



Cabazon Water District
14618 Broadway Street • P.O. Box 297
Cabazon, California 92230

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Meeting Location:

Cabazon Water District Office
14618 Broadway Street
Cabazon, California 92230

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – 4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER,
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
ROLL CALL
FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Discussion: Finance & Audit Committee Report
 - Balance Sheet
 - Profit and Loss Budget Comparison
 - Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Proposed Budget
2. Finance & Audit Committee District Payables Review and Approval/Signing

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

ADA Compliance Issues

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Meeting Location:
Cabazon Water District Office
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Meeting Date:
May 21, 2019 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

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1. **Approval of:**
 - a. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants approved by the committee April 16, 2019
 - b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of April 16, 2019
2. **Warrants – None**
3. **Awards of Contracts – None**

UPDATES

1. **Update:** San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Update
(by Director Davis)
2. **Update:** Manager's Operations Report
(by General Manager Louie)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Carol's Kitchen – Corporate Sponsorship Petition (by Carol Allbaugh; Board of Director/Strategic Advisor)
2. Discussion/Action: Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Budget

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: CalMutuals - Adan Ortega, Executive Director is forming the Community Water System Alliance (CWSA) – Prevent “Smaller & Poorer” agencies from being unnecessarily taxed by the State and form a “mutual aid, well-functioning water systems and those that may be at the brink of failing.” (by GM Louie & Board)
2. Discussion: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update (by General Manager Louie)
3. Discussion/Action: Fire Suppression System Installation and Meter Charges
4. Discussion/Action: Establish a date for Personnel Committee to meet with General Manager for Annual Performance Evaluation

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- Suggested agenda items from the Public.
- Suggested agenda items from Management.
- Suggested agenda items from Board Members.

2. Management Comments

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3. Board Member Comments

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Future Board Items/Next Board Meeting Date(s)

- a. Finance & Audit Workshop – Tuesday – June 18, 2019, 5:00 pm
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday – June 18, 2019, 6:00 pm
- c. Personnel Committee – None
- d. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Alliance Meeting – Wednesday – May 29, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Meeting Location:
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Meeting Date:
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 – 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER,
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
ROLL CALL

Director Wargo - Present
Director Israel - Present

Calvin Louie (General Manager) - Absent
Elizabeth Lemus, Board Secretary - Present
Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant - Absent

***Note: This meeting was recorded by the District -**

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Discussion: Finance & Audit Committee Report
 - Balance Sheet
 - Profit and Loss Budget Comparison

Balance Sheet:

The District's combined Cash with Chase and LAIF balance was \$864,332 at month end. The District's total liabilities were approximately \$1.157 million at month end.

Profit and Loss:

- Line 3 Base Rate: This is the flat, fixed monthly charge to all residents for water service.

YTD is trending at 77%.

- Line 4 Commodity Sales: This is the variable income from charges linked to the consumption of water. YTD is trending at 72%.
- Line 19 Interest Income YTD is trending at 98% due to higher interest revenues than anticipated.
- Line 44 Generator Service Contract: YTD is overbudget due to higher than expected maintenance costs for the Apache Generator.
- Line 49 Well Maintenance: YTD is over budget due to \$83K in invoices from Legend Pump & Well Services for Well 5 Rehabilitation. Rehabilitation included pulling the pump to perform maintenance & restore water flow.
- Line 63 Supplies & Equipment: YTD over budget due to bulk purchase of envelopes from Continental Utility Solutions (\$5.8K) & purchase of ID maker Machine (\$1K).
- Line 87 Other Fees/SWRCB: YTD is over budget due to more fees than anticipated, including: \$350 Main St. Filing fees from RivCo, & \$430 CA State fee from Underground Service Alert.
- Line 93 Tractor Expenses: YTD is overbudget due to a \$1.8K invoice from PowerPlan for Tractor grease fitting maintenance & \$4.5K in Invoices for service on the Backhoe.

As of March 31st, the fiscal year-to-date net loss is \$(134,452).

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 17:21 hr. made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Israel.

Meeting adjourned at 17:21 hr. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Robert Lynk, Board Chair
Board of Directors
Cabazon Water District

Elizabeth Lemus, Secretary
Board of Directors
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

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Meeting Date:
April 16, 2019 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

ROLL CALL

Director Martin Sanderson - Present
Director Maxine Israel - Present
Director Sarah Wargo - Present
Director Alan Davis - Present
Director Robert Lynk - Present

Calvin Louie, General Manager - Present
Elizabeth Lemus, Board Secretary - Present
Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant - Absent
Steve Anderson, Best Best & Krieger Law Firm - Absent
Joseph Ortiz, Best Best & Krieger Law Firm - Absent

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1. Approval of:

- a. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants approved by the committee February 19, 2019
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of February 19, 2019

*NOTE: The March 2019 meeting was cancelled; hence, no meeting minutes for March.

Motion to approve following consent calendar item(s) (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of (a) February 19, 2019, and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019, made by Director Israel and 2nd by Director Wargo.

Director Sanderson - Aye
Director Israel - Aye
Director Wargo - Aye
Director Davis - Aye
Director Lynk – Aye

2. Warrants – None
3. Awards of Contracts – None

UPDATES

1. Update: San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Update
(by Director Davis)

Nothing to report.
2. Update: Manager's Operations Report
(by General Manager Louie)
 - Field Crew upgrading/replacing old services
 - Hydrant theft attempts throughout town
 - Field Crew Backhoe training

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Transfer of funds from District's General Account to the District's LAIF ("Savings") Account.

Motion to approve a transfer of \$65,000 from District's General Account to the District's LAIF ("Savings") Account made by Director Sanderson and 2nd by Director Davis.

Director Sanderson - Aye
Director Israel - Aye
Director Wargo - Nay
Director Davis - Aye
Director Lynk – Aye

2. Discussion/Action: Candy Donation Request for Community Egg Hunt Event (by Director Israel and Director Wargo – see staff report)

*Note: Director Wargo and Director Israel stepped away from the Board at this item, to participate as part of the public. Essentially, Mrs. Wargo, Mrs. Israel, and other public individual(s) are planning an informal, community Egg Hunt, and were requesting donations from the District.

Motion to approve the purchase of eight (8) boxes of colored, plastic eggs, and six (6) bags of candy, not to exceed \$175 in expenditures, and to be reimbursed by the District upon submission of purchase receipts, made by Director Lynk and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson - Aye
Director Israel - Absent
Director Wargo - Absent
Director Davis - Aye
Director Lynk - Aye

OLD BUSINESS

**1. Discussion: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update
(by General Manager Louie)**

Request for Proposal submitted; invited eleven (11) consultants to bid. Will review bids during the next SGMA meeting, which has yet to be scheduled.

2. Discussion/Action: CalMutuals - Adan Ortega, Executive Director is forming the Community Water System Alliance (CWSA) – Prevent “Smaller & Poorer” agencies to be unnecessarily taxed by the State and form a “mutual aid well-functioning water systems and those that may be at the brink of failing.” (by GM Louie & Board)

Motion to table any decision on the CalMutuals CWSA until the May 2019 Board Meeting made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director _____.

*Note: An official vote was not made, but it was the consensus of the Board to table this agenda item for further discussion and for action during the May Board Meeting.

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- Suggested agenda items from the Public.
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 - GM Louie: Director Lynk and Director Wargo to begin meeting with the GM in regards to his annual Employment Performance Evaluation.
- Suggested agenda items from Board Members.
 - Director Israel and Director Lynk: Requested a District's Main/Pecan Street property development progress report during the next Board Meeting (Report to be given during the Manager's Report).
 - Director Lynk and Director Davis: Requested an update be given during the next Board Meeting regarding Fire Suppression System meter and installation charges.

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- c. Personnel Committee – None
- d. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Alliance Meeting – Wednesday – April 24, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 19:06 hr. made by Director Sanderson and 2nd by Director Israel.

