

**OTEMWC Board of Directors Meeting  
March 20, 2024**

The meeting was held at the home of Gregg Kniss and called to order at 4:36 p.m. Board members present were Nancy Eckhous, Dennis Jorgensen, Mike Rhodes, Eric Lane and Greg Kniss. Share holder Marian Silva attended. Watermaster David Mexico and colleague Paul Matsukas participated.

**Meeting Minutes** January 24, 2024 meeting minutes were approved after one correction.

**Treasurer's Report** Prior to the meeting Greg sent email copies of "2024 Statement of Cash Collected and Expenditures as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024." Due to this report's very recent availability, a detailed review was not undertaken. The board briefly discussed our accounting service provider and possible alternative providers. A/R Aging data noted two accounts of interest which were discussed during the Executive Session prior to this meeting. There were no other A/R Aging issues of consequence. We should have the Annual Financial Review available for the Annual Meeting. Contacts at CalMutual could offer alternative review services for future years. Nancy and Greg will check.

Our March 1, 2024 balances: Montecito Bank Account:	\$38,964.70
MB&T Money Market:	\$11,947.48
MB&T CD	\$256,261.70
Solar Removal Escrow:	<u>\$20,285.07</u>
Bank Balance:	\$326,958.95

## Watermaster's Report

Paul and Dave reported several system maintenance and testing activities since our last meeting (24Jan2024). All Bacti tests have passed, these conducted March 16<sup>th</sup> on Well #7 and at our system sample sites. The annual Consumer Confidence Report should be completed in time for our annual shareholders meeting in May. The Electronic Annual Report summarizing our system's "Safe, Affordable Water" has been submitted to the state on February 27, 2024. This past week, a failed pipe coupling near Well #4 broke causing disruption of service for several shareholders. Repair was completed within a day. Our contract with Dave will be replaced with a Water Worx contract. Dave will continue to be actively involved with our system maintenance under the terms of the Water Worx contract. This contract reviewed by the board and after changes suggested by Eric and others was approved unanimously. The contract is effective April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Old Business

**Solar Project:** PG&E has requested more information regarding their land review. PG&E has concerns of power line easements and related “tariff requirements.” Six OTE parcels are mentioned, some appear entirely unrelated to our project. Nancy requested that regulators show the tariff requirements and we can demonstrate that title guarantees with power easements are already in place. It appears to Eric that PG&E is asking us to take impossible control over shareholder properties. Our Solarponics representative has similar projects where these issues are not in play. This circumstance is puzzling. Nancy and Eric will search for solution and contact our attorney for assistance.

## New Business

Annual Meeting: Our annual shareholder meeting will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting on May 1 is scheduled. This election will introduce a one vote per candidate process and may also propose staggered terms for directors. Mike will solicit director candidates, announce meeting, prepare and distribute ballots.

Web site: Nancy alerted that the HOA and Water Company will have separate domain names shortly.

**Adjournment** This board meeting adjourned at 5:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rhodes, Secretary