

Strawberry Lodge Mutual Water Company

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PICNIC

of

Property Owners

July 5, 2025

At 11:00 AM, Mark Mazakas brought the meeting to order.

ACTIONS

A motion was made by attending property owner to affirm the current board with no changes or additions. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved by vote.

The board gave public notice to water users of monthly rate increase from \$45. to \$60. effective August 2025.

Larry Lambert provided copies of the SLMWC Consumer Confidence Report. The 5-page report includes helpful information about responsible water use in addition to the results from tests in January 2024 to December 2024. The bottom line is we have a clean well and excellent water without any chemical treatment. However, our water is, at times, supplemented by Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA) which does provide chemically treated water.

PRESENTATIONS

Approximately ten+ property owners and water users joined by board members to share information and answer any questions our community owned water system.

Introductions of the members of the current board were made by Mark Mazakas, President. Traditionally, new board members are nominated and voted upon at the July annual meeting. At the present time, there are no vacancies on the board. An appeal was made to attendees to encourage any owners interested in serving the community by becoming a board member in the future.

PRESENTATIONS - continued

Mark Mazakas, Larry Lambert, and Steve Merrall explained the need to generate more income to maintain the water system. The water tank needs a new liner and valves, water meters and the tier system need to be completed. Assessments, new connection costs and share values are all on the increase.

A large map of the Strawberry Lodge tract was displayed to show the different conditions of the pipelines in the system. The map showed 9300 ft. of improved pipeline. 4,015 ft. of pipeline needing an upgrade at a cost of approx. \$300. per ft. is \$1,204,500.

SLMWC met with another local mountain water company, Alpine Water, to explore a possibly sharing of resources/equipment but discovered that annexing would also mean sharing their debts. SLMWC currently has no debts.

Two notebooks were available at the tables for those interested in SLMWC history and SLMWC system improvement invoices.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Former board member Mark Oppenheim suggested that SLMWC upgrade the insurance from a \$1M policy to a \$5M policy.

Future meter readings can be periodic and not a daily or even a weekly task to reduce labor and employee costs.

Q. Do board members get free water?

A. Sort of. A benefit of serving on the board is a reimbursement of the monthly water bill at the end of the year. The reimbursement does not include assessments.

Q. Has SLMWC considered political connections and grants from local and federal sources?

A. Yes. SLMWC has added an ally in California Rural Water to help find grants and low interest loans, if needed. In addition to helping college interns complete their coursework in water system education by working with SLMWC.

The Annual General Meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

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