*Note: No roll call vote was made, but it was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting. No objections were voiced by either Board or public to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 19:06 hr. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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Profit & Loss

April 2019

	April 2019	Current YTD	FY 18/19 Amended Budget	YTD (83%)
1 REVENUES				
2 OPERATING INCOME				
3 Base Rate - Water Bills	\$ 72,592	\$ 701,080	\$ 811,800	86%
4 Commodity Sales	12,962	248,338	327,500	76%
5 DHPO Contract	18,305	165,290	225,900	73%
6 Fire Sales - Water Bills	439	2,706	2,500	108%
7 Fire Flow Income	-	-	400	0%
8 Penalty Fees - Water Bills	3,461	37,844	48,300	78%
9 New Account Fees - Water Bills	255	1,490	1,800	83%
10 Incident Fee - Water Bills	-	-	400	0%
11 Returned Check Fees	-	360	600	60%
12 Basic Facilities Fee	-	17,358	64,900	27%
13 Stand By Fees - Tax Revenue	-	92,973	113,600	82%
14 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	108,014	1,267,439	1,597,700	79%
15 NON-OPERATING INCOME				
16 Property Taxes	1,328	29,250	60,900	48%
17 Cell Tower Lease Income	2,046	20,463	22,100	93%
18 Misc. Non-Operating Income	661	968	-	0%
19 Interest Income	3,959	14,942	11,200	133%
20 TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME	7,994	65,622	94,200	70%
21 TOTAL REVENUES	116,008	1,333,061	1,691,900	79%
22 EXPENSES				
23 PAYROLL				
24 Directors Fees	1,600	12,500	20,000	63%
25 Management & Customer Service				
26 Customer Accounts	5,660	44,975	51,700	87%
27 Business Admin Manager	7,381	42,635	66,800	64%
28 Office Assistant	1,400	22,681	-	0%
29 General Manager	9,994	76,472	84,100	91%
30 Total Management & Customer Service	24,434	186,763	202,600	92%
31 Field Workers	18,895	129,650	146,300	89%
32 Employee Benefits Expense				
33 Workers Comp.	113	5,958	8,800	68%
34 Employee Health Care	5,113	75,784	86,800	87%
35 Pension	5,662	44,828	67,800	66%
36 Total Employee Benefits Expense	10,888	126,570	163,400	77%
37 Payroll Taxes	3,425	29,367	29,300	100%
38 TOTAL PAYROLL	59,242	484,849	561,600	86%

Cabazon Water District
Profit & Loss
April 2019

		FY 18/19			
		Amended			
		April 2019	Current YTD	Budget	YTD (83%)
39	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
40	Facilities, Wells, T&D				
41	Lab Fees	906	5,935	8,500	70%
42	Site Landscaping & Maintenance	45	405	700	58%
43	Meters	-	2,237	4,600	49%
44	Generator Service Contractor	-	2,232	1,300	172%
45	Utilities - Wells	5,430	91,195	126,100	72%
46	SCADA	-	261	300	87%
47	Line R&M Contractor	-	-	12,500	0%
48	Line R&M Materials	11,807	40,619	60,000	68%
49	Well Maintenance	588	94,309	36,200	261%
50	Security	1,843	17,686	18,400	96%
51	Engineering Services	2,544	41,365	48,600	85%
52	Chlorinators	-	-	100	0%
53	Facilities, Wells, T&D - Other	1,996	7,008	10,000	70%
54	Total Facilities, Wells, T&D	25,159	303,252	327,300	93%
55	Utilities - Office				
56	Electricity	947	13,815	15,900	87%
57	Gas	45	681	710	96%
58	Telephone	803	7,997	9,500	84%
59	Trash Pickup & Office Cleaning	364	3,667	4,400	83%
60	Total Utilities - Office	2,158	26,160	30,510	86%
61	Office Expenses				
62	Water Billing System	177	1,773	2,100	84%
63	Supplies & Equipment	299	11,442	9,700	118%
64	Copier Lease & Printing Supplies	2,111	5,841	6,000	97%
65	Dues & Subscriptions	-	952	1,700	56%
66	Postage	126	6,040	7,700	78%
67	Printing & Publications	-	3,880	6,100	64%
68	Leases & Rents	-	251	300	84%
69	Computer Services	5,512	28,295	36,800	77%
70	Office Radio	-	-	500	0%
71	Office Storage	500	5,000	6,200	81%
72	Air Conditioning Servicing	418	4,000	4,600	87%
73	Fire Alarm System Servicing	-	312	700	45%
74	Office Expenses - Other	308	907	1,300	70%
75	Total Office Expenses	9,450	68,693	83,700	82%
76	Support Services				
77	Temporary Labor	-	708	10,000	7%
78	Financial Audit	-	9,405	22,100	43%
79	Accounting	2,779	32,208	36,000	89%
80	Legal Services	-	45,669	53,600	85%
81	Bank Service Charges	48	612	700	87%

Cabazon Water District

Profit & Loss

April 2019

		FY 18/19 Amended			
		April 2019	Current YTD	Budget	YTD (83%)
82	Payroll Service	416	3,882	4,100	95%
83	Website Support	75	675	1,700	40%
84	General Liability Insurance	1,962	19,003	21,000	90%
85	Total Support Services	5,281	112,162	149,200	75%
86	Training/Travel	3,707	23,174	41,000	57%
87	Other Fees/SWRCB	133	6,703	6,200	108%
88	Service Tools & Equipment				
89	Shop Supplies and Small Tools	1,795	7,309	21,100	35%
90	Vehicle Fuel	1,442	13,451	12,800	105%
91	Employee Uniforms	-	1,394	1,500	93%
92	Safety	-	386	500	77%
93	Tractor Expenses	163	6,851	1,000	685%
94	Equipment Rental	-	394	2,100	19%
95	Service Trucks - R&M	1,396	13,297	13,900	96%
96	Water Ops Phone & Internet	75	867	900	96%
97	Total Service Tools & Equipment	4,872	45,794	53,800	85%
98	NON-OPERATING EXPENSES				
99	Grant & Loan Processing Fee	-	1,325	1,600	83%
100	DWR Interest Expense	4,978	10,266	10,300	100%
101	DHPO Interest Expense	-	9,833	9,800	100%
102	Bad Debt Expense	-	-	1,200	0%
103	Miscellaneous	178	335	1,600	21%
104	Depreciation Expense	22,192	221,917	266,300	83%
105	TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	27,348	243,676	290,800	84%
106	TOTAL EXPENSES	137,351	1,314,464	1,544,110	85%
107	TOTAL INCOME BEFORE CAPITAL & GSA	(21,343)	18,598	147,790	13%
108	DHPO Capacity Credit	(1,750)	(17,500)	(21,000)	83%
	CAPITAL PROJECTS				
109	Main Street Improvements (Icehouse Imp.)	(313)	(29,593)	(60,000)	49%
110	Meter Replacements & Other Capital	-	(9,048)	(22,000)	41%
111	Vehicle Upgrades	-	(8,828)	-	0%
112	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	(313)	(47,470)	(82,000)	58%
113	DEBT - PRINCIPAL				
114	Debt Service Principal - DWR	(19,367)	(38,425)	(38,400)	100%
115	Debt Service Principal - DHPO (Zion)	-	(78,870)	(78,900)	100%
116	TOTAL DEBT - PRINCIPAL	(19,367)	(117,295)	(117,300)	100%
117	SGMA / GSA	(2,692)	(16,322)	(60,000)	27%
118	NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ (45,466)	\$ (179,989)	\$ (132,510)	136%

No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows.

Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States are not included.

