splice boxes and make some connections, rather than spending an extra \$3,500 on wire when there isn't a need.
- Staff will be able to replace the roof on the building. They are onsite now doing cleanup, but once that's complete then staff can start on the roofing process.
- Director Bogart inquired about the timeframe for getting an estimate on the equipment.
 - Staff does not have an estimated cost at this time. Hopefully within the next week, staff will be able to put accurate numbers together.
- GM, Walker noted that a couple of the customers whose houses burnt down have called the office and were wondering if they could get their water and sewer bill suspended.
 - Staff's suggestion is to suspend their water and sewer bills for six months, then the board can reevaluate and go by a case by case basis.
 - The board directed staff to suspend the water and sewer bills for six months for customers whose house burnt in the Hopkins Fire. This topic will be brought back to the October 20th regular board meeting for further discussion.

- Office Manager, Liz Patton, stated that she is currently doing billing for Calpella. She is going to bill everyone like normal this month, then starting next month she will suspend the base fees for the 10 customers who were affected by the fire.
- GM, Walker stated that he is going to have staff mark the meter boxes so no damage is done to them when people start to clean up the area.
- Director Bogart asked staff what they learned from this experience, other than not having property insurance.
 - GM, Walker stated that unfortunately he has been through this a couple of times in the last ten years. What gives him a peace of mind is how quickly staff reacted and got some of the services turned off to the houses that were already lost to save as much water as possible.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

 Steve Bogart, President of the Board
 Calpella County Water District

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 Kate Barrett, Board Secretary
 Calpella County Water District

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