LAKE WHATCOM WATER & SEWER DISTRICT



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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 21, 2022

RE: Virtual Meeting Attendance

For the foreseeable future, Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District's Board of Commissioners will be attending regular meetings by phone/video conference. Per Governor Inslee's <u>Proclamation No. 20-28.3</u>, the District will provide access to interested public via phone/internet utilizing the GoToMeeting platform.

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If you would like to attend the July 27, 2022 regular board meeting, access details can be found below. In this evolving climate, we are committed to doing everything possible to provide opportunity for public comment as well as promote health and safety. As such, the District requests that if possible, public submit comments in written form by noon the day before a scheduled meeting for inclusion in the meeting discussion. This is not a requirement for making a public comment, but is helpful to the staff and commissioners for planning purposes.

July 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Wed, July 27, 2022 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PST)

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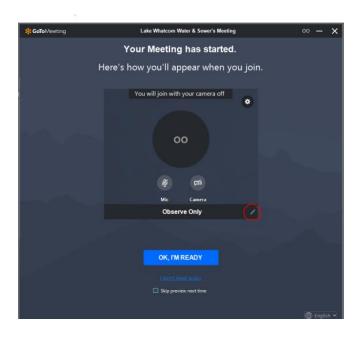
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LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

1220 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, WA 98229

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

July 27, 2022 8:00 a.m. – Regular Session

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE PROTOCOLS
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At this time, members of the public may address the Board of Commissioners. Please state your name and address prior to making comments, and limit your comments to three minutes. For the sake of time, each public comment period will be limited to 45 minutes.

- 5. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA
- 7. SPECIFIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Preliminary General Facilities Charges Analysis Presentation
 - B. Appointment of Lake Whatcom Management Program Policy Group Representative
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS
- 9. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. General Manager
 - B. Engineering Department
 - C. Finance Department
 - D. Operations Department
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY
- 11. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE SUBMITTED:	July 21, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022	27, 2022				
TO: BOARD OF COMMI	SSIONERS	FROM: Rachael Hope						
GENERAL MANAGER AI	PPROVAL	Joseph Clay						
ATTACHED DOCUMENT	TS .	1. See below						
TYPE OF ACTION REQU	ESTED	RESOLUTION	INFORMATIONAL /OTHER					

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

- Minutes for the 6/29/22 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes for the 7/13/22 Regular Board Meeting
- Payroll for Pay Period #15 (07/09/2022 through 07/22/2022) total to be added
- Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #15 total to be added
- Accounts Payable Vouchers total to be added

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal impact is as indicated in the payroll/benefits/accounts payable quantities defined above. All costs are within the Board-approved 2022 Budget.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends the Board approve the Consent Agenda.

PROPOSED MOTION

A recommended motion is:

"I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented."

^{**}TO BE UPDATED 07.26.2022**



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

1220 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, WA 98229

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 29, 2022

Board President Laura Abele called the Regular Session to order at 8:00 a.m.

Attendees: Commissioner Laura Abele General Manager Justin Clary

Commissioner Todd Citron District Engineer/Assistant GM Bill Hunter Commissioner John Carter Finance Manager/Treasurer Jenny Signs

Commissioner Bruce Ford Operations & Maintenance Manager Brent Winters

Commissioner Leslie McRoberts Recording Secretary Rachael Hope

Also in attendance were:

• Catherine Moore, Carmichael Clark

- Nilo Camden & Jenny England, public
- Tim Holland, public
- Carol Holland, public

- Carolyn Taylor, public
- Deena Lowe-Davidson, public
- Alvin Hill, public
- Two observation only attendees

All attendees participated remotely by phone or video conferencing.

Roll Call

General Manager Justin Clary performed a roll call to identify those in attendance, and then verbally confirmed that the meeting was noticed in accordance with Resolution No. 859 allowing remote meeting attendance, as well as in compliance with current statutory requirements. It was confirmed that all participants were able to be heard and hear each other clearly.

Additions & Changes to Agenda

Clary stated that Commissioner McRoberts requested time after the second public comment period, item 10, to make a statement. The Board agreed.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Citron moved, Ford seconded, approval of:

- Minutes for the June 08, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- Payroll for Pay Period #12 (05/28/2022 through 06/10/2022) totaling \$51,807.28
- Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #12 totaling \$55,095.87
- Payroll for Pay Period #13 (06/11/2022 through 06/24/2022) totaling \$52,513.34

- Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #13 totaling \$31,064.47
- Special Check for Missed Hours totaling \$138.71
- Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$185,586.71

Motion passed.

Commissioner Protocol Manual Revision

Clary explained that since its adoption by the Board of Commissioners in 2011, the Commissioner Protocol Manual has undergone two revisions. The manual documents accepted practices and clarifies expectations of the board, both holistically and as individual commissioners.

During its 2022 session, the Washington State Legislature adopted ESHB 1329, revising Chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act. Staff proposed revisions to the Commissioner Protocol Manual to incorporate the requirement for a physical location be provided for the public to observe and participate in public meetings, even if all commissioners are attending via phone/video technology (except when operating under a declared emergency, in which case the agency may require the meeting to be entirely virtual). This revision also incorporated minor clerical changes as well as adding a specification on time limits on public comments during board meetings to three minutes per individual, not to exceed 45 minutes total per public comment period, of which there are two per regular meeting. Discussion followed.

Action Taken

Ford moved, Citron seconded to amend page 27; section 7.05 to clarify that the 45 minute time limit applied to each public comment agenda item; not to the combined total for public comment during one meeting. Motion passed.

Citron moved, McRoberts seconded, to approve the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Commissioner Protocol Manual, as amended. Motion passed.

Biennial Budget Analysis Discussion

Signs explained that Resolution No. 767, adopted by the Board of Commissioners on November 24, 2010, set District policy for the annual development and adoption of budgets. This policy is codified in Section 2.2.1 of the District Administrative Code. Since its implementation, the annual budget process has proven to be an effective means of managing the District's finances. With an effective six-year capital improvement program and forecastable revenues and expenditures, staff recommended conversion to a biennial budget process to help create long-term workload efficiencies. The purpose of this agenda item was to facilitate Board discussion regarding consideration of transition to the biennial budget process. Discussion followed.

General Manager's Report

Clary updated the Board on several topics including a chlorine release during the annual chlorinator switch-out at the Sudden Valley Water Treatment Plant, an upcoming meeting with the City of Bellingham and various consultants regarding the Post Point Water Treatment Plant Resource Recovery Project, and a refund of some Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) fees from 2021 the District will receive as a benefit of participation in the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts performance pool retro program. Discussion followed.

Engineering Department Report

Hunter highlighted several ongoing projects, including the Division 7 Reservoir Replacement Project and an upcoming community information meeting on July 12 and progress on the Rocky Ridge & Lakewood Sewer Pump Stations project. Discussion followed.

Finance Department Report

Signs reported that water fund revenues are exceeding projections, expenditures are under budget by 10% with the last of the capital projects for 2022 still to begin, as well as giving a short update on the District's investments.

Operations & Maintenance Department Report

Winters gave a report on field crew operations, including new pumps at the North Point Pump Station, Cartegraph asset management system training, and an increase in development activity in Sudden Valley. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Commissioner Abele opened the public comment period, limiting individual comments to 3 minutes. Public comment was received from District constituents Deena Lowe-Davidson, Lauri Hill, Carolyn Taylor, Nilo Camden, Tim Holland, Carol Holland, and Deborah DeWees regarding the Dish Wireless cell tower lease.

General Manager Justin Clary shared a brief update on the status of the District's potential lease with Dish Wireless.

Commissioner Resignation

Commissioner McRoberts tendered her resignation from the Board of Commissioners effective immediately, as she is relocating outside the District and will no longer be eligible to serve. President Abele expressed gratitude to Commissioner McRoberts for her service and leadership during her multiple years of service.

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii): Legal Risks/Potential Litigation – 30 Minutes

Abele recessed the Regular Session to Executive Session at 9:31 a.m. It was estimated that the Executive Session would take 30 minutes. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss matters related to litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Abele recessed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.

With no further business, Abele adjourned the Regular Session at 10:01 a.m.

Board President, Laura Abele

Attest: _____
Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope

Minutes approved by motion at ___ Regular ___ Special Board Meeting on ______

Date Minutes Approved



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

1220 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, WA 98229

REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

July 13, 2022

Board President Laura Abele called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Commissioner Laura Abele General Manager Justin Clary

Commissioner Todd Citron District Engineer/Assistant GM Bill Hunter Commissioner John Carter Finance Manager/Treasurer Jenny Signs Commissioner Bruce Ford Operations Manager Brent Winters

Recording Secretary Rachael Hope

Also in attendance were Curt Schoenfelder & Brian Smith of Wilson Engineering, Dan Burwell of RH2 Engineering, Catherine Moore of Carmichael Clark, and the following members of the public:

Mike Belisle

Lori Hill

Dianne Foster

Deborah DeWees

Tim Holland

Olga Mellor

• Leslie Shankman

Melanie Whitley

Steven Kersey

Carol Holland

Hannah

• Erik Herron

Stella

Breck Ketchum

Carolyn Taylor

Nicole Staron

Gerri Rea

• Nilo Camden

Emily Prestbo

All attendees participated remotely by phone or video conferencing.