Cabazon Water District

Balance Sheet

April 30, 2019

Apr 30, 19

1	ASSETS	
2	Current Assets	
3	Checking/Savings	
4	General Bank Account-Chase	112,687
5	Payroll Bank Account-Chase	54,227
6	Trust Account-Chase (Cust. Deposits)	21,266
7	Local Petty Cash	100
8	Total Checking/Savings	<u>188,280</u>
9	Accounts Receivable	203,086
10	LAIF	633,801
11	Bank of NY Trustee Accounts	53,615
12	Prepaid Expenses	24,883.84
13	Inventory Total	93,672
14	Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,009,058</u>
15	Total Current Assets	<u>1,204,406</u>
16	Fixed Assets	
17	Construction in Process	
18	CIP Cabazon Outlets Expansion	9,692
19	CIP Super Map	19,015
20	CIP 50100 Main St. Property	85,460
21	Total Construction in Process	<u>114,167</u>
22	Tools and Equipment	123,319
23	Source of Supply	1,552,226
24	Transmission & Distribution	10,216,143
25	Buildings & Structures	12,281
26	Water Treatment	8,800
27	Office Furniture and Equipment	71,808
28	Intangible Plant	11,032
29	Vehicles	106,309
30	Land	689,548
31	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,574,055)</u>
32	Total Fixed Assets	<u>7,331,577</u>
33	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>8,535,983</u>
34	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
35	Liabilities	
36	Current Liabilities	
37	Accounts Payable	9,412
38	Other Current Liabilities	
39	Customer Deposits - Co 1	6,150
40	Customer Deposits - Co 2	5,784
41	Total Customer Deposits	<u>11,934</u>
42	Accrued Vacation Pay	10,051
43	DWR-HS Payable - Current	38,425
44	Current Portion Zion's Bank Ln	78,870
45	Accrued Payroll	7,565

Cabazon Water District

Balance Sheet

April 30, 2019

		<u>Apr 30, 19</u>
46	Accrued Payroll Taxes	553
47	Accrued Interest	4,734
48	Accrued Expenses	6,419
49	Employee Deductions	579
50	Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>159,147</u>
51	Total Current Liabilities	168,559
52	Long Term Liabilities	
53	DWR-H Loan Payable (Payoff '26)	318,500
54	Zion's Bank Long Term (2023)	335,745
55	RCEDA Loan Payable	300,000
56	Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>954,245</u>
57	Total Liabilities	<u>1,122,804</u>
58	Total Equity	<u>7,413,178</u>
59	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>8,535,983</u>

Cabazon Water District
Proposed Budget
FY 2019-20

Schedule A



	A	B	C	D	E
	FY 18/19 Budget Adopted	FY 18/19 Projected Year-End	FY 19/20 Budget Proposal	\$ Difference (C - B)	% Difference (D / B)
1 REVENUES					
2 OPERATING INCOME					
3 Base Rate - Water Bills	\$ 811,800	\$ 844,900	\$ 889,300	44,400	5.3%
4 Commodity Sales	327,500	307,100	322,500	15,400	5.0%
5 DHPO Contract	225,900	199,400	209,300	9,900	5.0%
6 Fire Sales - Water Bills	2,500	4,300	4,300	-	0.0%
7 Penalty Fees - Water Bills	48,300	45,400	45,400	-	0.0%
8 New Account Fees - Water Bills	1,800	1,800	1,800	-	0.0%
9 Returned Check Fees	600	400	400	-	0.0%
10 Basic Facilities Fee	64,900	20,800	20,800	-	0.0%
11 Stand By Fees - Tax Revenue	113,600	113,600	113,600	-	0.0%
12 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,597,700	1,537,700	1,607,400	69,700	4.5%
13 NON-OPERATING INCOME					
14 Property Taxes	60,900	60,900	60,900	-	0.0%
15 Cell Tower Lease Income	22,100	24,600	25,100	500	2.0%
16 Misc. Non-Operating Income	-	1,200	-	(1,200)	-100.0%
17 Interest Income	11,200	19,400	19,400	-	0.0%
TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME	94,200	106,100	105,400	(700)	-0.7%
19 TOTAL REVENUES	1,691,900	1,643,800	1,712,800	69,000	4.2%
20 EXPENSES					
21 PAYROLL					
22 Directors Fees	20,000	19,600	20,000	400	2.0%
23 Management & Customer Service					
24 Customer Accounts	51,700	53,400	52,100	(1,300)	-2.4%
25 Business Admin Manager	66,800	52,500	74,700	22,200	42.3%
26 Office Assistant	-	22,700	-	(22,700)	-100.0%
27 General Manager	84,100	89,800	89,200	(600)	-0.7%
28 Total Management & Customer Service	202,600	218,400	216,000	(2,400)	-1.1%
29 Field Workers	146,300	150,200	205,500	55,300	36.8%
30 Employee Benefits Expense					
31 Workers Comp.	8,800	5,800	6,200	400	6.9%
32 Employee Health Care	86,800	86,000	84,300	(1,700)	-2.0%
33 Pension	67,800	55,300	87,400	32,100	58.0%
34 Total Employee Benefits Expense	163,400	147,100	177,900	30,800	20.9%
35 Payroll Taxes	29,300	33,400	36,400	3,000	9.0%
36 TOTAL PAYROLL	561,600	568,700	655,800	87,100	15.3%
37 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
38 Facilities, Wells, T&D					
39 Lab Fees	8,500	8,500	8,700	200	2.4%
Meters	4,600	4,600	4,700	100	2.2%
Utilities - Wells	126,100	124,800	129,200	4,400	3.5%
42 Line R&M Contractor	12,500	-	12,500	12,500	0.0%



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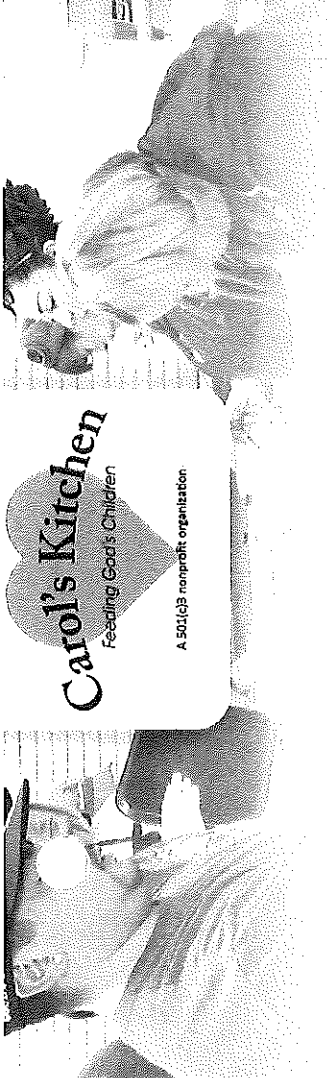
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43	Line R&M Materials	60,000	48,700	60,000	11,300	23.2%
44	Well Maintenance	36,200	103,100	37,000	(66,100)	-64.1%
45	Security	18,400	24,400	24,800	400	1.6%
46	Engineering Services	48,600	49,600	50,600	1,000	2.0%
47	Facilities, Wells, T&D - Other	12,400	8,400	12,400	4,000	47.6%
48	Total Facilities, Wells, T&D	327,300	372,100	339,900	(32,200)	-8.7%
49	Utilities - Office					
50	Electricity	15,900	17,500	18,100	600	3.4%
51	Gas	710	900	1,000	100	11.1%
52	Telephone	9,500	9,600	9,800	200	2.1%
53	Trash Pickup & Office Cleaning	4,400	4,400	4,500	100	2.3%
54	Total Utilities - Office	30,510	32,400	33,400	1,000	3.1%
55	Office Expenses					
56	Water Billing System	2,100	4,400	4,400	-	0.0%
57	Supplies & Equipment	9,700	12,000	9,900	(2,100)	-17.5%
58	Copier and Supplies	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0.0%
59	Dues & Subscriptions	1,700	4,400	4,900	500	11.4%
60	Postage	7,700	7,700	7,900	200	2.6%
61	Printing & Publications	6,100	6,100	6,200	100	1.6%
62	Computer Services	36,800	34,000	36,800	2,800	8.2%
63	Office Storage	6,200	6,000	6,100	100	1.7%
64	Air Conditioning Servicing	4,600	4,800	4,900	100	2.1%
65	CWSA	-	-	2,500	2,500	0.0%
66	Office Expenses - Other	2,800	2,800	2,900	100	3.6%
67	Total Office Expenses	83,700	88,200	92,500	4,300	4.9%
68	Support Services					
69	Temporary Labor/Fee Study Consultants	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	0.0%
70	Financial Audit	22,100	22,100	22,500	400	1.8%
71	Accounting	36,000	36,200	35,000	(1,200)	-3.3%
72	Legal Services	53,600	54,700	55,900	1,200	2.2%
73	Bank Service Charges	700	700	700	-	0.0%
74	Payroll Service	4,100	4,700	4,800	100	2.1%
75	Website Support	1,700	1,700	1,700	-	0.0%
76	General Liability Insurance	21,000	22,900	23,400	500	2.2%
77	Total Support Services	149,200	143,000	154,000	11,000	7.7%
78	Training/Travel					
79	Seminars & Training	36,700	19,400	19,800	400	2.1%
80	Travel and Meals	4,300	8,400	8,600	200	2.4%
81	Total Training/Travel	41,000	27,800	28,400	600	2.2%
82	Other Fees/SWRCB	6,200	7,000	7,100	100	1.4%
83	Service Tools & Equipment					
84	Shop Supplies and Small Tools	21,100	8,900	9,100	200	2.2%
85	Vehicle Fuel	12,800	16,100	16,400	300	1.9%



