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## Commissioner Meeting Highlights

### October

- Budget Workshop with BOC and Budget Team
- Board Approval of Oakbrook Golf Course Agreement

### November

- Board Review of Tank Analysis Report by RH2 Engineering
- Presentation of the 2018 Draft Budget

### December

- Presentation of the 2018 Final Budget
- Board Adoption of Resolution No. B-1441, 2018 Rate Increase
- Board Approval of Employee Benefit Renewals

For more information, please visit our website. \*

Dear Lakewood Water District Customers:

Just when it seems there are enough “goings-on” in the world to be concerned about (foreigners messing with our elections, a plethora of well-known personalities being accused of varying degrees of sexual harassment, athletes getting more headlines for social activism than athleticism, “the Donald’s” tweets, just to cite a few), the District’s long-term planners (that’s our staff, hired experts, and your loyal commissioners) some months ago decided to concern ourselves with the effects on our ability to fulfill our mission of delivering water to you in the event of an earthquake of such magnitude, it is often referred to as, “the big one.”

Since our facilities most at risk are above ground, we commissioned a Tank Analysis/Rehabilitation Study, charged first, with evaluating the condition of our storage facilities (tanks) and their compliance with current seismic codes; second, to recommend solutions to any problem areas that would lead to extending the life of that tank; and third, to estimate the cost of any necessary “fixes” which could range from simple maintenance, to structural strengthening, to replacement of aged tanks.

While we’ve just begun to review and study their report, it appears we’re in pretty good shape; although, certain maintenance and structural strengthening projects are recommended. Also, a couple of our aged tanks are nearing the end of their useful lives and need replacing in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, don’t be nervous. (“Who me, worry??”) With proper attention, they are not about to topple and flood your neighborhood.

Which brings us to the “cost” issue...and how we’ll pay for the “fixes” as they become necessary. Borrow? Raise rates? (Gasp!) At our recent budget meetings, we determined that, for several years ahead, we can pay for the maintenance and structural items within our present and planned revenue forecasts and rate models. We’ll address the big-ticket tank replacement issues as they arise and our experts determine we must.

Congratulations to John Korsmo on his re-election to the Board of Commissioners in the face of a vigorous campaign by Gary Barton. Thank you, John, for your continued service to the District and this community; and thank you, Gary, for your interest in the District.

We trust you are enjoying the new year; may it be a safe, healthy, and prosperous one.

Sincerely,  
Your Board of Commissioners



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### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- President: Lawrence R. Ghilarducci, Jr.
- Vice President: John S. Korsmo, Jr.
- Secretary: Gregory J. Rediske
- General Manager: Randall M. Black

The Board of Commissioners meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the District office - 3:30 pm. Public Welcome



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## Lakewood Launches New Website

The Lakewood Water District has launched a new and improved website featuring a more contemporary look, streamlined pages, and improved navigation in an effort to better serve our customers with information and timely news. The District's new, mobile-friendly site can be easily accessed from a desktop computer as well as by laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

The new site features an upgraded "District News" section that will be updated regularly with the latest developments throughout the District. Navigational features also include information on Customer Service, Water Quality, Development and Construction, and Current Projects. The site will also provide information regarding Board meeting agendas, minutes, and resolutions.

The new, responsive website was designed and developed to provide a more streamlined, user-friendly experience for customers. It was important to the District to stay up to date with emerging technologies and provide easy access to pertinent information and services. Our goal is to provide a valuable tool and reliable resource for all customers.

## Welcome to Winter: Have You Winter-wised Your Home?

Welcome to winter! It's always a wise precaution to ready your pipes for the unpredictable weather in our Pacific Northwest. You can rest easy, knowing you're well prepared if you follow these simple precautions.

### Prevention:

1. Disconnect and drain your outdoor garden hoses, as this will help keep ice from forming in the hose and back in to your faucet which could cause damage.
2. Wrap all of your outside faucets or protect them with insulating faucet covers.
3. Know where your master water shut-off is located. Most houses have a valve located after the meter for easy access to the owner for emergency turn-off. Homes with basements usually have a valve where the water line enters the home.
4. If you are going to be out of town for an extended amount of time, be sure to have someone check on your home regularly, or have your water shut off while you are away.

### When the cold weather hits:

5. In subfreezing temperatures, you can open cabinet doors under your sinks to allow more warm air into these spaces to help prevent freezing.
6. Allowing a faucet to drip slightly could prevent damage. Just opening the faucet to a slow drip can relieve excess pressure that can build between the faucet and any ice blockage that forms.

With these precautionary and preparatory measures in place, you can sit back and enjoy the winter ride!

