

1) Company Overview

- a) MWC is a Mutual Water Company – we are owned by our members
- b) We have five elected, unpaid Board Members who meet monthly and make business management and administrative decisions
 - i) Kris Hartnett
 - ii) Mark Schwartz
 - iii) Steve Hibbs
 - iv) Lloyd Van Doren
 - v) Mary Young
- c) We have three part time employees
 - i) Joanne Oehlerking, secretary treasurer
 - (1) Handles billing and financial record keeping
 - (2) Keeps the Board on track with agendas and minutes
 - (3) Takes care of daily correspondence and monitoring e-mail account
 - ii) Buck McLelland, Sierra Water Operators LLC, Plant and Distributions Systems Licensed Operator.
 - (1) MWC now contracts for Buck's services through his company, Sierra Water Operators LLC. Through this company MWC can take advantage of other experienced water professionals working with Buck. Buck brings a high level of professionalism and experience to MWC. We're very fortunate to have him
 - (2) Buck continuously works to bring MWC the best possible water quality
 - iii) Kris Hartnett, Operations under the supervision of the Licensed Operator.
 - (1) Works with Buck to help deliver high quality water
 - (2) Is available locally to respond to water line breaks and other issues requiring immediate attention
 - (3) Also serves on the board of directors

2) Operations

- a) System is in compliance with State Water Quality Standards. Report is available.
- b) Consumer Confidence Report is available on our web site and copies are available at this meeting.
- c) Monthly operation reports are also posted on our web site.

3) 2020-2021 Issues and Achievements

- a) COVID-19
 - i) No issues with operations
 - ii) Director's meet on Zoom
 - iii) Per Governor's order water service cannot be disconnected due to non-payment, however any missed payments will still be charged.
 - iv) If you are under financial hardship due to the pandemic, please contact our secretary, Joanne Oehlerking at 530-694-2924

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- v) Members not making payment for two quarters who have not contact MWC about their situation will have a lien placed on the property per MWC bylaws
- vi) State may institute a program to reimburse community water systems for lost revenues. MWC is on track to apply for this program if it is instituted.
- b) Standby Generator
 - i) Standby generator went online in November 2020 after many years of work to purchase, obtain and install the generator by Kris Hartnett.
 - ii) Generator enables MWC to produce water during power outages.
- c) Downtown Sub-main Project
 - i) Coordinated with property owners to replace a very old non-compliant lateral that serves several properties with a 6-inch sub-main and individual laterals for each member.
 - ii) Construction of this project recently started.
- 4) Planning Grant for Water System Improvements**
 - a) Substantially completed \$434,700 planning grant funded by the California State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) with our consultant, West Yost. Completed work includes:
 - i) Water System Improvements Project Preliminary Engineering Report
 - ii) Preliminary geotechnical study
 - iii) 75% complete plans for water main replacement and improvements to the water treatment plant
 - iv) Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - v) Construction grant application for \$11.9 million
 - b) Project construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2022 and will include:
 - i) Replacement of water lines in Hot Springs Road, Marklee Village and Thornburg subdivisions, and K&I subdivision.
 - ii) Water line across new Markleeville Creek bridge
 - iii) Pressure reducing station connecting water lines that serve downtown to the large Pleasant Valley Tank. This will be located along Hot Springs Road.
 - iv) Pressure tank facility and dedicated pipelines to boost pressure in homes close to the Pleasant Valley Tanks. This will be located where the abandoned tank is on Pleasant Valley Road.
 - v) Demolish the existing pump station at Pleasant Valley Road and replace it with a new pump station located at the water treatment plant.
 - vi) Mixer and blower at the Pleasant Valley Tank
 - vii) Improvements at the water treatment plant including a GAC contactor, a pressure contact clarifier and associated facilities.
 - viii) Water meters for everyone!
 - ix) Plans are available if you'd like to review in more detail.

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- c) It is likely the State will need to do another income survey as part of the Construction Grant approval process. Please respond to this survey if you receive one.

5) The Fire (The fire did not occur during MWC's last fiscal year so it's technically not a part of 2020-2021 but it dwarfs all the other items in this report, so I am including it

a) Actions During the Fire

- i) Thanks to the (truly) heroic actions of our operator, Buck McLelland, who was on-site or close by during most of the fire our plant did not burn down, our pipelines stayed charged with water (preventing contamination from burned homes), and we were all able to move back into our homes as soon as the fire permitted. I cannot say thank you enough.
 - ii) Additional thanks to:
 - (1) Steve Martin – who came back from MWC retirement to come into town every day to get the pump stations operational
 - (2) Kris Hartnett – who coordinated the electrical work from his evacuation site in Sacramento
 - (3) Mark Schwartz – who updated our web site from one of his many evacuation locations
 - (4) Bill Young – who tracked down leaks that were depleting our tanks and assisted with water quality testing.
 - (5) Alpine County – who coordinated with us throughout the fire.
 - (6) All our members who called about sprinkler systems being on or other leak issues.
 - iii) We were in contact with our representative at the State Water Quality Control Board and the County Health Department daily during the fire.
 - iv) We issued a boil water notice for Marklee Village and Thornburg subdivisions out of an abundance of caution
 - (1) there was never any issue with water quality
 - (2) Notice issued due to low pressure in the lines
 - (3) Water was tested and boil water notice lifted on July 25
- b) Actions taken since the fire
- i) Site visit with our representative at the State Water Quality Control Board
 - ii) Insurance claim for damages at the Pleasant Valley Tank
 - iii) Working with CalOES to install erosion control improvements at our raw water intake.
 - iv) Working with Forest Service for approval of erosion control improvements at the intake. (Wider watershed mitigations will be by the Forest Service and will be a year or more in the future)

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- v) Working with SWRCB to increase the amount of our construction grant "for good cause" which is a discretionary increase in funding.
- vi) Applying for a grant from the DWR Small Community Drought Relief Program to construct or purchase an additional well.
- vii) Instituted a restriction on outdoor watering
 - (1) Watering limited to every other Wednesday (depending on your address) for two hours.
 - (2) Other outdoor uses of water not allowed
 - (3) Required because we need meet our water demand through our groundwater sources only.
 - (4) Surface water is still being treated, but due to the damage in the watershed we must turn off the surface water plant when rain is predicted.
 - (5) Ash in the water can permanently damage filter media and high turbidity can be impossible to treat.
 - (6) We can reliably product around 35-40k gallons of water daily compared to typical summer consumption of 110k-120k gallons of water.
- viii) Our water since the fire meets all water quality standards.

6) Honoring Steve Hibbs on his retirement from the Board

- a) Steve served for over 20 years
- b) Steve has taken on the task of updating our by-laws, a task he has promised to continue working on.
- c) Steve has worked over the years to keep MWC operating within the laws governing Mutual Water Companies and we will miss his expertise.
- d) Steve was very active in the downtown water main replacement project and many other projects that pre-date my time on the board.
- e) Thanks for your service. The most valuable thing any of us has is time. I would like to thank Steve for the great amount of time he has dedicated to Markleeville Water Company.