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86	Employee Uniforms	1,500	1,700	2,000	300	17.6%
87	Safety	500	500	500	-	0.0%
88	Tractor Expenses/Maintenance	1,000	7,400	7,500	100	1.4%
89	Equipment Rental	2,100	500	2,000	1,500	300.0%
90	Service Trucks - R&M	13,900	13,900	14,200	300	2.2%
91	Water Ops Phone & Internet	900	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
92	Communications	-	2,200	2,200	-	0.0%
93	Total Service Tools & Equipment	53,800	52,200	54,900	2,700	5.2%
94	NON-OPERATING EXPENSES					
95	Loan Processing Fee	1,600	1,400	1,400	-	0.0%
96	DWR Interest Expense	10,300	10,300	9,100	(1,200)	-11.7%
97	DHPO Interest Expense	9,800	9,800	7,900	(1,900)	-19.4%
98	Bad Debt Expense	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	0.0%
99	Miscellaneous	1,600	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
100	TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXP	24,500	23,700	20,600	(3,100)	-13.1%
101	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,277,810	1,315,100	1,386,600	71,500	5.4%
102	INCOME BEFORE CAPITAL & GSA	414,090	328,700	326,200	(2,500)	-0.8%
103	DHPO Capacity Credit	(21,000)	(21,000)	(21,000)	-	0.0%
104	CAPITAL PROJECTS					
105	Vehicle Upgrades	-	(10,600)	-	10,600	-100.0%
106	Main Street Property (Icehouse-Impts)	(60,000)	(29,600)	(30,000)	(400)	1.4%
107	Meter Replacements & Other Capital	(22,000)	(10,900)	(22,000)	(11,100)	101.8%
108	Pipeline Street Main Relocation	-	-	-	-	0.0%
109	New Vehicle	-	-	(37,000)	(37,000)	0.0%
110	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	(82,000)	(51,100)	(89,000)	(37,900)	74.2%
111	DEBT - PRINCIPAL					
112	Debt Service Principal - DWR	(38,400)	(37,300)	(39,600)	(2,300)	6.2%
113	Debt Service Principal - Zion	(78,900)	(78,900)	(80,800)	(1,900)	2.4%
114	TOTAL DEBT - PRINCIPAL	(117,300)	(116,200)	(120,400)	(4,200)	3.6%
115	SGMA / GSA	(60,000)	(19,600)	(60,000)	(40,400)	206.1%
116	NET INCOME / (LOSS)	133,790	120,800	35,800	(85,000)	-70.4%
117	<i>Projected Beginning Cash</i>			\$ 700,000		
118	PROJECTED ENDING CASH			\$ 735,800		



Carol's Kitchen
Feeding God's Children
A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

"A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members."

--Mahatma Gandhi

"I depend on the weekly lunches and produce to feed my family."

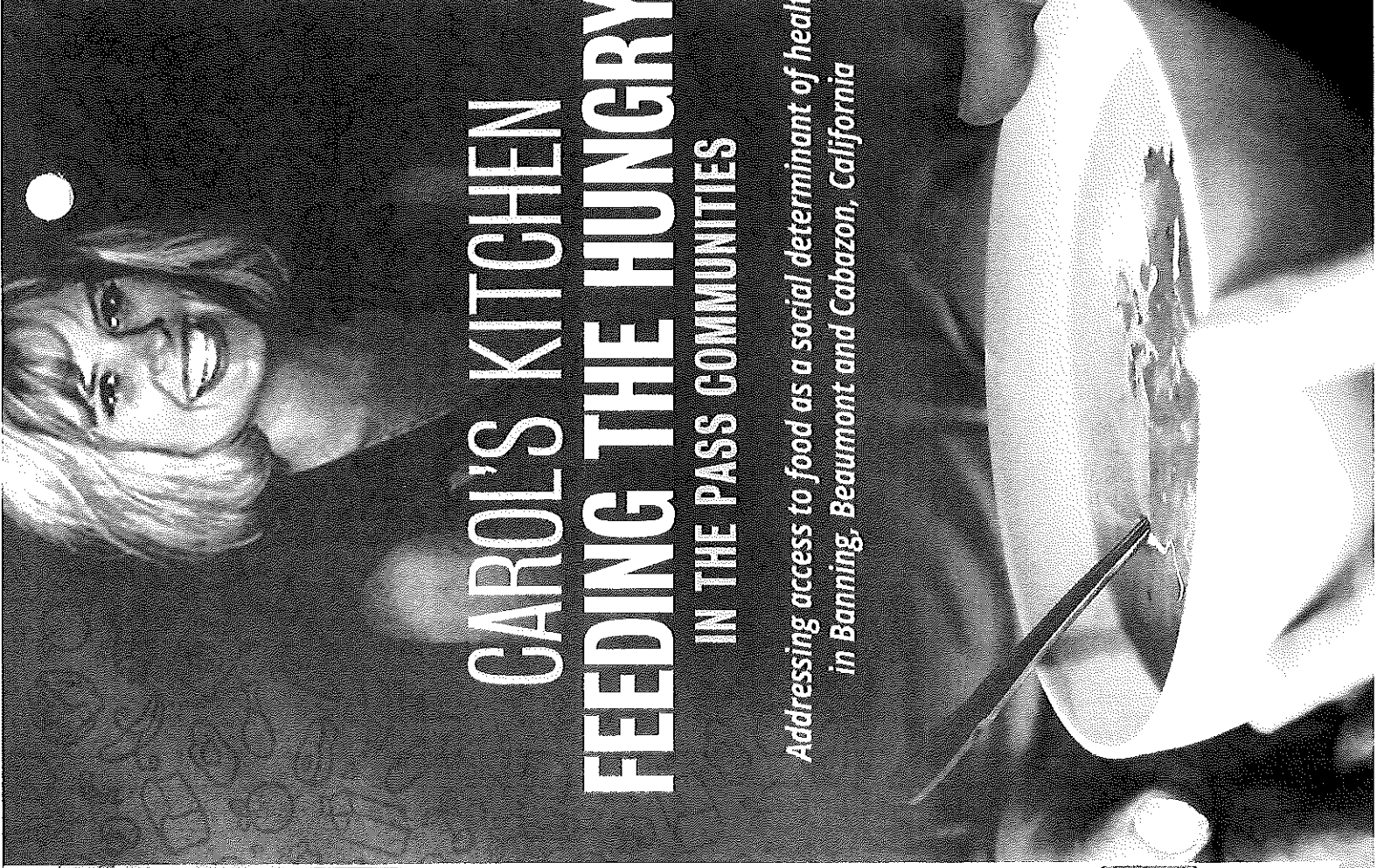
"My kids wouldn't have a Christmas without Carol's Kitchen."

