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**Cascadel Mutual Water Company
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, April 8, 2022 3PM
Location – CDC Mill Site 59839-F Road 225**

1. Call to Order at 3:00 PM

2. Quorum of Directors present – President – Stan Eggink, Vice President – Ed Rose, Treasurer – Steve Johansen, Secretary – Ken Trapp, and Director of Communications – Michael Delaney

3. Approve Agenda – Motion to accept agenda as written by Ed Rose and seconded by Steve Johansen. No objections, motion carried.

4. Minutes of February 11, 2022 CMWC meeting of the Board approved as written. Motion by Ken Trapp and seconded by Michael Delaney. No objections – motion carried.

5. Reports

President – Stan Eggink

Madera County is in the process of changing the CSA from a Dependent District to an Independent District. On May 26, 2022, there will be a LAFCO meeting at the Pines Resort to discuss this with residents. A notice will be mailed to all residents who are members of the CSA-21. We have been told that you will be able to attend via Zoom as well.

Bobby Macaulay is offering a pre-meeting with the CMWC Directors to hear concerns.

Treasurer – Busy Bee Accounting

We are realizing savings from the new water system. The cost of the system was \$41,000. The costs for converting to S&S Water Systems as our Certified Water Operators at the beginning averaged \$3,800 a month. We are now spending \$1,300 a month on average. Before the system was installed, we had our own Operators costing more than \$1,500 a month on average. The cost of having employees, is rising as well as fuel costs. The new system was initially expected to pay for itself in 18 months. We now expect to see the return on the investment in only 14 months.

Since the hiring of Busy Bee Accounting to handle the bookkeeping and office, CMWC is seeing a savings of \$800 a month, on average. We also introduced CMWC to a new insurance carrier who brought our coverage up to date.

CMWC customers now have the ability to use auto pay and to pay by credit card, if they desire.

Question from the Board - Do we still need to keep an office? **Sandra's response** - By law, a nonprofit must keep documents on-hand, such as water meter logs, Board Meeting Minutes, banking and

financials, election materials and ballots. An office is the best place to store these documents, along computers, printers, and general storage for parts and material.

Operator's Report – S&S Water Services, Inc. (Stan Eggink Read S&S Report)

The turbidity of the water is back in the normal ranges. The spring and wells are producing water within normal ranges. Since the spring is in use, chlorine will continue to be introduced to the system in accordance with safe water practices.

We are closer to getting the new water tank to replace the three old tanks. Prior to the installation of the new tank, the system will be tested to make sure reservoir #1 can supply the needs of the community with well #2 and storage tanks offline during the tank replacement process. This testing should be done during the lowest water use time frame, which is November and December.

Firewise – Carol

The CAL FIRE Mt. Bullion crews have been working with us since November of 2021 to cut-up downed logs, create piles of debris and burn. They have been here 24 days. They were encouraged by the work our Firewise Brigade and many community volunteers have accomplished on the open areas over the past year. As a result, they gave us five bonus days for free. We have paid Cal-Fire \$3,800. Mt Bullion supplied at no cost, the chipper, log splitter and port-a-potty. We pay to have the port-a-potty cleaned.

We asked Bobby Macaulay to open the clubhouse for our annual Firewise BBQ and community educational event. He could not help us. We put in a second request to Tom Wheeler, but he has not replied. We will ask the county to see if we can get the tables and chairs out of the clubhouse and hold the event on the lawn. We will use the CAL FIRE port-a-potty and set up a sink to wash hands outside the building.

We have invited a new FIREWISE USA group to join us. They are from Road 225. Along with this group, CAL FIRE Rancheria Station, USFS, COPS, and PG&E have been invited to attend. All have confirmed except PG&E. There will be games for the kids and adults to pass the time. We hope to serve, tri-tip, beef and pork ribs, and hot dogs.

We are still waiting to hear from the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation District Council if we will be receiving \$80,000 grant to clear around the tanks at reservoir #1, at the end of Cascadel South. We have had a hard time getting a sponsor to cover grants for us, but we will continue to search for support.

Roads – Ed Rose

We have received a proposal (#1) to repair the section of Cascadel Drive past the clubhouse heading toward Cascadel Road, (#2) add to the walkway leading to the bridge along with handrails and (#3) repair the weir. Ken Trapp made a motion to accept #1 and #2 but hold off on #3 until next year. Motion was seconded by Michael Delaney. The Board discussed the proposal. After discussion, the vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Ed will survey for potholes in the subdivision and purchase cold patch to make the repairs.

Ed also will apply to renew the permit for working on the roads this month. The current permit is valid until June 30, 2022.

Communications – Michael Delaney

The welcome kit is not complete. We are still working on creating the raffle to benefit the Firewise Brigade. Michael and Carol Eggink will work to get these two projects completed by the next meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. **Additions to the bridge** – This was covered under Roads.

7. New Business:

a. Status of Cal Fire My Bullion – Cascadel Projects past & future – This was covered under Firewise.

b. Proposed Grants – Covered under Operators Report and Firewise

8. Closed Session – Called to order at 4:15pm

a. Membership revocation: Two revocations (one deceased) remain in effect. One pending revocation. One deceased is in probate for past due amount of \$958.66. One Non-Member past due account recommended for small claims action. One member is being changed from non-metered to metered.

9. Resume Regular Session – Called to order at 4:45pm.

Discussion took place on ordering more Cascadel Woods T-Shirts. Michael Delaney will order 35 shirts. We will order five small and fifteen each of the medium and large.

10. Assign Action Items

1. Stan will discuss the proposal with Shane Killian for the road and bridge work.
2. Michael will order the T-Shirts.
3. Ed will renew Road permit.

11. Adjourn Meeting –

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 4:50pm by Ken Trapp and seconded by Steve Johansen.
No objections.

Minutes by CE

Edited by MD