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



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Dear Lakewood Water District Customer,

As we come to you with our Winter Newsletter, I can't help but think of what a year it has been. Our thoughts go out to everyone, knowing each one of us is experiencing different circumstances during this time. In a year of anticipating what to expect next, we want you to know you can rely on the same constant and consistent quality service and quality Lakewood Water being produced and delivered to you, our valued customer.

Commissioner Meeting Highlights*

October

Board approval
of PFAS Policy

Board appointment of
Philip Mendoza as District
Treasurer

Board award of Washington
Tank Painting Project

November

Presentation of 2021 Draft Budget

Board approval of updated Pandemic
Preparedness Plan

Board approval of Resolution No. B-1465,
revised Overtime Policy

December

Presentation and adoption of final 2021 Budget

Board approval of updated General
Facilities Charge schedule

Request for Board Conditional Acceptance
of Completion for 32nd Avenue
R&R Project

This year it has been impressive to witness the level of responsiveness to the Pandemic our District staff has maintained to continue operations of our water district. We set our priorities first and based them on the safety and health of our employees, staff, partners, and customers. And, as if dealing with the Pandemic is not enough, the results of the year are that all our capital projects were completed within budget, and our maintenance programs were all finished by year end. We met our goals for the delivery of water through our transmission mains to all five of our wholesale partners. We made the scheduled improvements across the District to our source/supply (wells), storage (tanks), and delivery (replace and rehabilitation of water mains). We made budgeted improvements to our internal controls and operating systems and continued our ongoing efforts to invest in and protect our water rights and water quality!

It's been a busy year and not lost in all of what the District has put into the circumstances dealing with COVID-19 is the fact of doing all the above work without having to raise rates. We are proud of our performance this year and feel very fortunate to do so without a rate increase for 2021! We want to thank our staff for their efforts throughout the year.

Speaking of our all-star staff, we recently bid a retirement farewell to David Logan, the District's Finance Director/Office Supervisor and Treasurer of 20 years. This Board, as well as every Board in David's tenure, shared a strong and favorable working relationship founded on competency and commitment bound by respect formed over the years of working together. The District counts itself very fortunate to have had someone so consistent and grounded in his values to rely upon for trusted and sound financial advice and security over so many years. We are very thankful for David and his work here; it has been a pleasure and privilege to work together. We miss him already and wish him every good thing.

Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday season this December and a happy and more predictable new year!

Sincerely,

Your Board of Commissioners

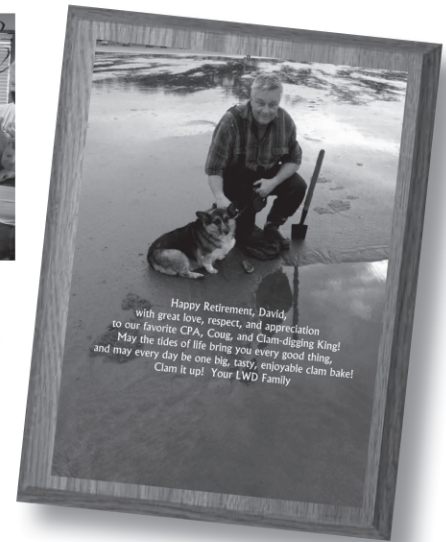
Congratulations David S. Logan on your recent retirement!



David sports lei made by wife, Lory



Commissioner Barton presents BOC Congratulations



On Friday, November 6, 2020, Commissioners, staff (both past and present), consultants, and vendors gathered—virtually and socially-distanced in small groups of masked staff spread out in the District Board Room—to celebrate our David Logan and his retirement after 20 years of service to the District. David has worn many big hats, including those of Finance Director & Office Supervisor, District Treasurer, and the coordinator of all Cell Tower contracts which brought significant revenue into the District to help buy-down rate increases for our customers.

David has faithfully displayed many long suits, but perhaps the top three are:

His unwavering loyalty and commitment to the District and that which was always in the best interests and care of the District, its staff, and those we serve.

How he kept the District anchored in its strong financial principles, standards, and practices; his many checks and balances and precise internal controls have kept us strong, secure, and accountable.

His colorful sense of humor and “don’t-know-a-stranger” personality have made him our “color commentator” and “life of the party”...even in the midst of the most tedious meeting or situation.

We are grateful for all David’s contributions and accomplishments and the legacy he is leaving behind that will have impact on many for years to come. Happy Retirement, David!

A PFAS Update

Lakewood Water District continues to maintain a robust and pro-active program to detect and protect against PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in our water. Updates on four elements of that program (listed below) are outlined in a progress report that can be found on the District’s website at www.lakewoodwater.org.

1. PFAS Detection Policy Adopted

2. PFAS Data a Geographic Information System (GIS) Story Map; the Story Map has six sections that:

- Briefly explain what PFAS are;
- Discuss and illustrate the many common sources of PFAS exposure;
- Discuss what is known about the possible health effects of PFAS exposure;
- Describe and illustrate the aquifer system Pierce County water purveyors tap for drinking water;
- Presents an interactive map that shows the most recent PFAS sample results; and
- Provides links to multiple sources of more information.

3. Scott Wellfield Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Filtration

4. Pursuit of Funding to Mitigate Rate Impacts