"I couldn't afford a winter coat, and the closet here was the answer."

"We lost our home and had nothing until we came here."

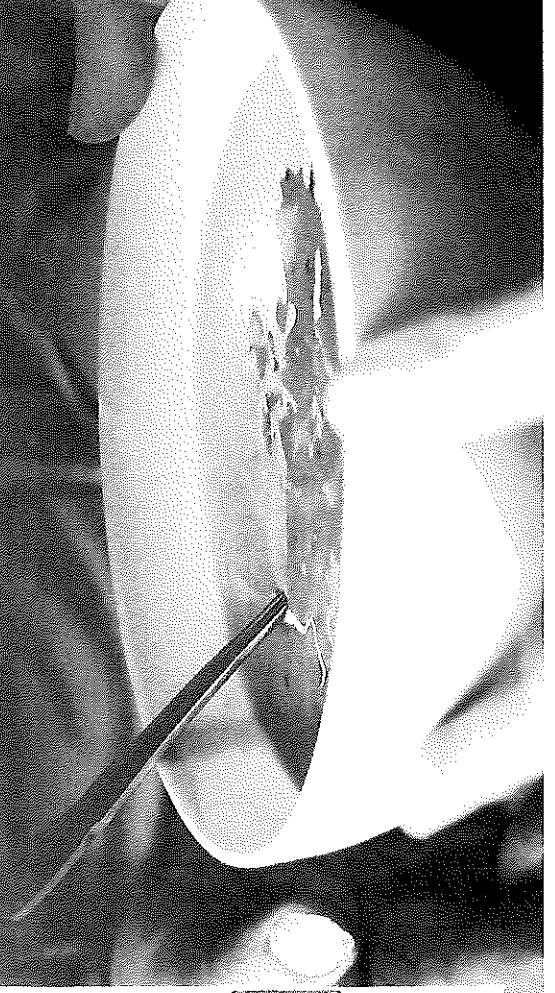
"As a senior, I live on a fixed income and this helps me get through the month."

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CAROL'S KITCHEN FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN THE PASS COMMUNITIES

*Addressing access to food as a social determinant of health
in Banning, Beaumont and Cabazon, California*





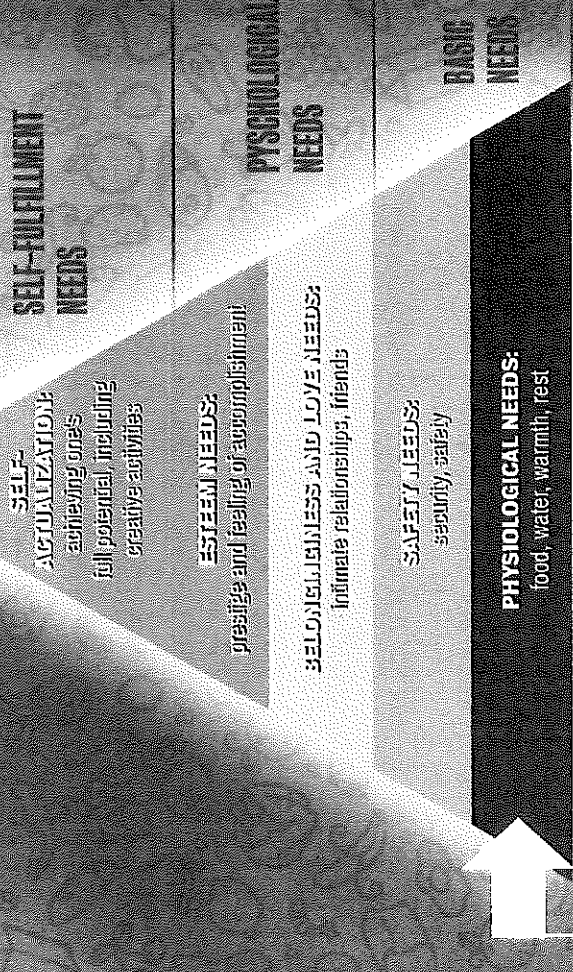
KEEPING THE KITCHENS OPEN TO SERVE THE HUNGRY

Caro's Kitchen serves 3,000 free hot meals per month to people with nowhere else to turn. We treat them as guests. We don't ask questions or make judgements. We try to make them comfortable during their visit.

Food deprivation and hunger are facts of life in Southern California. It is estimated 20 percent of Pass area residents live at or under the poverty line. The economic consequences impact businesses, healthcare providers and social services.



BUILDING A FOUNDATION TO MOVE FORWARD IN LIFE



HERE IS WHERE CAROL'S KITCHEN PROVIDES A FOUNDATION

Hunger and malnutrition in turn impair individuals' performance in school or at work, making it harder for them to break out of the poverty cycle. www.concern.net

When people experiencing homelessness can depend on *consistent, reliable food-sharing programs*, they can at least be sure that their most basic need will be met.

Programs that *meet homeless individuals where they are*, generally in public spaces, are paramount. Not only are people generally more comfortable accepting help, but they save time and energy, which they may use to address their other needs. nationalhomeless.org

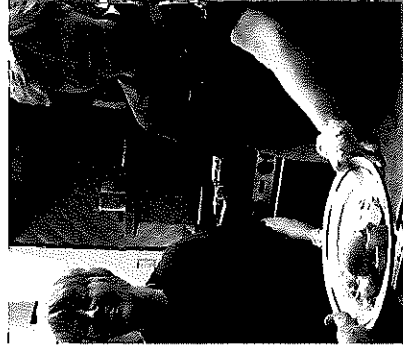
Food security is important as it *can save people from various diseases*. It takes great



TURNING A TRAGEDY INTO A GIFT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Carol was only 29 and already known for her service in the community. She was the victim of a drunk driver in 1996. Her journal's last entry said, "Ask your heart what is right and follow it."

Carol's parents Jim and Arlene Ragan founded Carol's Kitchen in 1998 to honor her. Twenty-one years and 800,000 meals later, we operate six kitchens at three different locations with two kitchens in Beaumont, two kitchens in Banning and two kitchens in Cabazon.



MORE THAN A SOUP KITCHEN... OFFERING A HELPING HAND UP

We serve our guests restaurant or buffet style to promote dignity, respect and friendship. 130 volunteers prepare and serve the meals with the help of two employees, including an executive director for site supervision. They are led by a 12-member board of directors.

We kindly listen to guests' needs and offer additional help when possible.

This assistance when available includes offerings of bags of fresh produce and other pantry items, gently used clean clothing, coats or shoes, and providing contact information for other local assistance groups.





WHAT FEEDING THE HUNGRY REQUIRES EVERY MONTH

It takes money every month to feed the hungry. We must pay the rent for our warehouse, pay the electric bill for our refrigerators and freezers, and buy paper products, cleaning products and other supplies.

We couldn't do the job without dedicated volunteers, donors and business partners. We need your help to ensure the future of Carol's Kitchen. Your participation can help us lay the foundation for our guests to improve their lives.

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity with a 21-year record of service in our communities. We value trust and take our responsibility seriously. We have the business systems in place to be good stewards of your gifts.