Roll Call

General Manager Justin Clary performed a roll call to identify those in attendance, and then verbally confirmed that the meeting was noticed in accordance with Resolution No. 859 allowing remote meeting attendance, as well as in compliance with current statutory requirements. It was confirmed that all participants were able to be heard and hear each other clearly.

Public Comment

Commissioner Abele opened the public comment period, explaining that commenters would be given 3 minutes each to comment, with a maximum of 45 minutes total. Comment was given by Lori Hill, Leslie Shankman, Steven Kersey, Breck Ketchum, Carolyn Taylor, Dianne Foster, Melanie Whitley, Deborah DeWees, Olga Mellor, Tim Holland, Mike Belisle, Erik Herron, Carol Holland, and Nilo Camden related to the District's lease with Dish Wireless for the construction of a cell tower on District property at 1010 Lakeview Street.

Consent Agenda

Action Taken

Citron moved, Ford seconded, approval of:

- Payroll for Pay Period #14 (06/25/2022 through 07/08/2022) totaling \$48,594.11
- Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #14 totaling \$54,456.91
- Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$181,769.52

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 884—Establishing a Biennial Budget Adoption Process

Signs recalled that Resolution No. 767, adopted by the Board of Commissioners on November 24, 2010, set District policy for the annual development and adoption of budgets. This policy is codified in Section 2.2.1 of the District Administrative Code. Since its implementation, the annual budget process has proven to be an effective means of managing the District's finances.

During the regular Board meeting on June 29, 2022, staff presented a memo to the Board to highlight some of the pros and cons in making the transition to a biennial budget beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal years of the District. Under the Board's direction, staff developed Resolution No. 884 "Establishing a Biennial Budget Adoption Process" to revise the District's Administrative Code to allow for the transition to a biennial budget adoption process. Discussion followed.

Action Taken

Ford moved, Citron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 884 as presented. Motion passed.

Lakewood Lane Right-of-Way Vacation Petition

Clary explained that following the Board's approval during its regularly scheduled March 9, 2022 meeting, DISH Wireless LLC initiated land use permitting processes with Whatcom County for the construction of a wireless communication facility on District-owned property located at 1010 Lakeview Street.

In its review of DISH's application, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services issued a Notice of Additional Requirements (NOAR), one of the which is associated with the proposed facility location relative to property boundaries. Whatcom County Code (WCC) 20.13.092(6) requires the setback from adjacent property lines for the proposed facility be at least "...a distance equal to the height of the wireless communications support structure..." However, the 135-foot-tall facility is proposed 124-feet from the property line to the east. The NOAR proposed that a possible solution could be to have the District, as the adjoining property owner, pursue formal vacation of the 30-foot half-width of the Lakewood Lane right-of-way.

District staff have visited the Lakewood Lane right-of-way immediately adjacent to the District's property, and concluded that acquiring the additional 30-foot half-width of the existing right-of-way would be of no current value to the District. Additionally, acquiring property with the sole purpose of enabling DISH to lease the District's property could be considered a gift of public funds. For these reasons, the District is likely legally prohibited from pursuing the vacation. Discussion followed, including comments from two members of the public and District Legal Counsel Catherine Moore; and no action was taken.

2022 Lake Whatcom Boulevard Sewer CIPP Project Public Works Contract Close Out

Hunter reported that in the Fall of 2020 Wilson Engineering completed a hydraulic analysis that prioritized segments of gravity pipe along the Lake Whatcom Boulevard Sewer Interceptor for rehabilitation, ranking them from the greatest positive impact to the least impact, on improving hydraulic capacity. The segments are located along Lake Whatcom Boulevard just west of Strawberry Point. This project is the second of a series. For

2022, the scope of work included rehabilitation of 697 feet of 10-inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe, traffic control, and sewage bypass pumping. The District awarded the construction contract to Insta-Pipe, Inc. on March 30, 2022. The contractor completed all work and contract requirements, therefore staff recommended accepting the project as complete and closing out the public works contract.

Action Taken

Citron moved, Ford seconded to accept the 2022 Lake Whatcom Boulevard Sewer CIPP Project public works contract performed by Insta-Pipe, Inc. as complete and authorize staff to close out the public work contract. Motion passed.

Division 7 Reservoir Replacement Project Briefing #2

Hunter provided a brief recap of the project, which replaces the existing 1-million gallon welded-steel Division 7 Reservoir that was constructed in 1970 with two reservoirs that meet current seismic design standards and that are sized for full community build-out. The project also implements an earthquake early warning system (ShakeAlert®) to automatically isolate a portion of the stored volume from rapid depletion due to water main breaks following a major earthquake. The project is located on Camp Firwood property near the top of the hill above Swallow Circle in Sudden Valley.

Hunter introduced Curt Schoenfelder & Brian Smith of Wilson Engineering, who provided a project briefing on predesign and tank sizing efforts completed to date. This included an update on project progress, upcoming milestones, comments collected during the July 12 informational meeting, and recommendation of a reservoir volume size. Discussion followed.

Action Taken

Citron moved, Ford seconded, to proceed with Division 7 Reservoir Replacement project design and permitting that includes two proposed reservoirs totaling 475,800 gallons as presented. Motion passed.

Rocky Ridge and Lakewood Sewer Pump Stations Improvements Project Briefing

Hunter stated that as part of the District's long-term capital improvement plan, the Rocky Ridge and Lakewood Sewer Pump Stations, constructed in the late 1970's, are scheduled for renewal or replacement. Both stations are located on the south shoreline of Lake Whatcom with challenging physical access due to steep slopes and no public or private access roads.

On November 24, 2021 the Board authorized RH2 Engineering to begin Phase 1, Predesign. Phase 1 includes an alternatives analysis intended to facilitate consideration of a broad range of options as well as an initial topographic survey, gathering of pump and electrical information, predesign report, 30% design plans, and Whatcom County shorelines permitting.

Dan Burwell of RH2 Engineering presented the Draft Predesign Report, including analysis of four alternatives. Staff and the consultant recommended either of two alternatives, Alternative #1 or Alternative #2. Alternative #1 is a Smith & Loveless dry prime pump station with an estimated total project cost of \$1.5 million. Alternative #2 is a Gorman Rupp belt driven pump station with an estimated total project cost of \$1.2 million. Discussion followed.

Action Taken

Citron moved, Carter seconded to proceed with the recommended Alternatives #1 and #2, using funds already included in the District's 2022 budget, as presented in the Draft Predesign Report,

which are both top-mounted pump stations by competing manufacturers. The motion passed with Commissioners Abele, Citron, and Carter voting in favor, and Commissioner Ford voting against.

General Manager's Report

Clary updated the Board on several topics, including progress on the City of Bellingham's Post Point Resource Recovery project, District customers utilizing the Whatcom Water Alliance rebate program, and the vacant Commissioner #4 position.

Public Comment

Comment was given by Tim Holland related to the District's lease with Dish Wireless for the construction of a cell tower on District property at 1010 Lakeview Street.

With no further business, Abele adjourned the Regular Session 9:50 p.m. Board President, Laura Abele Attest: Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope		
Board President, Laura Abele		
Attest:		
Recording Secretary, Rachael Hope		
Minutes approved by motion at Regular Special Board Meeting on		
	Date Minutes Approved	



AGENDA BILL Item 7.A

Preliminary General Facilities Charges Analysis Presentation

DATE SUBMITTED:	July 18, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022	-			
TO: BOARD OF COMM	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM: Jennifer Signs, Finance Manager						
GENERAL MANAGER A	PPROVAL	Satolaly					
ATTACHED DOCUMEN	TS	FCS Group Ge Presentation	neral Facilities Ch	arges			
TYPE OF ACTION REQU	ESTED	RESOLUTION	FORMAL ACTION/ MOTION	INFORMATIONAL /OTHER			

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

Under Revised Code of Washington 57.08.005 (11), the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District may fix rates and charges to property owners seeking to connect to the District's water and sewer systems using reasonable connection charges so that property owners bear their equitable share of the cost of the system. For purposes of calculating a connection charge, the Board determines the share of the cost of existing facilities and facilities planned for expansion over the next ten years.

While the District has some flexibility to define an equitable share of system costs, it is important that the District follows a rational approach to consistently implement cost-based General Facilities Charges (GFCs). The most recent review of District GFCs was conducted in 2017, with an annual escalation of 2.5% applied to each (water and sewer) GFC since. Recognizing that much has changed in regards to the water and sewer capital improvement programs over the past five years, the Board authorized within the 2022 Budget funding to review the District's GFCs. FCS Group is assisting the District in reviewing the current GFC rates to determine what the fair and equitable share of those costs should be, and to make recommendations to the Board for GFC rate revisions in subsequent years.

