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General Manager's Report

Legislative Efforts –

The 2017 General Session of the Utah Legislature saw representatives of the White City Water Improvement District (“WCWID”) being heavily involved in discussing and lobbying various bills that come before that body for debate and consideration. As a member of the Utah Association of Special Districts (“UASD”), legislators and parties interested in water issues and other matters involving local and special service districts regularly consult the District. Of particular interest this year were bills relating to the continuing independence of local districts and their ability to raise funds needed to ensure a continued supply of drinking water. For example, every year it seems some legislator thinks it would be a good idea to take away local district’s ability to impose property taxes to raise funds for capital projects. **WCWID does not impose a property tax, and its elected board of trustee consistently votes to have a 0.000 tax rate.** At the same time, WCWID recognizes the legal ability to impose a tax has resulted in favorable terms when bonds have been refunded resulting in significant savings to residents of WCWID. Also, wholesale water providers, such as the Jordan River Water Conservancy District (JVWCD”) and Central Utah Water Conservancy District (“CUWCD”) must have taxing power if they are to have the ability to plan, fund and capitalize long range water projects that will be needed to meet the future needs of the State of Utah’s and Salt Lake County’s rapidly growing population. Without that power, all funding would have to be gained through charges for water deliveries, which will simply be passed on to all water users. **Because WCWID does not impose any tax, and relies exclusively on cost-based rates, Legislators are interested to hear from us when we discuss the differences between wholesale and retail water delivery and funding mechanisms.** This is one of those situations where the water community needs to stand together to ensure the continuing viability of water supply and delivery.

Capitol Projects –

Every year the Board of Trustees examines the state of the WCWID water system and determines where improvements are needed and what pipelines might need to be replaced.

General Manager

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By taking this proactive approach, WCWID is ensuring that its water delivery system remains one of the best in the State. In addition, because some of WCWID pipelines have been in the ground in excess of 50 years, it is incumbent on the Board and management to systematically repair and replace pipelines before obsolescence sets in and pipelines start to fail. One such pipeline was that in Zinnia Way, which WCWID decided to replace in two phases. Last year, the District replaced the water main in Zinnia Way from its intersection with Delphinium to and including Geranium, and this year the new 8-inch water main being placed in Zinnia Way from Delphinium to Larkspur Drive. This year will also see major pipeline projects in Galena Drive where the water main supplies water to Bell View Elementary School, and Larkspur where the water main supplies water to Alta View Elementary. The last two projects are to ensure adequate fire flows for the schools. WCWID will strive to keep the public informed on ongoing capital projects on its website: wcwid.org.

Upcoming Elections –

This coming November, there will be a number of elections the residents of WCWID should be aware of. For example, both Sandy City and White City Metro Township will be having elections for selected council seats on their governing bodies, as well as for Sandy City's Mayor. Formal notice of those elections and where and when interested parties can file declarations of candidacy can be seen on Sandy City's website, under the City Recorder's section, and Utah Public Notice Website, under Salt Lake County – White City Metro Township. As for WCWID, an elected five member Board of Trustees governs The District. Presently the Board consists of Paulina F. Flint, Robert Johansen, Garry True, Christy Seiger-Webster and Cody Cutler, each of who serves four-year terms. Two of the five Board positions will be up for election this year and formal notice as to when and where residents can file a Declarations of Candidacy will be placed on the District's website, and other public locations, on or about May 19, 2013. Cody Cutler and Garry True, each of who has expressed interest in running for re-election, currently hold the two positions subject to the upcoming 2017 election.

Office Closed for Training Notice

The office will be closed the morning of May 3, 2017 from 8:00 AM to Noon for Staff and Board Training. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office during normal business hours at 801-571-3991.