BECOMING A CAROL'S KITCHEN CORPORATE PARTNER

<i>Annual donation</i>	<i>How fund's will be spent</i>	<i>Carol's kitchen corporate partner benefits</i>
\$5000	Continued operation of six kitchens	Name on website; recognition of support in local newspapers; plaque for place of business; invitation to Recognition Dinner; recognition in newsletter; signage at all kitchens indicating your support
\$2500	Transportation of donated food; warehouse	Plaque for place of business; invitation to Recognition Dinner; recognition in newsletter
\$1000	Marketing and outreach	Invitation to Recognition Dinner; recognition in newsletter; poster of your support for Carol's Kitchen
\$500	Kitchen and serving supplies	Invitation to Recognition Dinner; recognition in newsletter

OTHER WAYS BUSINESSES CAN HELP THE HUNGRY

- *Employee team service days in our kitchens*
- *Employer sponsored food drives*
- *Employee financial monthly giving programs*
- *In-kind donations of equipment, food and supplies*
- *Event sponsorships and purchase of guest tables*





MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2019
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: C. Louie
SUBJ: Community Water Service Alliance (CWSA)
cc: files

Attached are the string of email communications and various documents for your review.

Date	Classification	Description
11/29/2018	Email	CWSA Meeting 11/30/2018 – Agenda & Location
11/30/2018	Document	Proposed CWSA agenda
12/03/2018	Document	Report: Organization of a Community Water Systems Alliance and proposed tier sponsor rates
12/10/2018	Email	CWSA Agenda & Meeting Documents
12/10/2018	Document	Draft of CWSA MOU
12/12/2018	Document	Twentynine Palms Water District notes on their Board's decision to join and fund CWSA
12/12/2018	Email	CWSA Meeting Summary from 12/11
01/02/2019	Email	CWSA MOU v.3 (12/17/2018)
01/02/2019	Document	MOU v.3 (12/17/2018)
01/03/2019	Email	CWSA Update & Issues to Review
01/08/2019	Email	CWSA Meeting Agenda
01/08/2019	Document	2019 CWSA Budget Draft
01/08/2019	Document	CWSA membership recruitment flyer

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Subject: Reminder: CWSA Meeting 11/30 11-1pm Agenda and Location
Attachments: CWSA Agenda11_30_Reminder.pdf

Thank you for planning to participate in the potential formation of an alliance for community water systems serving small, older and poorer communities in California. Attached is an agenda that is reserving the majority of time for discussion. The meeting will be held at Eastern Municipal Water District Headquarters, and Eastern is graciously hosting lunch. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow. ☐

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**Proposed Community Water System Alliance
Agenda
11 am – 1 pm
November 30, 2018**

**Location:
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92570**

- 1. Introductions 5 min**
Welcome by Host: Paul Jones, EMWD
Attendees

- 2. Brief Background on Formation of CWSA 10 min**
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez & Adan Ortega, CalMutuals
Ray Kollisz, TPWD

- 3. Discussion About Key Issues of Common Interests 15 min.**
Dan Ferons, SMWD / FVMWC
- Water Tax
- SWRCB Economic Feasibility Guidelines for New MCL Standards
- Others?

- 4. Funding Options Discussion 15 min**
Adan Ortega, CalMutuals

- 5. Next Steps Up to 1:15**
Open Discussion



**Report: Organization of a Community Water Systems Alliance
December 3, 2019**

A meeting was held on Friday, November 30, 2018, to discuss possible support for an alliance of community water systems representing income limited and disadvantaged communities, at Eastern Municipal Water District. The meeting was attended by:

Paul Jones, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District
Danielle Coats, Senior Legislative Program Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District
Lisa Yamashita Lopez, President, CalMutuals & GM Rubio Cañon Land and Water Assn.
David Armstrong, Vice President, CalMutuals & GM South Mesa Water Co.
Jim Clampa, General Counsel, CalMutuals & Public Water Agency Group (PWAG)
Owen Sharp, General Manager, San Andreas Mutual Water Company
Sandy Caruba, Board Member, San Andreas Mutual Water Company
Carol Giannini, Board Member, Twentynine Palms Water District
Bob Coghill, Board Member, Twentynine Palms Water District
Ray Kolisz, General Manager, Twentynine Palms Water District
Denise Peralta Galley, Advocate, Twentynine Palms Water District
Dan Ferons, General Manager, Santa Margarita Water District
Don Barns, Assistant General Manager, Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach, Director of Government Affairs, Santa Margarita Water District
Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Water Association
Paul Gonsalves, Advocate, San Gabriel Valley Water Association
Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager, Mesa Water District
Jeff Armstrong, General Manager, Rancho California Water District
Meggan Valencia, Public Affairs Manager, Rancho California Water District
Calvin Louie, General Manager, Cabazon Water District
Curt Saur, Joshua Basin Water District
Jeff Deming, Principal, Monterey Bay Academy
Jackie McCloud, Utilities Manager, City of Watsonville
Lisa Ohlund, General Manager, East Orange Water District
Tim Worley, Executive Director, AWWA Cal-Nevada Section
Adan Ortega, Executive Director, CalMutuals

Meeting Purpose: To potentially augment resources through CalMutuals to include income-limited and disadvantaged communities, who are served by well run and operated water supply agencies, in organized efforts to prevent that their resources will be diverted by the state through the assessment of local taxes or economically infeasible regulations (i.e. Chromium 6).

Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) Principles

The group discussed seven principles around which CWSA would organize and advocate. CWSA will be comprised of a group of special districts, county water districts, community service districts, and cities that are well run and operated while serving disadvantaged communities and other populations that entail revenue limitations, such as seniors.

General draft organizing principles were revised to include the following:

1. CWSA is comprised of viable and well running water supply systems focused on empowering those among them who directly represent and serve the residents of disadvantaged communities and other populations with income limitations such as seniors
2. CWSA supports a statewide comprehensive needs-assessment of the operational integrity and resiliency of chronically distressed water systems
3. CWSA supports funding to build water system resiliency that does not shift existing resources of disadvantaged communities from some regions to other regions of the state
4. CWSA supports regulations that are deemed economically feasible through a combination of factors including affordability, transparent understanding of health benefits and their real-time cost and value to the residents of California
5. CWSA supports consolidation of chronically distressed water systems when it is part of an initiative supported by the residents of such communities, and where property rights and the right of representation is respected
6. CWSA members pledge to work with larger neighboring and/or regional water agencies toward efforts that bring resource efficiency, stewardship of local shared resources that are based upon common values, needs and respect not charity
7. CWSA is an alliance for education and advocacy of the common interests and empowerment of water systems serving disadvantaged communities and other income limited populations, not a permanent water association

Management – The group generally agreed that as fiscal sponsor, CalMutuals could bring efficiency to CWSA by availing it of its administrative, advocacy and logistical support eliminating the need for the duplication of resources, in parallel with CalMutuals’ regional capacity across the state. CalMutuals is proposing that an advisory board be comprised of the initial charter members according to the contribution levels below.

Budget - The group felt that the estimated budget of \$60,000 for one year to cover the legislative calendar was modest given the issues driving the organization of CWSA. The group asked CalMutuals to propose a sponsorship schedule scaled to the revenue capacity of prospective members (see contributions below).

Proposed Schedule for Regular Sponsors of the Initiative

CalMutuals has a “progressive” membership schedule that encourages participation by small and larger members. Pending consensus from the group, CalMutuals proposes the following scales of sponsorship for the Initiative:

Tier 1: Revenues <\$250K	\$500
Tier 2: Revenues \$250K +	\$750
Tier 3: Revenues \$500K+	\$1,250
Tier 4: Revenues \$1M+	\$2,500
Tier 5: Revenues \$4M+	\$5,000

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Cc: Susan Allen
Subject: CWSA Agenda & Meeting Documents
Attachments: CWSA MOU (12-3-18) v.docx; CWSA Report1Summary.docx

Community Water System Alliance Participants and Potential Participants -

Below is call-in information, a draft agenda, a draft MOU, as well as the meeting report with proposed tiers for participation in the initiative - this information is also imbedded in the Calendar invitation. **As a reminder:** Our goal is to empower persons elected to represent disadvantaged communities to have a voice about issues such as the proposed water tax and the draft economic feasibility guidelines when they are released by the State Water Board.