Similar to prior studies, the District has developed a long-range financial forecast that will ensure GFCs recover a proportionate share of the cost of existing and future system assets from new customers as growth occurs. By not updating GFCs, growth doesn't fully pay its equitable share of costs and shifts a portion of those costs to existing rate payers. FCS Group will provide a presentation on their findings for the Board's discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact will be dependent upon what the Board sets each GFC at and when they are effective.

APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT ATTRIBUTE(S)

Financial Viability

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

No action is recommended at this time.

PROPOSED MOTION

Not applicable.



General Facilities Charges (GFCs) Study Results

















Introduction

Current GFCs

State RCW*

Methodology & Results

Implementation



Treatment Plant Panorama

Introduction

Study goal: Update general facilities charges (GFCs) for water and sewer

GFCs recover a proportionate share of the cost of existing and future system assets from new customers, as growth occurs

Current GFCs in 2022

Meter Size	Meter Ratio	Water	Sewer	Total
5/8 x 3/4 Inch	1	\$6,337.58	\$8,528.00	\$14,865.58
1 Inch	2	\$12,676.18	\$17,056.00	\$29,732.18
1.5 Inch	5	\$31,689.93	\$42,641.03	\$74,330.96
2 Inch	8	\$50,703.68	\$68,226.05	\$118,929.73
3 Inch Compound	22	\$139,435.88	\$187,620.10	\$327,055.98
4 Inch Compound	29	\$185,894.00	\$250,131.78	\$436,025.78



Characteristics of GFCs

One-time charges, not ongoing rates

Provide revenue for capital as growth occurs

Include future & existing infrastructure costs



Must be consistent with RCW 57.08.005

Recover proportionate share of cost of capacity from growth

For capital only, in both calculation and in use

Redevelopment charged for additional demand only



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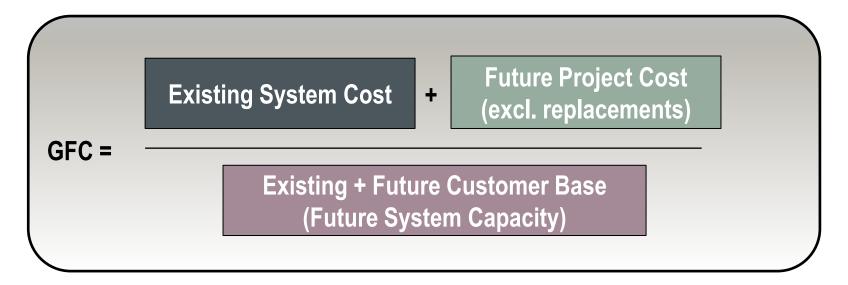
Washington State Legislature

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 57.08.005 (11)

(11) Subject to subsection (7) of this section, to fix rates and charges for water, sewer, reclaimed water, and drain service supplied and to charge property owners seeking to connect to the district's systems, as a condition to granting the right to so connect, in addition to the cost of the connection, such reasonable connection charge as the board of commissioners shall determine to be proper in order that those property owners shall bear their equitable share of the cost of the system. For the purposes of calculating a connection charge, the board of commissioners shall determine the pro rata share of the cost of existing facilities and facilities planned for construction within the next ten years and contained in an adopted comprehensive plan and other costs borne by the district which are directly attributable to the improvements required by property owners seeking to connect to the system. The cost of existing facilities shall not include those portions of the system which have been donated or which have been paid for by grants. The connection charge may include interest charges applied from the date of construction of the system until the connection, or for a period **not to** exceed ten years, whichever is shorter, at a rate commensurate with the rate of interest applicable to the district at the time of construction or major rehabilitation of the system, or at the time of installation of the lines to which the property owner is seeking to connect. ...

- ✓ Equitable share
- ✓ Existing facilities
- Future facilities (must be in adopted plan)
- ✓ Up to 10 years of future facilities
- Exclude grant funded or donated facilities
- ✓ Can include up to 10 years of interest

District's GFC Methodology



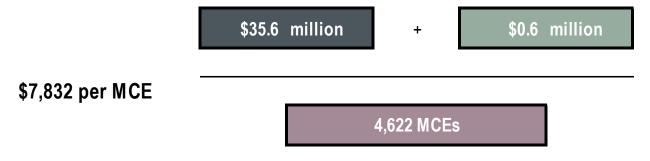
- Used in our 2017 GFC Update
- Updated calculations represent maximum defensible charge
 - » District can adopt a lower charge but cannot exceed it
- Future Project Cost component excludes projects which replace existing infrastructure due to wear and tear over time and do not increase system capacity and are not upgrades

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MCE = meter capacity equivalent

Water utility



Sewer utility



Water Charge: Implementation

- Despite having an updated charge for 2022 (\$7,832), we recommend delaying implementation until January 1, 2023
 - » At that time, charge would be \$8,028
- District can increase calculated charge with ENR CCI inflation
 - » 2.5% per year is a conservative assumption (5-year actual is 4%)
- Three Options: No Phase-in, Three-Year Phase-in, and Five-Year Phase-in

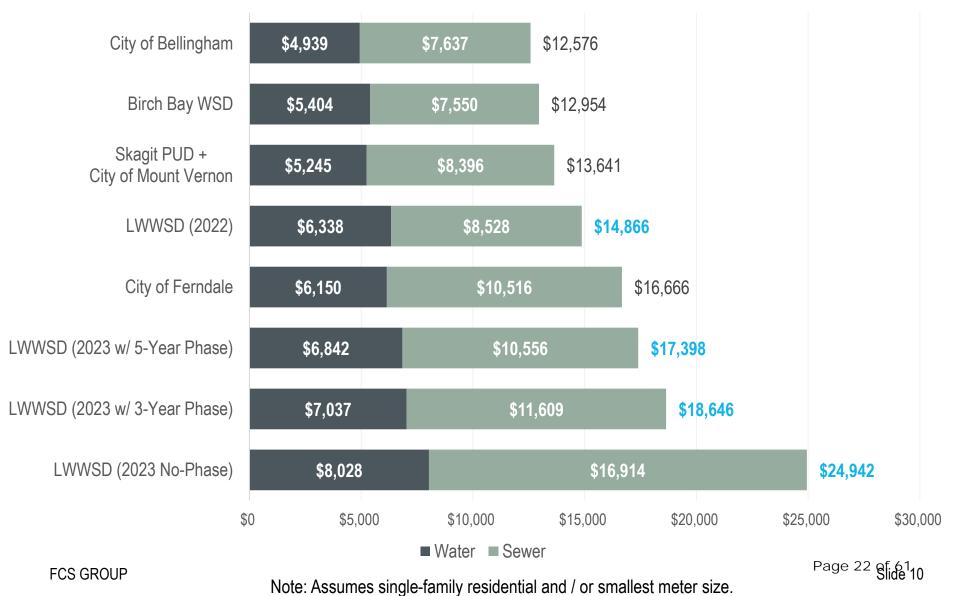
Water Utility	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Charges shown per MCE						
Charges shown per MCE						
Existing Charge	\$6,338					
Calculated Charge	\$7,832					
ENR Construction Cost Index		2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
No-Phase		\$8,028	\$8,229	\$8,435	\$8,646	\$8,862
Three-Year Phase		\$7,037	\$7,736	\$8,435	\$8,646	\$8,862
Five-Year Phase		\$6,842	\$7,347	\$7,852	\$8,357	\$8,862

Sewer Charge: Implementation

- Despite having an updated charge for 2022 (\$16,501), we recommend delaying implementation until January 1, 2023
 - » At that time, charge would be \$16,914
- District can increase calculated charge with ENR CCI inflation
 - » 2.5% per year is a conservative assumption (5-year actual is 3.2%)
- Three Options: No Phase-in, Three-Year Phase-in, and Five-Year Phase-in

Sewer Utility	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Charges shown per MCE						
Existing Charge	\$8,528					
Calculated Charge	\$16,501					
ENR Construction Cost Index		2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
No-Phase		\$16,914	\$17,337	\$17,770	\$18,214	\$18,670
Three-Year Phase		\$11,609	\$14,689	\$17,770	\$18,214	\$18,670
Five-Year Phase		\$10,556	\$12,585	\$14,613	\$16,641	\$18,670





The Case for GFCs

- Without GFCs...
 - » Current rate payers bear 100% of cost
 - » Revenue from rates becomes ever more important to fund projects
- By not increasing GFCs...
 - » Growth does not pay its equitable share of costs
 - » Shifts portion of costs to existing rate payers
 - » Diverges from District's financial policy of growth paying for its fair share
- Non-District sources (e.g., grants) are declining and insufficient to reliably meet District needs

District GFC Policies

2.3 Capital Improvement Plan Policy

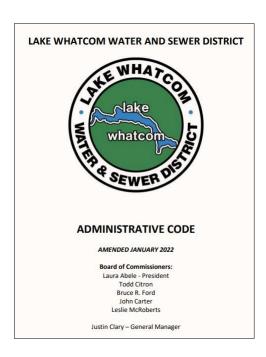
» (8) New private community development including residential and commercial projects shall pay for its fair share of the capital improvements that are necessary to serve the development in the form of general facilities charges (GFCs).

