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The Board of Commissioners meets
the 3rd Thursday of each month
at the District
office - 9:30 pm.
Public Welcome



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THE PIPELINE

Dear Lakewood Water District Customer,

The comedian Steven Wright once said, "If it's a penny for your thoughts, and you put in your two cents, then someone, somewhere, is making a penny." As the newest Water Commissioner, I was asked for my thoughts. So here go my two cents, and you'll just have to ponder what happened to the missing penny.

Commissioner Meeting Highlights

January

- Board Award of GAC Treatment Equipment Project to Calgon Carbon
- Board Approval of the 2019 Developer's Extension Agreement
- Board Award of Wholesale Transmission Main Extension Materials Project to Ferguson Waterworks
- Board Award of G-3 New Well Project at Scotts Wellsite to Holt
- Board Conditional Acceptance of Completion of Pacific Highway/PRV R&R Project by Miles Resources

February

- Board Award of Ponders Facilities Replacement Installation Project to McClure & Sons
- Board Award of Arrowhead Phase 2 R&R Project to Pape & Sons Construction
- Final Report on N-3 New Well from Robinson-Noble
- Purchase of Property for WTME New Booster Station
- Board Award of Revenue Bond
- Underwriting Services Contract to Key Bank

March

- Board Adoption of Resolution No. B-1450, Authorization of a New Line of Credit with Key Bank
- District Succession Plan Update
- Board Award of Backflow Testing Contract to Blake's Backflow Service LLC

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I have been a Commissioner now for 7 years. Commissioner Korsmo has been Commissioner for 14 years, and Commissioner Ghilarducci has served over parts of two centuries (19 in the 20th century and 19 in the 21st century). I now know enough to be aware of how little I know.

So what does a water commissioner do, anyway? Actually, we have one job, one simple but complicated job: to protect the interests of the 60,000 customers of the Lakewood Water District. We are your representatives, elected to work on your behalf. Mr. Ghilarducci is a retired lawyer; Mr. Korsmo is very successful owner of a construction firm. And I recently retired from running a business in Lakewood for 35 years. Using our collective experience, we provide oversight to all major decisions of the District. We meet at least once per month (maybe 4 times in April!), when we review the financial status of the District, long term planning, project review and approval of jobs, and key personnel decisions.

Being a water commissioner is a community service. The pay is insignificant, the status is almost non-existent (could you name a single water commissioner before reading this?), and my friends love to take the opportunity to give me grief over just about anything the District does. But as a community service, I feel very good about what we do. Thanks to the 35 employees of the District, and especially thanks to the long-time leadership of General Manager Randy Black, our customers are receiving by far the lowest water rates in the area. But even more important than that, the Lakewood Water District has been resolute about protecting our great resource, our water. We are blessed in the Northwest with an abundance of clean water in our aquifers, resistant to drought. Water looks to be the emerging problem around the world. But not here.

So I am proud to serve the Lakewood community in my capacity as Lakewood Water Commissioner. It's not always fun to read all the data and financial reports (like, never ever is it fun), but the three of us are united in our desire to provide the oversight that will protect our resource, and your pocket books. Sometimes that is a balancing act.

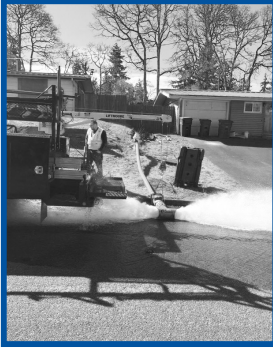
"A penny for your thoughts" was first recorded as being written by Sir Thomas More in 1522: "As it often happeth that the very face sheweth the mind walking a pilgrimage, in such wise that, not without some note and reproach of such vagrant mind, other folk suddenly say to them, 'A penny for your thought.'" Personally, I like Steven Wright's comedic turn of the phrase better.

