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General Manager's Report

WCWID ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2017 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

White City Water Improvement District (“WCWID”), under Title 17B of the Utah Code, is governed by a 5-member Board of Trustees. Each elected trustee serves for a four-year term of office. Every two years, an election is held on the first Tuesday in November to fill those trustee positions whose terms of office will be expiring at the end of the calendar year. For 2017, two of the five trustee positions were open for election. **Notice of the election was posted and qualified residents of the District were invited to file Declarations of Candidacy to run for office.**

While three candidates initially filed a Declaration of Candidacy to run for the two open positions on the Board of Trustees, one of those candidates withdrew his declaration, leaving only two remaining candidates for the two open positions. The remaining candidates were Garry True and Cody Cutler, the two incumbent members of the board whose terms were set to expire. **Other than the two incumbents who filed for re-election, no other resident filed a Declaration of Candidacy as a write in candidate, under Utah Code §20A-9-601.**

Elections cost money and require a lot of effort on the part of staff. Because of the costs, the Utah Legislature authorizes local districts the option to not proceed with elections where not enough candidates file for office to justify the expense. See Utah Code Sections §17B-1-306(4)(g) and 10A-1-206. Instead, the Board of Trustees can vote to cancel the election and deem the declared candidates to have been duly elected to the positions, with four year terms of office to begin in January 2018.

The Board of Trustees, at a duly scheduled and noticed Board meeting, discussed the matter and determined it is in the best interests of the District to exercise the authority granted by the Utah Code. Accordingly, the Board voted to cancel the election and to declare the two unopposed declared candidates, Garry True and Cody Cutler to be elected to the two open positions. The following formal legal notice has been provided to the State, County and residents within WCWID’s service area:

Pursuant to Utah Code Sections 17B-1-306 and 20A-1-206, the November 7, 2017 election for 2 Trustee positions on the White City Water Improvement District Board of Trustees has been cancelled. The unopposed 2 declared candidates for the Trustee positions have been certified to be to be elected to those positions with 4-year terms of office commencing January 1, 2018. For further details, go to www.wcid.org. (Questions about this matter can be directed to Rhonda Withers, Assistant Election Clerk or Paul Ashton, General Manager.)

General Manager

Paul H. Ashton , J.D.

Board of Trustees

Paulina Flint, Chair

Robert Johansen
Vice Chair

Christy Seiger Webster,
Clerk

Garry True, Treasurer

Cody Cutler

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In the spring of 2016, WCWID's Board of Trustees and staff started an extensive review of its emergency response plan and vulnerability study (hereafter "ERP"). It retained ABS Consulting, a nationally recognized engineering and consulting firm for emergency preparedness, to review the ERP, which were last revised in 2011 following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in NYC and the Pentagon. ABS did so, and then helped WCWID's Board and staff in updating the ERP to better prepare the water district to protect against and respond to various man-made and natural threats and risks. In addition, seismic reviews were undertaken of critical parts of the system and recommendations made on improvements needed to ensure better continuity of water service in case of earthquake.

WCWID has now completed its updated ERP and is in the process of implementing various recommendations that arose as a result of the study. For example, a critical component of WCWID's ability to provide water to our customers is electric power. WCWID obtains its water by pumping it from the aquifer that lies hundreds of feet below the surface. The wells, some of which are drilled a thousand feet deep, use large electric motors to pump the pristine water to the surface where it is pumped to homes and water storage tanks. If electric power is lost then the motors and pumps don't run and the only water available would be what is currently in the tanks, between 3 to 5 million gallons depending upon the season and time of day when power is lost. If all customers stopped using water for outdoor use, such as for sprinklers, usable water for customers – keeping in mind a certain water level must be maintained in the storage tanks to preserve water pressure – would last from 2 to 4 days.

On the other hand, if customers don't cut outside water use, the water in the tanks would be used up within a half of a day. (Another reason why WCWID encourages all of its customers to store 3 to 7 days of culinary water in case of emergency. See last newsletter.) It is for that reason, WCWID's Board of Trustees has decided that in addition to its current 600 KW mobile generator, that can use to run a small to medium size well below 1300 East, WCWID should purchase and install a new 250 KW generator at its Booster Station/ Lower Tank Farm. This way, the mobile generator can pump water from a midsize well to the lower tanks and then the new generator can pump that water east to the Harston Tank. The \$100,000 estimated cost is worth the knowledge and security to ensure our customers can continue to receive pristine water in case of an extended power outage.

In future newsletters, we will discuss other recommendations from the updated ERP and what can be done to prepare for emergencies and disasters that will come our way.