3.1.11 Connection Charge

» ...The Connection Charge shall be determined by resolution of the Board and collected as provided in Section 3.5.2.

3.5.2 Connection Charges

» (a) Property owners seeking to connect serviceable properties to the District's water and/or sewer system will be charged a connection fee at the time of issuance of a connection permit so that they will bear an equitable share of the cost of the existing system and the cost of the facilities planned for construction within the next ten years. Connection charges shall be in accordance with the District's current Master Fees and Charges Schedule.



Next Steps

Board direction requested

GFC Schedule for 5/8 x 3/4 Meters	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
1. Continue with 2.5% Annual Incr	eases					
Water	\$6,338	\$6,496	\$6,658	\$6,825	\$6,996	\$7,170
Sewer	<u>\$8,528</u>	<u>\$8,741</u>	<u>\$8,960</u>	\$9,184	\$9,413	<u>\$9,649</u>
Total	\$14,866	\$15,237	\$15,618	\$16,009	\$16,409	\$16,819
	Annual Change	\$372	\$381	\$390	\$400	\$410
2. No Phase-In						
Water	\$6,338	\$8,028	\$8,229	\$8,435	\$8,646	\$8,862
Sewer	\$8,528	\$16,914	\$17,337	\$17,770	\$18,214	\$18,670
Total	\$14,866	\$24,942	\$25,566	\$26,205	\$26,860	\$27,531
	Annual Change	\$10,076	\$624	\$639	\$655	\$671
3. Three-Year Phase-In						
Water	\$6,338	\$7,037	\$7,736	\$8,435	\$8,646	\$8,862
Sewer	<u>\$8,528</u>	\$11,609	\$14,689	\$17,770	<u>\$18,214</u>	\$18,670
Total	\$14,866	\$18,645	\$22,425	\$26,205	\$26,860	\$27,531
	Annual Change	\$3,780	\$3,780	\$3,780	\$655	\$671
4. Five-Year Phase-In						
Water	\$6,338	\$6,842	\$7,347	\$7,852	\$8,357	\$8,862
Sewer	\$8,528	\$10,556	<u>\$12,585</u>	\$14,613	\$16,641	\$18,670
Total	\$14,866	\$17,399	\$19,932	\$22,465	\$24,998	\$27,531
	Annual Change	\$2,533	\$2,533	\$2,533	\$2,533	\$2,533 Page

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Appendix

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Current Water Utility GFCs

Item Descrip	tion	Fee/Charge	Reference								
Water General Facilities & Installation											
* Installation fees marked with an * vary by project, please see District Engineer with questions.											
	Meter Size	Connection Fee	Installation								
Effective	5/8 x 3/4 Inch 1 Inch	\$6,337.58 \$12,676.18	\$2,000.00	Resolution 879							
January 1,	1.5 Inch	\$31,689.93	*								
2022	2 Inch	\$50,703.68	*								
	3 Inch Compound	\$139,435.88	*								
	4 Inch Compound	\$185,894.00	*								

Current Sewer Utility GFCs

Item Descript	tion		Fee/Charge	Reference
Sewer Genera	al Facilities			
	Meter Size	Connection Fee	Installation	
	5/8 x 3/4 Inch	\$8,528.00		
Effective	1 Inch	\$17,056.00	Dana by awnor's	
January 1,	1.5 Inch	\$42,641.03	Done by owner's bonded side	Resolution 879
2022	2 Inch	\$68,226.05	sewer contractor	
	3 Inch Compound	\$187,620.10	Sewer contractor	
	4 Inch Compound	\$250,131.78		

Existing System Cost

Utility plant-in-service

- » Based on each utility's fixed asset schedule
- » Estimated original cost (not replacement cost)

Plus: Construction work in progress

» Capital projects currently underway but not yet completed

Less: Contributed assets

- » GFC should only recover costs actually incurred by the District
- » Excludes developer / grant funded assets

Less: Net debt principal outstanding

» New customers will bear a proportionate share of annual debt service through ongoing utility service rates

Plus: Interest on utility-funded assets

» RCW and subsequent legal interpretations provide a guideline for GFCs which suggests that such charges can include interest on an asset at the rate applicable during the time of construction

Future Project Cost

A maximum of 10-years of capital projects

- » Must be included in an adopted comprehensive plan
- » Today's dollars; not escalated

Projects include

- » Upgrades: Broadly benefit both existing and future customers.
 - Examples: a new operations facility, improving system security, or projects that address new regulations.
- » Expansions: Primarily increase system capacity / serve additional customers.
 - Examples: main extensions, conservation programs, treatment plant expansions, pipe upsizing projects, etc.

Projects excluded

- » Repair & replacement (R&R) projects: Replace existing infrastructure due to wear and tear over time (do not increase system capacity / not upgrades).
 - Excluded from GFC, assumed to be repairing or replacing fixed assets that are already accounted for within the existing system cost.



Existing + Future Customer Base (Future System Capacity)

- How many customer equivalents can the system serve, once the ten-year capital plan has been fully executed?
 - » District comprehensive plans note capacities at certain years and / or buildout
 - » Capacities noted in equivalent residential units (ERUs)
- District administers GFCs based on meter size
 - » Need to convert ERUs to meter capacity equivalents (MCEs)
 - Both are ways to calculate residential equivalents
 - » One MCE is slightly less than one ERU

		Meter Capacity
	Meter Size	Ratio
	5/8 x 3/4 Inch	1
Meter	1 Inch	2
Information	1.5 Inch	5
	2 Inch	8
	3 Inch Compound	22
	4 Inch Compound	29

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AGENDA BILL Item 7.B

Appointment of Board Representative to the Lake Whatcom Management Program Policy Group

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DATE SUBMITTED:	July 18, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022	-			
TO: BOARD OF COMM	IISSIONERS	FROM: Justin Clary, General Manager					
GENERAL MANAGER A	APPROVAL	Sotollar					
ATTACHED DOCUMEN	ITS	1. None					
TYPE OF ACTION REQU	JESTED	RESOLUTION	FORMAL ACTION/ MOTION	INFORMATIONAL /OTHER			

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

The Board annually appoints a representative to serve on the Lake Whatcom Management Program Policy Group. During its January 12 meeting, the Board appointed Commissioner McRoberts to represent the District for 2022. However, with Commissioner McRoberts's recent resignation, the Board needs to appoint a new representative for the remaining two Policy Group meetings in 2022 (3:00-5:00 p.m. on September 7 and December 7).

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT ATTRIBUTE(S)

Community Sustainability
Water Resource Sustainability
Stakeholder Understanding and Support

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board appoint a representative from amongst its membership to serve on the Lake Whatcom Management Program Policy Group.

PROPOSED MOTION

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"I move to appoint Commissioner _____ to serve as the District's representative on the Lake Whatcom Management Program Policy Group for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year."

AGENDA BILL Item 9.A		General Manager's Report			
DATE SUBMITTED:	July 21, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022		
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		FROM: Justin Clary, General Manager			
GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL		Sotolay			
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS		 General Manager's Report Quarter 2 Goal Performance Status 			
TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED		RESOLUTION	FORMAL ACTION/ MOTION	INFORMATIONAL /OTHER	

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

Updated information from the General Manager in advance of the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

None required.

PROPOSED MOTION

None.



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

General Manager's Report

Upcoming Dates & Announcements

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District						
Regular Board Meeting	Wed Aug 10, 2022	6:30 p.m.	Remote Attendance			
Employee Staff Meeting	Thu Aug 11, 2022	8:00 a.m.	Remote Attendance			
Employee Staff Weeting			Commissioner Ford to attend			
Investment Comm. Meeting	Wed Jul 27, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Remote Attendance			
Safety Committee Meeting	Thu July 28, 2022	8:00 a.m.	Remote Attendance			
Lake Whatcom Management Program						
Policy Group Meeting	Wed Sep 7, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Remote Attendance			
Joint Councils Meeting	March 2023	TBD	TBD			
Other Meetings						
WASWD Section III Meeting	Tue Aug 9, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Bob's Burgers, 8822 Quil Ceda			
WASWD Section in Meeting			Pkwy, Tulalip, WA			
Whatcom Water Districts	Wed Aug 17, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Remote Attendance			
Caucus Meeting	Wed Aug 17, 2022		Remote Attenuance			
Whatcom County Council of	Wed Oct 12, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Remote Attendance			
Governments Board Meeting	WEG OCT 12, 2022					

Committee Meeting Reports

Safety Committee:

➤ No committee meeting has been held since last board meeting.

