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meets the 3rd Thursday of each
month at the District office -
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Dear Lakewood Water District Customer,

Who of you can name the infamous “Seven Deadly Sins”? They are pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth. Personally, I feel that I do pretty well with avoiding sloth, gluttony, lust, envy, wrath, and greed. Hopefully, my fellow Water Commissioners are doing as well as me, and I think (hope!) they are. But “pride”? That’s a different story. While I understand what is meant by “pride” here, in the purest tense, it’s frankly hard to rein in my pride of our Lakewood Water District.

Commissioner Meeting Highlights*

January

Board adoption of Resolution No. B-1466, Extension of E-Sick Leave and E-FMLA Leave

Board adoption of Resolution No. B-1467, Proposed Revisions to Employee Handbook

Board approval of 2021 Developer’s Extension Agreement and Standards & Specifications

Board approval of revised On-call Procedures

February

Board award of Scott Wellsite GAC Filtration Equipment Purchase Project

Board approval of 2020 Write-offs

Board approval of surplus materials to be recycled

Board award of Conditional Acceptance of Completion —Nyanza Tank Replacement Project

Board award of Conditional Acceptance of Completion —39th Avenue R&R Project

March

Board approval of two three-month 9/80’s trial

Board approval of revised Exhibit A of Resolution No. B-1456, Fringe Benefit Policy

Have you seen the headlines around the country lately?

“Houston remained under a boil order Thursday due to the risk of contaminants after pressure dropped.”

“Nine Michigan leaders face charges in water crisis that roiled Flint.”

“One of the most consistent and distressing problems is the inadequacy of water infrastructure throughout the country.”

“In many cities, shrinking populations and aging infrastructure mean increasingly unaffordable water.”

“The National Academy of Sciences reports that in 2015, the same year the Flint crisis began, health standards were violated by US water systems serving over 21 million people.”

Ugh. And not only that, one in every ten people worldwide does not have safe drinking water.

But I am bursting with pride, not to mention relief, that within the Lakewood Water District, our water is plentiful and safe. Our area is blessed with abundant resources in the form of underground aquifers that provide plenty of water. So much in fact that we are now a wholesaler of water to surrounding water providers. We are in the 6th year of our 50-year R&R plan to replace our delivery system and storage. We conduct at least 22 sample collections on our water sites EACH WEEK! Yes, we are proud.

And how about this news from another city? *“The most severely affected properties of the market experienced (with water-related health problems) a drop in value ranging from 5.2 to 10.3 percent of the mean sale price.”* In other words, Lakewood’s water helps you retain the value of your home. Proud of that, too.

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"I am impelled, not to squeak like a grateful and apologetic mouse, but to roar like a lion out of pride in my profession." (John Steinbeck)

We are roaring with pride here. Not the bad kind of pride that is a sin, of course. But the good kind of pride, that we are able to help our Lakewood neighbors live happier lives with abundant and safe water. Be well...and drink on (our good water, that is :)!

*Sincerely,
Your Board of Commissioners*



Employee Spotlight: Brent Davison

Brent Davison is a very up and coming Water Utility Worker I who officially joined our team of all-stars on February 26, 2018. In short time, due to his aptitude, intelligence, ability to grasp, maintain, and apply knowledge quickly, and "calmest guy in the room" demeanor, he was invited to interview for an open position in the Pumping & Water Treatment Department. He was awarded that position and has not looked back.

When asked what his current job responsibilities were and to describe the work he does, he said, *"Make sure the water is safe and flowing through the pipes."* Amongst a plethora of other things, Brent works extensively with the District's chlorination and electrical systems (he was quick to add, *"always safe!"*).

Brent's previous work included dealing with irrigation systems which was a good precursor to getting involved in the water industry. When asked what aspects of his job here at the District he enjoyed the most, he said, *"The people I work with and all the knowledge gained. Overall, we are good at what the District is doing for our community."*

When Brent is not working, he enjoys wood working, automobiles, and traveling with his family. He also enjoys working on the side as a handyman for a woman the past 30 years. Brent, wife Krista, and children Jacob (19) and Sydney (17) have two cats, Juneau and Motor.

Brent graduated from Gig Harbor High School after moving from Chino, California when he was in the second grade. Brent has a zest for life and learning and doing all he can for the District, our customers, and our staff. We are most blessed to have him on our LWD team!