Call-in Information: 1 858-284-1527. PIN: 764 612 631#

Draft Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Membership Tiers (Please see CWSA Report1Summary.docx - Attached)
3. Draft MOU for Participation by Agencies (Please see CWSA MOU- Attached)
4. AB134 (Bloom)
5. Discussions with Committee Staff and Assm. E. Garcia
6. Next Steps

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via Newton Mail

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into this ___ day of _____, 2018 ("Effective Date") by and between the California Association of Mutual Water Companies, a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation ("Cal Mutuals"), and _____ ("Participant") with respect to the following.

RECITALS

- A. There are numerous regulatory and legislative issues facing water suppliers in California, including, but not limited to, water quality standards, requirements to limit water losses, a potential water tax, funding mechanisms for low-income rate assistance and long-term water use efficiency requirements.
- B. There are numerous water suppliers serving disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities that while operating efficiently and well, do not, on an individual basis, have the financial resources to be able to effectively advocate with respect to the issues identified in Recital A.
- C. Cal Mutuals is a non-profit association formed to provide effective advocacy for, and to facilitate operational and educational resources to ensure effective and compliant operation and governance of, mutual water companies and other small water systems in California.
- D. Cal Mutuals has worked with various water systems to develop a collaborative program to assist water systems serving disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities with regulatory and legislative advocacy, as described in Section 1, below (the "Initiative").
- E. The Community Water Systems Alliance ("CWSA") is an alliance of water systems who are undertaking the Initiative, working with and through Cal Mutuals as described herein.
- F. Participant desires to participate in CWSA and desires to make a financial contribution to help offset the costs of the Initiative, in accordance with the provisions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, Participant and Cal Mutuals agree as follows:

1. The Initiative. Cal Mutuals will provide the services necessary to administer and coordinate the functions relating to the Initiative, as guided by the principles attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. Participant, in its sole discretion and at its sole cost, may provide services of its employees to assist with implementing the Initiative.

2. Participant's Financial Contribution. Participant shall contribute the sum of \$ _____ to CWSA, through Cal Mutuals, in order to join and participate in CWSA. That amount may be paid in a lump sum or through a payment arrangement to be agreed upon by Participant and Cal Mutuals. Cal Mutuals shall separately account for all such contributions and shall utilize Participant's and other CWSA members' contributions only for costs related to the Initiative and its administration. Cal Mutuals shall issue a quarterly report of CWSA's income and expenses, including the use of Participant's contribution, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day following the end of each calendar quarter (i.e., March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31). Participant acknowledges that the financial contributions of other CWSA members may vary and may be greater than or less than Participant's contributions, although Cal Mutuals will use its best efforts to ensure a fair structure concerning such overall contributions, including through application of the revenue-based contribution model set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

3. CWSA Participant Issues. Participant shall allow Cal Mutuals to use Participant's name in any correspondence that Cal Mutuals may send regarding the Initiative and in any materials used in soliciting additional members in CWSA; provided, however, that if such correspondence relates to a position on legislation, Participant shall be provided the opportunity to opt out of being specifically named in any such correspondence and Cal Mutuals will remove Participant's name if so instructed. Upon written request of Participant, Cal Mutuals shall promptly (i.e., within three business days) provide Participant by e-mail with a list of all participants in CWSA and their respective contributions.

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California Association of Mutual Water Companies _____
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By _____ By _____
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TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
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TO:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DATE:	DECEMBER 19, 2018
FROM:	RAY KOLISZ, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT:	DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM ALLIANCE FORMATION AND APPROVAL TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDING

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

As previously reported as part of the SMART initiative, we have been working to form an alliance of community water systems to give voice to elected officials who represent disadvantaged communities as is the case with Twentynine Palms Water District (TPWD). This is particularly important given that proposals to tax water at the meter have already surfaced for re-consideration by the legislature during 2019. We are also expecting the State Water Board to release draft economic feasibility guidelines that will impact the standard for Chromium 6 and other constituents.

On November 30, 2018, TPWD helped to organize and lead a gathering of 22 general managers and board members representing 14 water agencies stretching from Watsonville to the high desert and the Inland Empire to "jump-start" the Community Water System Alliance (CWSA). The California Association of Mutual Water Companies ("CalMutuals") is willing to act as fiscal sponsor. This avoids having to start a new water association. CalMutuals will manage accounting and the advocacy coordination on behalf of the group.

Among several needs, CWSA will use the funds to develop briefing materials reflecting the needs of disadvantaged communities, such as TPWD, that are successfully fending for ourselves. The funds will also be used to help poorer water districts send their representatives to public hearings in Sacramento and around the state. The original draft budget estimated costs at \$60,000 for one year, which those assembled on November 30th thought was too modest given the level of interest and need to have participation at the hearings and meetings ahead especially in Sacramento.

The group has so far agreed that residents of well-functioning disadvantaged communities should not be taxed to benefit chronically failing water systems in other parts of the state. We have agreed to work to find alternative funding sources that will also be available to agencies such as TPWD. The group has also agreed to look at other forms of mutual aid between well-functioning water systems and those that may be at the brink of failing.

RECOMMENDATION

Agencies that sponsor the initiative at \$10,000 or more will be part of a policy council that will guide the CWSA. TPWD has been urging others to support the effort, and it is thus my recommendation that TPWD agree to engage at the \$10,000 level. Upon approval from the Board the CWSA will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be presented to the Board for consideration.

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Cc: Danielle Blacet; Katie Porter; Joe A. Gonsalves & Son; Kelly Jensen; Jim Byerrum; Reeb, Bob; Susan Allen
Subject: CWSA Meeting Summary from 12/11
Attachments: CWSA MOU (12-3-18) v.docx

Team - 

The group considered several items during the CWSA call yesterday as appeared on the agenda:

Membership Tiers

There were no objections to the following sponsorship tiers for the CWSA initiative
Schedule for Regular Sponsors of the Initiative:

Tier 1: Revenues <\$250K	\$500
Tier 2: Revenues \$250K +	\$750
Tier 3: Revenues \$500K+	\$1,250
Tier 4: Revenues \$1M+	\$2,500
Tier 5: Revenues \$4M+	\$5,000

Charter Members Defined

Several water agencies will seek approval from their boards in the coming weeks to jump-start the CWSA initiative at levels of \$10,000 or more. Those agencies that donate more than \$10,000 will serve as the "executive committee" to review expenses and administrative matters through CalMutuals

Draft MOU for Participation by Agencies

No objections were raised to requests that "opt-out" provisions be inserted into the Participation MOU also applying to communications being sent to third-parties where positions, requests or group-inquiries are being made in written form. The current draft included an opt-out on legislative positions.

Given pending actions by boards considering participation in CWSA will take place over the next two weeks, it is requested that any further requests for revisions to the MOU be set to Adan Ortega by 5 pm on Monday, December 17, 2018. (The draft MOU is attached for your convenience)

AB134 (Bloom)

AB134 is a spot bill with no specific provisions (yet). But it is a potential vehicle that will be tracked.

Discussions with Committee Staff and Assm. E. Garcia

As previously reported, a joint committee hearing will be held early in '19 comprised of the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee, Assm. Environmental Quality Committee, and Budget Committee #3. Participation by disadvantaged communities that were not part of last year's debate is strongly encouraged.

Assem. Garcia will also be visiting other areas with Disadvantaged Communities that are succeeding and struggling. These may include Southeast Los Angeles/San Gabriel Valley, Los Desert Areas and the Central Coast.