Investment Committee:

No committee meeting has been held since last board meeting.

Upcoming Board Meeting Topics

- Division 30 Booster/Sudden Valley Lift Station PLC Improvement task order authorization
- Utility bill payment period revision
- ➤ Glen Cove Water Association consolidation consideration
- ➤ DISH Wireless proposed cell tower public hearing/resolution consideration
- ➤ 2023-24 biennial budget development

2022 Initiatives Status

Administration and Operations

Capital Improvement Project Financing Plan

➤ Develop a financial plan that proactively prepares the District for significant capital projects on the near-term horizon while maintaining Board-defined operational levels-of-service.

The board adopted an updated rate structure in 2021 and a review of general facilities charges is underway, both of which incorporate anticipated CIP costs over the next decade. Related efforts include meeting with Cathi Read of the state Department of Commerce's Small Communities Initiative to discuss funding strategies, applications for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants for the Sudden Valley WTP chlorine contact basin replacement, and seismic improvements to reservoirs and the SVWTP booster building; and ongoing dialogue with the city of Bellingham regarding financing the Post Point WWTP resource recovery project.

General Facilities Charges Review

Conduct a review of District water and sewer general facilities (connection) charges (GFCs) to ensure appropriate fees are being assessed to new development.
Project kick-off presentation was provided during the April 27 board meeting and a presentation on the analysis will be provided during the July 27 meeting.

Records Management System Overhaul

Complete transition of the District's current records management system to a more robust system that ensures compliance with statutory requirements and gains efficiencies in document management.

District staff are evaluating the three records management software systems available under the State contract and are on track to proceed with procurement by yearend.

Safety Program Update

Continue systematic review and revision of District's safety programs by updating nine programs in 2022.

The safety committee has finalized updates to six programs (PPE, safety responsibilities, slips, trips and falls, heat-related illness, wildfire smoke, and respiratory protection) and is currently reviewing the back injury prevention program.

Capital Improvement Program Support

> Support the Engineering Department through management of specific capital improvement project(s).

The general manger is managing the Eagleridge Water Booster Station Conversion (District Project No. C2011) and Division 30 Reservoir Hazardous Tree Removal (District Project No. M2226) projects, and completed the Commissioner Boundary update (District Project No. A2116).

Emergency Response/System Security

Emergency Readiness

Re-engage with Whatcom County Department of Emergency Management to hold tabletop emergency response exercises, as well as a field exercise (pandemic-dependent). District held a tabletop exercise May 25 at the Whatcom County Division of Emergency Management facility—topic was cybersecurity awareness. Whatcom Conservation District staff conducted facility audits (SVWTP, Division 30 reservoir, Beaver sewer lift station) on May 16 regarding wildfire resilience preparedness. Recommendations are being applied to those facilities, and lessons learned will be applied to other District facilities.

Cybersecurity Assessment

Hire an IT-service provider to perform a third-party assessment of the District's vulnerability to cybercriminal attack.
To be initiated.

Community/Public Relations

General

- Website
 - The District's web content is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.
- Social Media
 - Posts are made to District Facebook and LinkedIn pages regularly; Nextdoor is regularly monitored for District-related posts.
- Press Releases

Press releases were issued on March 2 (commissioner redistricting public hearing), March 21 (sewage overflow at North Point lift station), and June 29 (Commissioner McRoberts resignation).

Intergovernmental Relations

➤ J Clary, B Hunter, J Carter and B Ford attended a District-City of Bellingham meeting regarding the Post Point resource recovery project on July 20.

Lake Whatcom Water Quality

Lake Whatcom Management Program

Participate in meetings of Lake Whatcom Management Program partners.
J Clary attended the data group meeting on July 14 and the interjurisdictional coordinating team meeting on July 21.

Onsite Septic System Conversion Program

Pursue connection of the one remaining septic-served parcel located within 200 feet of District sewer system identified in the memorandum to the Board dated April 9, 2020.
To be initiated.

xecu	utive Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
1.	Facilitate achievement of annually establish Board inititatives								
	Workload Indicators			_					
	- Meetings with management team to attain Board initiatives	27							
	- Reporting on the status of completion of Board initiatives	12							
	- Annual number of Board initiatives	13							
	- Annual number of Board meetings/work sessions held	14							
	Performance Measures								
	- Completion of initiatives within Board/staff agreed timelines	ongoing							
2.	Biennial EUM self-assessment and update to strategic plan								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Draft departmental strategic plans by June 30 of even-numbered years								
	- Financial forecast updated biennially (even-numbered years)								
	- Balanced budget presented to the Board annually	Fall 2022							
	Performance Measures								
	- Complete strategic plan and financial forecast by Sep 1 (even-numbered years)								
3.	Pursue implementation of performance management throughout operations								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Review literature associated with potential approaches								
	- Meet with applicable vendors/consultants representing potential approaches								
	- Departmental operational reviews to identify optimization opportunities								
	Performance Measures			•					
	- Number of performance management approaches analyzed								
	- Number of meetings with vendors/consultants								
	- Budgetary allocation supporting implementation of performance management								
	- Implementation of performance management approach								
4.	Overhaul records management system								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Review literature associated with potential approaches	complete							
	- Meet with applicable vendors/consultants representing potential approaches	no							

Exec	utive Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
	- Departmental operational reviews to identify optimization opportunities	no							
	Performance Measures	•		•	•				
	- Number of records management committee meetings held	0							
	- Number of presentations to Board on topic	1							
	- Budgetary allocation supporting acquisition of new system/software	\$5,000							
	- Implementation of new system	2023							
5.	Expand intergovernmental relations program								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Participation in LWMP data group, ICT, policy group, and joint councils meetings	yes							
	- Participation in WWA, WUCC, COG, and Whatcom Water Districts meetings	yes							
	- Participation in WASWD and WSRMP meetings	yes							
	- Meet with City, County, SVCA, and SWFA staff	yes							
	- Attendance of WASWD and IACC conferences	no							
	- Presentation at SVCA board meetings	no							
	Performance Measures								
	- Annual budgetary allocation supporting organization memberships	complete							
	- Number of LWMP meetings attended	18							
	- Number of WWA, WUCC, COG, and Whatcom Water Districts meetings attended	10							
	- Number of meetings with City, County, SVCA, and SWFA staff	6							
	- Number of conferences attended	1							
	- Number of presentations to SVCA board	0							
6.	Expand public relations program								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Update of District website								
	- Issuance of press releases and Facebook posts on a regular basis	yes							
	- Active participation in community events	yes							
	Performance Measures								
	- Completion of website udpated by December 31, 2025								
	- Completion of Board discussion on District rebranding								
	- Number of Facebook likes/followers	153/168							

Execu	Executive Department Goals		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	- Number of press releases issued	3					
	- Number of Facebook posts	21					
	- Number of community events participated in	3					

nce Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026	202				
Commit to excellence to improve performance standards and enhance professional growth and devale	nmont									
Commit to excellence to improve performance standards and enhance professional growth and development Workload Indicators										
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- Meet with each department member and perform SWOTs within their positions	3									
- Review each job description within department on a regular basis and seek opportunities for cross-training	yes					l				
- Identify professional trainings and webinars that align with job duties for each employee	In progress									
- Work with Board to develop Public Financial Professionals Appreciation Week	no									
- Issue weekly updates to staff addressing policies, procedures, events and ongoing projects	23									
- Increase number of finance staff meetings	9									
Performance Measures				•						
- Complete comprehensive SWOT analysis	In progress									
- Implement strategies identifed through completion of analysis	In progress									
- Number of trainings and webinars attended by staff	5									
- Implementation of cross-training and development tracking system	In progress									
- Adoption of Public Finance Professionals Appreciation Week	no									
- Number of weekly updates issued by Finance Manager	23									
- Number of staff meetings and engagement activities	4									
Improve financial sustainability and forecasting	'									
Workload Indicators										
- Work sessions to develop biennial budget process	3									
- Development and routine evaluation of forecasting model	In progress									
- Routine evaluation of financial policies	In progress									
- Routine evaluation of investments	yes									
- Number of financial webinars, seminars, and conferences attended	8									
Performance Measures	_,									
- Transition to a biennial budget	In progress									
- Overhead and personnel costs align with sustainable rate revenue by increasing proportionately to rate increase										
Tato moreage	yes									

inan	ce Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
	- Forecasting model is utiilized on a regular basis for "what if" situations, budgeting, and forecasting	In progress							
	- Financial policies are kept current and practiced to align with current industry best practices and standards	yes							
	- Investment revenue increases	yes							
	- Financials and financial policies comply with State Auditor's Office	yes							
3.	Develop and implement a supplemental utility customer assistance program								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Meet with state and local agencies to develop program and seek funding for program	In progress							
	- Meet with applicable vendors/consultants representing potential approaches	In progress							
	- Meet with GM and hold work sessions with Board to develop and adopt program	no							
	Performance Measures								
	- Number of meeting with state and local agencies	3							
	- Number of meetings with GM	2							
	- Number of work sessions with the Board	0							
	- Implementation of program	no							
4.	Maximize and utilize technology to improve workflow								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Meet with service providers to better understand the capabilities of Springbrook	In progress							
	- Meet with service providers to investigate potential transition to a different financial management								
	system	Done							
	- Develop cost-benefit analysis of Springbrook vs. other system	no							
	- Analyze systems' ability to accommodate growth needs, workflow improvement, and reporting	no							
	- Increase staff and management trainings	2							
	Performance Measures								
	- Implementation of alternative system or more detailed use of Springbrook	1							
	- Implementation of document management software	no							
	- Number of staff and management trainings held and increased by use of software	2							

