



Del Paso Manor Water District

Newsletter

September-October 2019

From the DPMWD Board President,

I am pleased to announce that the Del Paso Manor Water District Board of Directors unanimously approved the hiring of Leo Havener as the Interim General Manager for the District on August 6th, 2019. Leo has over 40 years of public agency water resources experience. He has a BA in Political Science from CSU Stanislaus and an MPA from San Jose State University. Leo is married with 4 grown children and 2 grandchildren. Leo can be contacted directly at leodpmwd@gmail.com. He is actively developing a staffing plan to restore the District to four employees.

The Del Paso Manor Water District has had a challenging few months since our General Manager and two employees chose to retire with no notice on Friday, May 31st. We are extremely grateful that Ken Ingle, our O&M Tech II, stepped up to help us through this difficult time.

The District immediately activated our long-standing mutual aid agreement with our neighbor Sacramento Suburban Water District. With their assistance, we have maintained the high water quality and service that our customers have come to expect. The Board has taken all necessary steps to make sure all resources are available to meet the health and safety needs of our community.

Due to this unprecedented circumstance, the Board had to take on responsibilities for the ongoing administrative functions during this time of crisis. At the Emergency Meeting on May 31st, I appointed a Transitional Ad Hoc Committee to tackle the many urgent needs of the District. I am happy to report that the Transitional Ad Hoc Committee is being retired as all administrative functions have been returned to staff.

I want to thank the rate payers of Del Paso Manor Water District for their support during the past several months. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, the Board has pushed forward, appointing ad-hoc committees to help achieve the goals of our district and improve the way we do business. The Board has been working diligently and included in this newsletter are some of the items we have accomplished to date.

We still have more work ahead of us. Once we are back to business as usual, we will be reviewing the 2009 Master Plan and determining how best to address our aging infrastructure. The Board of Directors meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and I encourage all to attend. If you cannot attend the meetings, feel free to reach out to me or my fellow Board members at any time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District office.

Thank you,

John Lenahan
Board President
Del Paso Manor Water District

Update From Board Vice President, Trish Harrington

OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Greg Schneider is the newest member of the DPMWD Board of Directors. He was appointed at the May 2019 meeting to serve out the term of a board member who resigned. He and his wife Sandy have been residents of DPM since 2002 and love their small yet diverse community. Greg has a BA in Business Management and has worked in manufacturing, the non-profit sector, and the public sector. He was responsible for the public-works bidding, asset/inventory management, and purchasing of equipment and supplies, for a community college district with 20,000 students and three campuses. As a ratepayer, Greg has been an outspoken advocate for modernization and transparency within our water district. He is committed to keeping the Del Paso Manor Water District independent, while safeguarding the source and quality of our water.

At the September 6th regular meeting, the Board approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. We all agree that due to the ongoing transition from manual bookkeeping to computerized accounting, this budget is a working document and not cast in stone. One of the highlights of this budget is to rehabilitate Well #2 and Well #5. The scope and cost of a well rehab depends greatly on what is discovered in the initial inspection.

On September 11th the Board approved job descriptions and salary ranges for an additional field operator and an office manager which will enable us to recruit and fill these positions. This will bring our staff back to full strength and enable us to phase out the mutual aid agreement with Sacramento Suburban Water District.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work done by our temporary office staff, Victoria. I would also like to thank Ken for his hard work and dedication to the District. A special thank you to Directors Burt, Lenahan, and Schneider for the countless hours they have dedicated during this transition.

2019 Accomplishments to Date

- 💧 Transitioned from manual bookkeeping to computerized accounting
- 💧 Approved a balanced budget for FY 19/20
- 💧 Replaced and updated antiquated computer systems
- 💧 District's Policy and Procedure Manual nearing completion
- 💧 Approved new billing and mailing system
- 💧 Completed upgrades and improvements to the Lusk Drive property
- 💧 Rehab of Well #8 was completed
- 💧 New main and fire hydrant installed on Burrell Court
- 💧 Elimination of PR firm, saving the District over \$30,000 per year
- 💧 Safety and Security review of District offices completed by Metro Fire
- 💧 Board packet available on District's website to improve transparency

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