Next Steps

1. Comments on draft MOU are due Mon. Dec. 17th at 5pm (please send to Adan Ortega)
2. Identify representatives from agencies serving Disadvantaged Communities that may be available for hearings/testimony.
3. Schedule follow-up call on the week of Jan. 7th. Potential agenda items include a) status on hearings; b) status of regional visits by Assm. Garcia & legislative Taskforce c) roster of agencies that have joined CWSA; d) briefing on human right to water proposals by ACWA and others; e) consideration of initial talking points; d) other items as suggested during the interim.

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Cc: Susan Allen; Jim Ciampa
Subject: CWSA MOU
Attachments: CWSA MOU v.3 (12-17-18).docx

Here is the final version of the MOU for the Community Water Systems Alliance. It addresses three factors raised during our last conference call: 1) Expanded opt-out; 2) Indemnification; 3) Clarifies the sponsorship tiers and the advisory board status/role of those who contribute \$10k or more. We will schedule a call for late next week with the advisory group to review the initial budget, and initial proposed steps that we will take to the broader group. Please feel free to call me at 714 600-4683 if you have any questions. □

Adan

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into this ___ day of _____, 2018 ("Effective Date") by and between the California Association of Mutual Water Companies, a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation ("Cal Mutuals"), and _____ ("Participant") with respect to the following.

RECITALS

- A. There are numerous regulatory and legislative issues facing water suppliers in California, including, but not limited to, water quality standards, requirements to limit water losses, a potential water tax, funding mechanisms for low-income rate assistance and long-term water use efficiency requirements.
- B. There are numerous water suppliers serving disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities that, while operating efficiently and well, do not, on an individual basis, have the financial resources to be able to effectively advocate with respect to the issues identified in Recital A.
- C. Cal Mutuals is a non-profit association formed to provide effective advocacy for, and to facilitate operational and educational resources to ensure effective and compliant operation and governance of, mutual water companies and other small water systems in California.
- D. Cal Mutuals has worked with various water systems to develop a collaborative program to assist water systems serving disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities with regulatory and legislative advocacy, as described in Section 1, below (the "Initiative").
- E. The Community Water Systems Alliance ("CWSA") is an alliance of water systems who are undertaking the Initiative, working with and through Cal Mutuals as described herein.
- F. Participant desires to participate in CWSA and desires to make a financial contribution to help offset the costs of the Initiative, in accordance with the provisions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, Participant and Cal Mutuals agree as follows:

1. The Initiative. Cal Mutuals will provide the services necessary to administer and coordinate the functions relating to the Initiative, as guided by the principles attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. Participant, in its sole discretion and at its sole cost, may provide services of its employees to assist with implementing the Initiative. Participant shall cooperate with Cal Mutuals in coordinating and organizing any such services that are to be provided in conjunction with the Initiative.

2. Participant's Financial Contribution; Charter Membership. (a) Cal Mutuals has established the following dues structure for Participants to join and participate in CWSA;

<u>REVENUE TIERS</u>	<u>DUES</u>
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<u>Charter Member (see subsection (c))</u>	<u>At least \$10,000</u>

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By _____
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, President

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Its _____

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Team - 

Happy New Year! I am writing to report about the status of members and urgent issues that will either result and/or influence potential legislation we are concerned about with respect to meter taxes.

First, as of this date, the following agencies have pending or completed action with their respective boards to approve participation in the Community Water Systems Alliance. These include:

Santa Margarita Water District*
Twentynine Palms Water District*
Mesa Water District*
East Orange County Water District*
Cabazon Water District ^
North of the River Water District#
Big Horn Water District*
Joshua Basin Water District ^
Eastern Municipal Water District*

*denotes Advisory Board Level ^ denotes undetermined level #tiered membership level

Others are pending their internal management evaluation and I will keep you posted. If you run an association and represent agencies with disadvantaged communities, or have neighboring systems, please feel free to refer them and I will call them on your behalf. It is imperative that we have a solid roster of officials from around the state that are elected to represent persons in cities and water districts that are from disadvantaged communities.

ISSUES

While the legislature returns to session on January 7th., two critical reports have been released for public comment with tight deadlines the first week of February. We are currently reviewing them and will develop draft comment letters for your review. In the meantime here are the links for your study, review and feedback. These two reports will have an influence on continuing legislative discussions about a potential residential/business meter tax to pay for O&M under a current effort to help chronically failing systems, mostly in parts of the Central Valley.

State Water Resources Control Board AB401(Dodd) Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program - This draft report to the legislature outlines options for how the program could be funded and administered. Deadline for comments: Feb 1

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/assistance/

OEHHA Draft Framework and Tool for Evaluating Progress on the Human Right to Water

Addresses water quality, access to water, and affordability in the metric for evaluating progress in providing water to all. Deadline for comments: Feb 4

<https://oehha.ca.gov/water/report/human-right-water-california>

We will keep you posted on any further developments.

Best,

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Subject: CWSA 4 pm meeting documents
Attachments: 2019 CWSA Budget DRAFT 01.03.xlsx; CWSAFlyer.docx

Team -

The calendar notice contains the draft agenda and meeting items. However, realizing that not everyone's system is compatible with google, here they are via email. 

Description:Agenda

1. Review of Participants and Prospective Participants
 - Review of Flyer (Attached)
2. Budget Review (Attached)
3. Advocacy -
 - a. AB401/OEHHA Letters - Preference of Joint Letter or Template for individual use
 - b. Request for list of directors/elected officials who represent DAC divisions/districts
4. Scheduling general meeting and agenda

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Member Contributions	\$72,500-\$85,000	A
Total Income	\$72,500-\$85,000	
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
First Year Activities		
Advocacy & Representation (Lobbyist) Support	20,000	
Coordination & Analysis of Issues & Activities (OSG)	18,000	
Legal Fees (Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse)	6,000	
Travel (Staff & Smaller Members)	8,000	
CalMutuals Administrative Fee	6,000	
Communications & Graphic Design Support	2,000	
Total Expense	60,000	
Beginning Reserve	\$12,000-\$25,000	B
Net Total		

NOTES

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Blg Horn Water District ^	\$2,500-\$10,000	(Monthly)
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^ Board Action beginning in January
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* Final Action taken

\$72,500-\$85,000

B Contributions beyond \$60,000 to be invested in Reserve

Pending:

- City of Coachella
- City of Watsonville
- Coachella Valley Water District
- Henry Miller Irrigation District
- Joshua Basin Water District
- Mojave Water Agency
- Palmdale Water District
- Rancho California Water District
- Santa Ynez Conservation District



CWSA

Community Water Systems Alliance

The Community Water Systems Alliance is an initiative in California to provide a voice in Sacramento for water systems serving disadvantaged communities that are reliably and affordably providing water to low income and income limited residents such as seniors.

What We Care About:

We want to preserve the ability of local water suppliers that provide water to disadvantaged and income limited communities to provide safe and affordable water through efficiency, good management practices and fairness. We care about legislation and regulations that affect disadvantaged and income limited communities where our community voices need to be heard.

What Threatens Safe Drinking Water for Our Communities:

Pending legislation may propose to levy water meter taxes that could transfer our local revenues to other parts of the state. The State Water Resources Control Board is soon considering economic feasibility guidelines for evaluating the viability of drinking water standards like Chromium 6.. These two factors may damage the viability of well operated water systems serving disadvantaged communities around the state.

What do we want?

Our communities want a seat at the table as legislation and regulations are considered affecting disadvantaged communities so we can advocate for:

- Equitable grant programs that don't discriminate against suppliers serving disadvantaged communities with more than 10,000 customers
- A revenue source to help disadvantaged communities that is not based upon regressive taxes that shift funds from some disadvantaged and income limited communities to others
- Strategies for dealing with chronically failing water systems that don't burden or typecast water systems serving disadvantaged and income limited communities that are functioning well

Where are we from?

Participating agencies in CWSA stretch from California's Central Valley, the greater Los Angeles Basin, Coachella Valley and the high desert's Morongo Basin.