Engir	neering Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026					
1.	Enhance oversign, management, maintenance, and resiliency of business information, infrastructure SCADA, and cybersecurity systems										
	Workload Indicators										
	- Number of IT consultant support tickets generated	80									
	- Number of IT consultant computer engineer support hours billed	78.5									
	- Number of SCADA on-call support consultant hours billed	21.7									
	- Number of SCADA, telemetry, electrical engineer consultant hours billed	0									
	- Number of physical/virtual servers	2/11									
	- Number of terabytes of backup storage utilized	4.97									
	- Number of managed on-premise business applications	5									
	- Number of telemetry communication and control systems issues reported	6									
	Performance Measures										
	- Develop tracking methods to collect workload indicator numbers over time	Complete									
	- Develop internal tech memo analyizing job description functions	In Progress									
	- Fund new position										
2.	Improve water/sewer permitting process and status lookups for application, issuance, is	Improve water/sewer permitting process and status lookups for application, issuance, inspection, and completion									
	Workload Indicators										
	- Number of water/sewer permits processed annually	11									
	- Est. number of permitting-related email exchanges/telephone calls received	94									
	- Number of locations (electronic/paper) permitting info is entered/tracked	8									
	Performance Measures										
	- Explore/research systems and develop implementation costs	In Progress									
	- Develop tech memo to document various options, labor efficiency gains	In Progress									
	- Program implementation										
3.	Increase field inspection/condition grading of assets; improve accuracy of asset locations documented in GIS										
	Workload Indicators										
	- Number of assets field located by GPS	In Progress									
	- Numbmer of assets inspected and assigned condition rating	In Progress									
	- Number of asset locations updated in GIS	In Progress									

ineering Department Goals		2023	2024	2025	2026
- Number of assets in Cartegraph with active Overall Condition Index decay curves	In Progress				
Performance Measures		,			
- Develop tech memo to est. labor available if other resources allocated to land development	no				
- Revise administrative staff job descriptions	no				
- Hire temporary GIS/engineering intern to assist with field inspection/GPS	None in 2022				

er	ations Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
1.	Ensure continuity of potable water production that meets or exceeds regulatory requirements								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Number of routine water system reports submitted to agencies	30							
	- Number of permit-required water treatment plant samples collected/analyzed	13							
	- Number of permit-required water distribution system samples collected/analyzed	838							
	- Number of hours performing equipment calibration and maintenance	384							
	- Number of hours inventorying and preparing treatment chemicals	39							
	Performance Measures								
	- Meet all Department of Health water quality requirements	yes							
	- Annual receipt of Treatment Optimization Program (TOP) award	pending							
	- Annual issuance of Consumer Confidence Reports by state deadline	yes							
	- Number of annual water quality customer complaints received	1							
	- Operating Permit is color green	yes							
2.	Sustain, and as applicable enhance, utility efficiency and resiliency through proactive maintenance of electrical systems and SCADA instrumentation								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Scheduled inspections of electrical cabinets, components and assoc. equipment	4							
	- Scheduled repair of electrical cabinents, components and assoc. equipment	9							
	- SCADA hardware/software installation and maintenance	5							
	- Execution of annual contract for generator inspection/maintenance	pending							
	Performance Measures	•		•	•		•		
	- Number of inspections per year	4							
	- Number of repairs per year	9							
	- Number of generators inspected/maintained per year	pending							
3.	Ensure the effective and reliable collections and conveyance of sewage out of the w	atershed throug	gh routine i	nspection and	d prevent. ma	intenance	•		
	Workload Indicators		<u>-</u>		•				
	- Weekly inspection of sewer lift stations	378							
	- Annual inspection/mainteance of submersible pumps	28							
	I- Annual inspection/mainteance of submersible pumps								
	- Annual inspection/maintenance of Smith & Loveless priming components	12							

Operat	ions Department Goals	2022 YTD	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
	- Labor hours exxpended televisign/inspecting and cleaning sewer mains	189							
	- Manholes inspection	66							
	- Labor hours expended to clean/inspect air relief valves	50							
	Performance Measures			•					
[- Number of sewer system overflows per year	1							
	- Number of lift station true fail alarms per year	TBD							
	- Trend of reducing annual lift station energy costs (increased efficiencies)	TBD							
	- Trend of reducing costs associated with pump repairs	290,135							
	- Miles of sewer main televised/inspected per year	4.34							
	- Miles of sewer main cleaned per year	0.71							
	- Downward trend of volume of I&I conveyed to City of Bellingham	TBD							
4.	Ensure the maximum operable life of District water infrastructure								
	Workload Indicators								
	- Annual exercise of water valves	no							
	- Annual water main/hydrant flushing	131							
	- Annual pressure reducing valve inspection/repair	5							
	- Pressure reducing valve rebuilds	0							
Į.	- Reservoir inspection	11							
	Performance Measures								
	- Number of valves requiring replacement per year	0							
	- Number of distribution system water quality violations per year	0							
	- Levels of disinfection byproducts monitored	pending							
	- Number of customer complaints regarding water pressure per year	1							
	- Miles of water main flushed per year	20.60							
	- Number of reservoir inspections conducted per year	11							
5.	Maintain level-of-service expectations relative to development services								
	- Water/sewer connection inquiries processed	17							
	- Water/sewer connection permits issued	9							
	- Pre-construction meetings attended	7							
	- Inspections conducted	15							

erations Department Goals		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
- New water service installations	5					
Performance Measures						,
- Number of permits issued within 5 working days per year	9					
- Number of inspections completed per year	21					
- Number of water connections made within 10 working days of request per year	5					



AGENDA BILL Item 9.B

Engineering Department Report

DATE SUBMITTED:	July 21, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022	•				
TO: BOARD OF COMMI	SSIONERS	FROM: Bill Hunter, District Engineer						
GENERAL MANAGER AI	PPROVAL	Sixtolley						
ATTACHED DOCUMENT	rc	1. Engineering D	epartment Repor	t				
ATTACHED DOCUMENT	15	2. Summary of District Projects						
TVDE OF ACTION DECI-		RESOLUTION	FORMAL ACTION/	INFORMATIONAL				
TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED			MOTION	/OTHER ⊠				

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

Updated information regarding District projects and current priorities in advance of the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

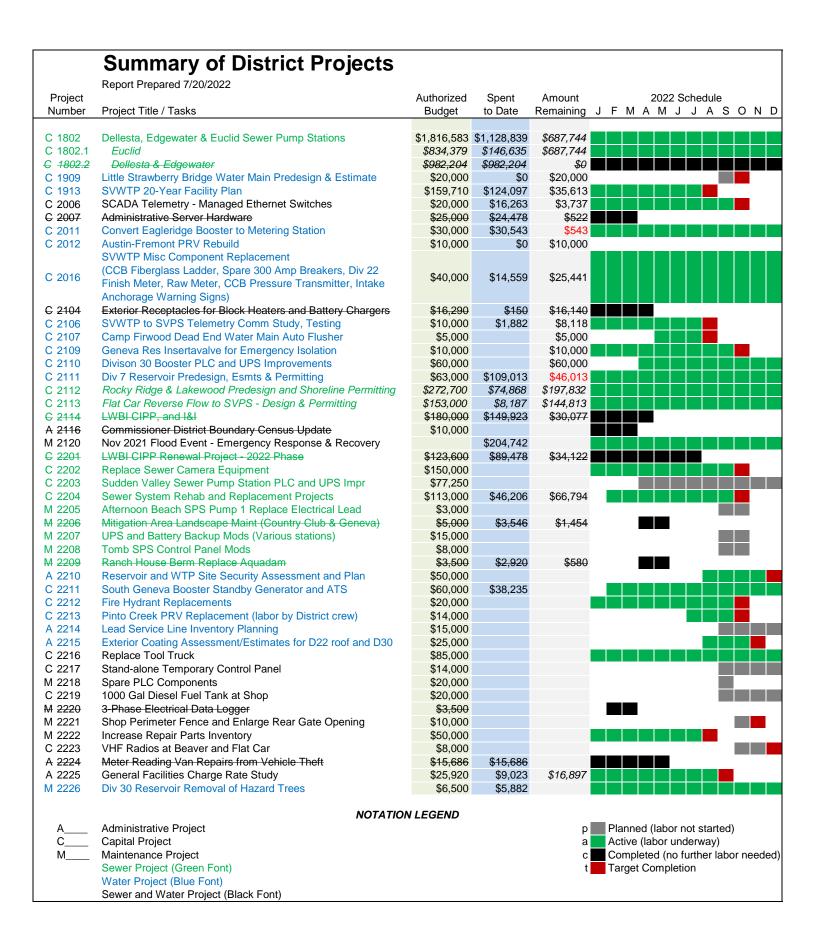
None.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

None required.

