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### GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

#### 2020 - A MOST MEMORABLE YEAR

**Its December 2020** and the year is drawing to a close. Who could have guessed last year at this time that before twelve months went by Utah would experience a global pandemic leading to "shut-downs," masks mandates, store shortages and "social distancing." In addition, the Salt Lake Valley experienced an earthquake centered near Magna, a windstorm causing extensive damage and power outages, and social protests requiring the calling out of additional police and national guard. Who can find fault with one neighbor's sentiment on Thanksgiving when he said he was grateful the year was almost over and 2021 would have to be better?

**AT THE SAME TIME**, many positive things have happened this year for which we can be grateful. Among those things, at least in my opinion, are:

- (1) The pandemic has made all of us appreciate more fully the importance of families and friends -- I have both received service and given service like never before -- and we are all better for it.
- (2) The need to be prepared and to plan for the future has received greater emphases.
- (3) White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") staff has been able to continue to provide outstanding service to the water users so there has been no interruption to water service; and
- (4) Construction of the new seismically safe office building for WCWID has continued without interruption and, hopefully, can be moved into come January/February, clearing the way for demolition of the old administrative building (not seismically safe).

**Last, but not least** from my perspective, I am personally grateful to live in a country where we still have the right to vote for our leaders and to participate in the public process, such as lobbying the Utah Legislature when they are considering bills that impact our lives. We may have our problems, but I would not want to live anywhere else or raise my family anywhere else. Thank you for being our friends and neighbors.

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

One thing 2020 should have taught all of us is, **NOW** is the time to prepare for the future. When applied to WATER, this means putting aside enough water storage to provide for you and your family for a minimum of 72 hours or three days. In the event of an earthquake or disaster, WCWID may need to shut down the system for a short time to evaluate damage and to determine the best course of action to provide water to its customers. WCWID has built a lot of redundancy into its delivery system such by which we can quickly and efficiently bring water online. However, no matter how much we plan and prepare, there are no guarantees that a disaster will not interfere with the delivery process.

Experts tell us that you should have "on hand" a minimum of one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and other essential needs. This is one reason, my wife and I choose a few years ago to buy for Christmas a "water brick" container for each member of our immediate family, including children and grandchildren.

See <https://www.waterbrick.org> Each brick carries 3 gallons of water and can be used if no other water is readily available. We have also purchased and filled other water storage tanks that are placed in our garage. Without recommending any specific vendors, I have placed links to some of the water containers that can be purchased. (If you purchase some of these containers you may want to consider also buying "water treatment" chemicals that, when added to the water, will preserve it for up to five years. Otherwise, plan to rotate the water every 6 months.) The links are:

55 Gallon Tank <https://waterprepared.com/collections/shop-all/products/blue-55-gallon-water-storage-tank>  
160 Gallon Tank <https://waterprepared.com/collections/shop-all/products/blue-160-gallon-tank>  
260 Gallon Tank <https://www.surewatertanks.com/products/260-gallon-tank>  
500 Gallon Tank <https://www.surewatertanks.com/collections/products/products/525-gallon-tank>  
500 Gallon Doorway Tank <https://www.surewatertanks.com/collections/products/products/500-gallon-doorway-emergency-water-storage-tank-blue>

**WCWID is committed to continue to provide pure pristine deep well water to all of our water users, using cost-based rates and no property taxes.**

The fact that we are encouraging you to prepare for future disaster and/or earthquake does not lessen that commitment, but it does show that we have learned from the events of this year. We all need to take responsibility to work together to meet future challenges, no matter in what form.

### **CONGRATULATION TO NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

This year saw an election for President and other national and state leaders. It also saw an election for three members of the five-member Board of Trustees that govern WCWID. The election was conducted by mail-in ballots, with a return of 25.5% of registered voters participating. There were four declared candidates: Christy Seiger-Webster, Robert Johansen, Paulina Flint and Tracy Holt. Results from the ballots cast were as follows:

Christy Seiger-Webster with 1451 votes  
Paulina Flint with 1411 votes  
Robert Johansen with 1361 votes  
Tracy Holt, with 1059 votes

The top three candidates, Christy Seiger-Webster, Robert Johansen, and Paulina Flint, received the greatest number of votes and have been re-elected to the Board of Trustees. Their new four-year terms of office will commence on January 1, 2021. Thank you to everyone that participated in the election process.

### **HAVE A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Everyone here at WCWID wishes all of you a Happy Holliday Season. May all of you remain safe and secure. Thank you for letting us be of service to you and yours.**