Thank you for electing me to this office of service to you and our community... and for allowing me the opportunity to offer my two cents on the matter.
Enjoy your spring... it's certainly started out as a beauty.

Sincerely,
Greg J. Rediske, Board Secretary,
On behalf of your Board of Commissioners

SEASONAL FLUSHING COMING YOUR WAY:

The Lakewood Water District staff is once again performing the annual flushing of our water mains which typically runs from the first week of April thru the first week of June. We perform a high-velocity flushing of our water system, pulling water from a storage tank and/or reservoir, then proceeding from hydrant to hydrant, turning them on full speed out of the front pumper port.



This action causes a scouring of the inside of the water mains.

Why Does the District Need to Flush the Distribution System?

Our water mains are flushed to remove sediment and minerals that have collected in the distribution system during the slowest time of usage. Most water distribution systems are sized primarily to meet Fire Flow, which means the volume and velocity of the water moving thru the pipe during normal domestic usage is very low. This low velocity allows for sediment and minerals to precipitate and settle in the mains. This sediment can cause color issues and even taste and odor issues if not routinely removed through flushing.

Flushing occurs between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Blue-and-white notification signs will be placed in your neighborhood 48 hours in advance to inform you when the District's flushing crew will be coming to your area.

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at www.lakewood-water.org to see when we will be coming to your neighborhood.

If you have any questions, please call (253)-588-4423. Thank you for your cooperation.

Project Update:

Lakewood Water is embarking on the single largest capital construction season in our seventy-five-year history. Our season started with Phase 2 of an R&R program project in the Arrowhead area. Contractor Pape and Sons Construction started replacing nearly 6500 feet of main and reconnecting approximately 130 services in early March and have installed over half of the new main and started on service installations. We are anticipating this project to be completed in early June. For those of you affected, we thank you for your patience.

McClure and Sons have begun the work to replace the treatment facilities at our Ponders Wellsite, including new air-stripping towners, new clear well, new booster station and, lastly, the installation of a new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) system. The site was originally anticipated to be back on line in July, but this may change to September based on the delays in materials and backups in inspectors' staff for the agencies permitting the structures. We are excited to get this facility back on line with its new treatment as soon as possible.

We are building a two-million-gallon steel tank at our Nyanza Tank Site to replace the existing 400,000-gallon tank. This will help to better regulate the system and will provide additional storage for District customers. The work on this tank and the site work around it will begin in August and is anticipated to take roughly 250 days to complete and coat the tank. The existing tank will remain in the near term until the District lets a contract out to demolish and recycle the existing facilities.

Drilling the District's first new well since 2006 has begun. Well G-3 is a deep aquifer well being drilled at our Scotts Wellsite off 108th Street. This well is targeted to reach between 600-800 feet in depth. Contractor Holt Drilling is a long-time veteran of the area and has drilled several of the District's wells. The drilling of the well is anticipated to be completed in late June; then we can test the well and order the appropriate pumps and motors to get this new well on line in late 2019 or early 2020 (there is a six to eight-month lead time on new motors and pumps for wells of this size).

The Wholesale Transmission Main Extension Project—the largest single project in District history—was awarded to Pacific Civil & Infrastructure on April 4. This project will include the construction a 36,000-foot extension onto the original 24,000-linear foot initial Wholesale Transmission Main. With some upgrades to our existing booster station currently in service, and the addition of a second station to be built on 121st street in Parkland, we will be able to deliver up to 10 million gallons a day to our wholesale

partners. The project is expected to start in late April and go thru the end of the year. We are excited about the positive effects of this project to be able to sell our excess water to neighbors who need the water for growth at a competitive rate and have those additional revenue streams benefit our retail customers in helping to normalize rates and cut overhead costs as they are shared with the wholesale partners.

With no exaggeration, this is an epic year for the District and its staff, and we are geared up and working full speed ahead to accomplish the enormous tasks in front of us. We look forward to updating you throughout the year on the progress we are making on these projects.