PROPOSED MOTION

None.



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DATE SUBMITTED:	July 13, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022	!		
TO: BOARD OF COMM	TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM: Jennifer Signs, Finance Manager					
GENERAL MANAGER A	PPROVAL	Sotolog				
		1. 2022 Second Quarter Financial Report				
ATTACHED DOCUMEN	TS	2022 Second Quarter Cash & Investment Summary				
		3.				
TYPE OF ACTION REQU	JESTED	RESOLUTION	FORMAL ACTION/ MOTION	INFORMATIONAL /OTHER		

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

Updated information regarding District finances in advance of the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT ATTRIBUTE(S)

Financial Viability

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

None required.

PROPOSED MOTION

None



Quarterly Financial Report Second Quarter 2022

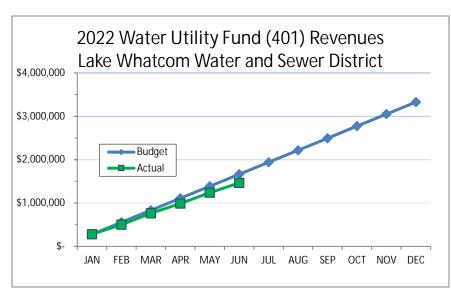
Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Bellingham, Washington

Summary

Revenues associated with the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District's (District) Water Utility Fund (Fund 401) and Sewer Utility Fund (Fund 402), which serve as the primary operational funds for the District's water and sewer utilities, respectively, largely followed financial projections reflected in the 2022 Budget throughout the first half of 2022. Though expenditures of both funds slightly lagged projections, this is consistent with prior years' expenditures and due to large capital project-related expenses not anticipated to be incurred until the summer construction season. We will see the expenditures start to track more closely with the projected budget beginning in the third guarter of the year. The District continues, however, to incur expenses as a result of the emergency flood event that took place during the fourth quarter of 2021. As the recovery efforts are ongoing and are anticipated to continue throughout the year, the District will monitor these costs closely. It should be noted that it is anticipated that the majority of these costs will be offset by insurance recovery and/or FEMA public assistance grant funds. It is also important to note that the District's revenues remain relatively unaffected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Collection processes have returned to pre-pandemic standards and customer arrearages have significantly decreased since the pandemic's onset. The District is monitoring the market closely as inflation costs continue to impact operating costs and supply chain issues. Along with monitoring inflation, the District has taken advantage of rising interest rates and strategically invested funds in short-term liquid investments through Washington State's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to maintain and maximize reserve funds that can be accessed quickly if needed.

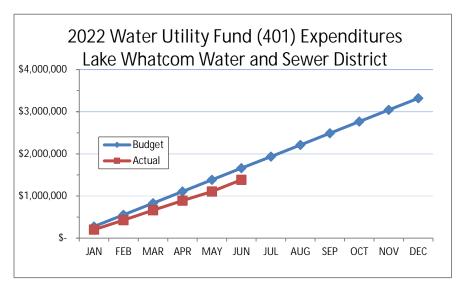
Water Utility Fund (Fund 401)

As of June 30, 2022, Water Utility Fund revenues were \$1,462,604, which slightly less than revenues projected through the first half of the year in the 2022 Budget (\$1,663,004). This remains consistent with prior years' revenues. which typically lag projections through first half of each year, and grow significantly then during the third quarter due



to increased water sales (e.g., lawn watering during dry summer months). During the first quarter, the District also invested an additional \$500,000 in US Treasury Notes of which has been equally divided between the Water Utility Fund and the Sewer Utility Fund. As mentioned in the Summary above,

the District took advantage of the rising interest rates and invested \$320,000 in Washington State's LGIP during May. As a result of these additional investments in the first half of the year, the District's investment interest is at 70% of projected budget for the entire year tracking 20% higher than anticipated. The revenue from these investments is recognized in both the Water Utility and Sewer Utility Funds equally to represent the proportion of resources contributed by each fund.

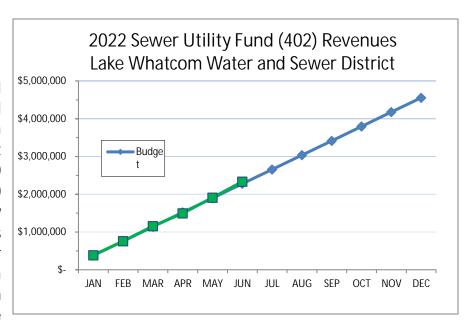


Fund Water Utility expenditures were approximately \$275,000 under budget projections as of June 30, 2022 (42% of the budget expended over the first half of the year). This is consistent with prior years, expenditures where associated with large capital improvement projects are incurred during the Lake Whatcom land disturbance

window (June 1 through September 30). That said, expenditures are anticipated to shift upward significantly in the third quarter but will remain within budgeted allocations and align with the District's Capital Improvement Plan. It should also be noted that in accordance with the District's adopted 2021 rate study, District revenues will continue to outpace expenditures in the coming years as the District plans for significant capital projects that will require reserves to be built up to ensure proper funding for the projects as outlined in the District's Capital Improvement Plan.

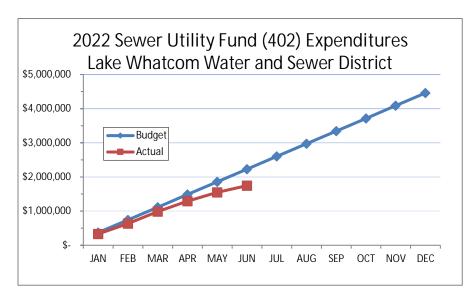
Sewer Utility Fund (Fund 402)

Sewer Utility Fund revenues remained relatively consistent with projections during the first half of 2022 (\$2,335,160 \$2,279,180 actual VS budgeted). This is largely due to the District's uniform rate structure for sewer accounts, allows for little variation in revenues throughout the



year. As presented in the Summary discussion above, sewer utility revenues remain relatively

unaffected by the ongoing pandemic and with collection activity returned to pre-pandemic procedures, arrearages have decreased significantly since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. It should also be noted as mentioned in the Water Fund, interest revenues have also increased in the Sewer Fund as a result of the additional resources being strategically invested in the first half of the year. Along with this, as the District continues to follow the adopted 2021 rate study, revenues will out pace expenditures in an effort to build reserves for large capital projects in the coming years associated mainly with the City of Bellingham's Post Point Resource Recovery Project. The District will be required to pay for part of this project as the City of Bellingham treats the waste from the District through an interlocal agreement.



Sewer Utility Fund expenditures lagged behind projections during the first half of the year (\$1,746,107 expenditures actual in relative \$2,229,495 to budgeted). As presented in the Water Utility Fund expenditures discussion above. Sewer Utility expenditures typically increase significantly during the summer months when expenses associated with

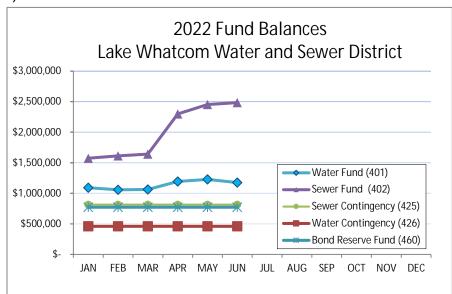
large capital improvement projects are incurred. Along with these historic trends, the District is still realizing the effects of the November 2021 flood event with increased fuel costs for back-up dieseldriven pumps, increased repair and maintenance bills, and other expenditures associated with recovery. However, as stated in the Summary at the beginning of this report, the District anticipates costs will be recovered through District insurance and/or FEMA grant funds later in the year.

District Fund Balances

The District manages its monies within five primary funds: Water Utility Fund (401), Sewer Utility Fund (402), Sewer Contingency Reserve Fund (425), Water Contingency Reserve Fund (426), and Bond Reserve Fund (460). Of note, within the Water Utility and Sewer Utility funds are system reinvestment funds (i.e., funds dedicated to capital projects) and debt service funds associated with the respective utility. The following discussion summarizes the activity associated with each fund over the first half of 2022.

Water Utility Fund (Fund 401)

The Water Utility Fund, which serves as the primary operating fund for the District's water utility, derives most of its revenue from rates charged to water customers. Fund expenditures are comprised general of operating expenses (personnel salary and professional benefits, services, utilities, etc.), payments relative to debt



service on past capital improvement projects, and expenditures on water system reinvestment-defined equipment and projects. Also managed within the Water Utility Fund are monies allocated towards an operating reserve, which is equal to the cost of operating the water utility for 90 days (\$590,000). The fund entered 2022 with a balance of \$1,034,772. Over the first half of the year, fund revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$140,000, with the June 30th balance being \$1,174,826. This is an increase of approximately 14%. As discussed earlier, the overall fund balance is anticipated to increase throughout 2022 in an effort to build reserves for significant future capital projects in the coming years. This surplus is assigned through the adopted 2021 rate study.

Sewer Utility Fund (Fund 402)

Like the Water Utility Fund, the Sewer Utility Fund serves as the primary operating fund for the District's sewer utility. Revenues are comprised primarily of rates charged to sewer customers, and expenditures consist of general operating expenses (personnel salary and benefits, professional services, utilities, etc.), payments relative to debt service on past capital improvement projects, and expenditures on sewer system reinvestment-defined equipment and projects. Also managed within the fund are monies allocated towards an operating reserve, which is equal to the cost of operating the sewer utility for 60 days (\$470,000). The fund entered 2022 with a balance of \$2,105,875. Over the first half of the year, fund revenues outpaced expenditures approximately \$379,000, resulting in a June 30th fund balance of \$2,484,982. This is an increase of approximately 18%. As discussed earlier, the overall fund balance is anticipated to increase throughout 2022 in an effort to build fund balances for significant future capital projects in the coming years. This surplus is assigned through the adopted 2021 rate study.

Sewer Contingency Reserve (Fund 425)

A sewer contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with District financial policies at one percent of the sewer utility infrastructure replacement cost (\$815,000). This fund provides for paying for unanticipated costs that may be incurred by the Sewer Utility. The Sewer Contingency Reserve was fully funded throughout the first half of 2022.

Water Contingency Reserve (Fund 426)

A water contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with District financial policies at one percent of the water utility infrastructure replacement cost (\$460,000). This fund provides for paying for unanticipated costs that may be incurred by the Water Utility. The Water Contingency Reserve was fully funded throughout the first half of 2022.

Bond Reserve Fund (Fund 460)

The District's Bond Reserve Fund is a restricted fund associated with covenants of the 2016 bond sale. It remained fully funded at \$772,334 through the first half of the year with no revenues or expenditures anticipated through yearend.

District Investments

In accordance with its financial policies, the District invests its funds in a manner that provides the highest return with maximum security while meeting daily cash flow demands. Attached is the Investment/Cash Summary as of June 30, 2022.



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER

INVESTMENTS/CASH AS OF 6/30/2022

Petty Cash Cash Public Funds Account		\$ \$ \$	1,600 817,238 503,722		0.00% 0.50%
WA Federal		\$	1,322,560		
Local Gov't Investment Pool		\$	557,480		1.01%
		Р	AR VALUE		YIELD
FNMA-Pro Equity US Treasury Note FFCB - Pro Equity FANNIE MAE - Pro Equity US Treasury Note US Treasury Note Discounts, Accrued Interest US Bank Safekeeping	Non-callable Non-callable Callable Callable Non-callable	\$ \$ \$	1,039,976 498,242 799,999 500,823 491,836 500,664 (\$4,438) 3,827,102	Jan-23 Jun-23 Jan-24 Jun-24 Sep-24 Jan-25	0.13% 0.25% 0.19% 0.21% 0.375% 1.125%
TOTAL USE OF FUNDS: Bond Reserve - Restricted Contingency - Assigned Operating Reserves Unassigned	\$ 772,334 \$ 1,275,000 \$ 1,060,000 \$ 2,599,808		5,707,142 5,707,142		
Fund Balance Summary Water Utility Fund (401) Sewer Utility Fund (402) Sewer Contingency Fund (425) Water Contingency Fund (426) Bond Reserve Fund (460)	\$ 1,174,826 \$ 2,484,982 \$ 815,000 \$ 460,000 \$ 772,334	\$_!	5,707,142 <u></u>		

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DATE SUBMITTED:	July 21, 2022	MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2022	2			
TO: BOARD OF COMM	ISSIONERS	FROM: Brent Winters, Operations Manager					
GENERAL MANAGER A	PPROVAL	Solday					
ATTACHED DOCUMENT	TC	1. Operations Department Report					
ATTACHED DOCUMEN	15	2. Status of Dist	rict Water & Sewe	er Systems			
TYPE OF ACTION REQU	ESTED	RESOLUTION FORMAL ACTION/ INFORM /O					

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

Updated information regarding District operations in advance of the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

None required.

PROPOSED MOTION

None.



Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District Operations & Maintenance Department Report

Prepared for the July 27 ,2022 Board Meeting Data Compiled 07/27/22 by RH, BW, RM

	State Required Report St	atus											
	Monthly Reports												
Name Of Report		Completed											
Chlorination Report Agate Heights Prepared by: Kevin	Postmarked by the 10th of month	x x yan x Apr Apr				х	x June	χ	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Surface Water Treatment Rule Report (SVWTP) Prepared by: Kevin	Postmarked by the 10th of month	x Jan	x Feb	x Mar	x Apr	х	x June	x July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Annual Reports												
Name Of Report	Deadline	Т				Co	mpl	ete	d				
WA State Cross Connection Report Prepared by: Rich	May	March 29, 2022											
OSHA 300 Log Prepared by: Rich	February 1	February 22, 2022											
Water Use Efficiency Performance Report Prepared by: Kevin	July 1		February 17, 2022										
Community Right to Know (Hazardous Materials) Prepared by: Rich & Brent	March 31	February 23, 2022											
Consumer Confidence Reports	1 20	Geneva SV EagleR Agate 6/13/22 6/13/22 6/13/22 6/13/22						Ht					
Prepared by: Kevin	June 30							13/	22				
	Other Reports												
Name Of Report	Deadline	Last Completed											
CPR/First Aid Training Coordinated by: Rich	Due Biennially Next Due 2023	March 23, 2021											
Flagging Card Training Coordinated by: Rich	Due Triennially Next Due 2025	May 19, 2022											

	Safety Program Summary						
Com	Completed by Rich Munson & Brent Winters						
Summary of Annual Safety Training							
2022 Testing Period - Jan 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021							
	% Complete						
Engineering - Managers	86% (Two new employees)						
Engineering - Staff	100%						
Field Crew - Managers	100%						
Field Crew - Staff	100%						
Office - Managers	100%						
Office - Staff	100%						
Overall	100%						
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Safety meetings for the field crew take place every Friday at 7 a.m.

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Dates	of Completed Safety Com	mittee Me	etings				
1/21/2022	5/26/2022						
2/24/2022	6/23/2022						
3/24/2022							
4/28/2022							
Sumi	mary of Work-Related Inju	ıries & Illne	esses				
		Current Month		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total Number of Work Related Injurie	S						
Defined as a work related injury o • Death	r illness that results in:						
· Medical treatment beyond first a	nid						
· Loss of consciousness		0	0	0	0	0	0
 Significant injury or illness diagno 	osed by a licensed						
health care professional							
· Days away from work (off work)							
· Restricted work or job transfer							
Total Number of Days of Job Transfer	or Restriction						
(light duty or other medical restriction	n)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Days Away from Wo	rk						
(at home, in hospital, not at work)		0	0	0	0	0	0
Near Misses		0	0	0	0	2	2
	Safety Coordinator U	pdate					

Status of District Water and Sewer Systems Prepared by Brent Winters Operations and Maintenance Manager 7/27/2022 Board Meeting

1. No time-loss injuries or near misses. 2. Daily safety reminders directly relevant to the day's tasks. 3. Jobsite tailgate meetings by project lead. Water Utility
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Water Utility
Activities
Water Treatment Plants
1. Sudden Valley
a. Plant is operating well, averaging .6 million gallons per day (MGD) at 800 GPM.
2. Agate Heights
a. Plant is operating well.
Distribution System
1. Repaired service line leaks on Rocky Ridge, Meadow Ct, Area Z, Austin Lane, Whitney St.
2. Installed new water services on Green Hill, Louise View, Sudden Valley Rd.
3. Pressure washed Geneva, Division 7, Division 22 reservoirs.
Sewer Utility
Activities
Lift Stations
1. North Point
a. Both new pumps have been installed and are working well.
b. Spare new pump ship date is October 17 th .
2. Airport
a. Pump 2 failed and is under repair. District owned Rain For Rent pump as backup.
Collection System
Televising project is on hold until the camera van repairs are completed.
Fleet
Vehicles
Camera van is in the shop for repair to the camera system.
Equipment
All equipment is ready to go to work.
Facilities
Shop Building
Staff electrician is replacing standard light bulbs with LED energy efficient lamps. PSE instant
rebate program is making the project very affordable.
Training
1. Nothing new to report.

1. Inspector is actively working with sixteen (16) permit holders making connection to our

system.