

## New Board Elected at Annual Meeting

At the well attended Annual Meeting on September 3, 2011 four new board members were elected: Tim Mattheis, John Coyle, Gate DeMattei, and Patti Guilford. The election was very spirited as members went door to door collecting proxies from members not attending the meeting. The four new board members had pledged to take the pipe replacement and new well house project to a vote of the membership and to have all mutual members pay for the laterals of the 139 properties that needed to install new laterals as a result of moving the water main from the back lot easement to the street. Roger Pierucci and Ed Heneveld helped Anne-Marie and Cory Giese in counting the ballots. The final count was overwhelmingly in favor of the four that were elected.

The lengthy annual meeting included a discussion of the project with Steve Brigman of Shaw Engineering answering many questions about the project in general to specifics about individual houses. Details of the 40-year loan at 3.75% interest from the USDA Rural Development Program were also discussed. Margot Garcia gave the President's annual report on the accomplishments of the year, and Anne-Marie Giese gave the Treasurer's report in absence of Alisa Adriani.

The Board thanked retiring board member Alisa Adriani for her 8 years of service and retiring board member David Salinger for his 4 years of service. They made many important contributions to the company.

## Board Votes to Sign Construction Contract

The Board held a Public Meeting, announced in the newspaper, as a requirement of the USDA Loan, on September 24, 2011. About 40 members attended to learn more about the project and to urge the board to continue with the project and not put it to a vote of the membership. After a presentation about the loan by Anne-Marie Giese, a presentation with questions and answers by Steve Brigman, design engineer, and a lengthy discussion with the membership, the Board voted 4 to 2 to sign the construction contract with Campbell Construction and proceed with signing the loan. Buddy Shaw of Campbell Construction was also present, and answered a number of questions about how soon they could get started. Depending on Placer County allowing construction to begin and continue past October 15, which is a weather -dependent date to protect the environment, the date of signing the USDA loan, laying a new water main and fire hydrant placement is unlikely to be done on Squaw Valley Road this fall.

## New Officers Elected

New officers were elected at the September 24 meeting. They are:

President - John Coyle  
Vice President - Tim Mattheis  
Secretary - Lynn Suter  
Treasurer - Gate DeMattei

## Subsidy for Laterals

The Board tackled the issue of the Mutual Water Company subsidizing the cost of new laterals for its members. In a series of votes the following program was established.

Only the 139 properties affected by moving the water main from the back easement into the street are eligible for the program

- An engineer and construction contractor will assess each lot and develop a bid price for the least cost construction for laying a pipe from the new water service box to the house.
- Each property owner affected will receive a letter with this cost. They will be told that their water bill will be credited with 75% of this cost. The homeowner then is free to undertake the actual work of construction by contracting with Campbell Construction, with a contractor of their choice, or doing it themselves. The homeowner will have to pay the contractor.
- The SVMWC will total all the costs developed by the engineer and construction contractor for the 139 properties, take 75% of it, and divide the result by the 265 occupied lots. The number that results from this calculation will be a special assessment to be paid by the entire membership of the Mutual.

The costs can be estimated this fall, but the work will probably be done in the spring when the pipes are being laid.

Water will continue to flow in the old mains and the new mains for a period yet to be determined, but the idea discussed in the past has been for three years or until the old main develops a leak. However, the cost for laying a new lateral will be least expensive if it is undertaken at the same time as the new water main is being put in.

## Pipe Replacement History

The question has been asked. How many feet have been replaced in the water system? Here is some information:

Total pipe in the system: 29,243 feet

Pipe Replaced prior to Randy Dresselhaus, operations manager

Length (ft)	Size(in)	Type
650	6	PVC
<u>310</u>	8	PVC

Total 960

Pipe Replaced by Randy Dresselhaus

Length (ft)	size (in)	Type
180	6	HDPE
940	6	Ductile iron
430	8	Ductile iron
<u>1,280</u>	6	PVC

Total 2,830

Pipe replaced to date: 3,790 feet

**Percent of system replaced to date: 13%**

Pipe Replacement Project

	Length (ft)	Size(in)	Type
Base Bid	10,335	8	PVC
Schedule C	<u>1,250</u>	8	PVC
Total	11,585		

Total planned replacement: 11,585 feet

**Percent planned replacement: 39.6%**

## USDA Loan Summary

Amount: \$4,066,000

Term: 40 years

Rate: 3.75%

Early Payoff: No Prepayment Penalty

Payments: Principal and Interest paid every 6 months for 40 years. This means a semi-annual payment of \$98,530 (\$197,060 per yr).

Collateral: The loan is taken out by the Mutual and guaranteed by property and assets of the Mutual. There are no liens against Mutual members or their property.

Reserve: The USDA requires that 10% of the annual payment be put aside into a reserve for 10 years.

## Board Members

John Coyle lives in Napa, CA where he has a flow meter business. He served on the SVMWC Board about 10 years ago and was previously President. His Squaw Valley house is on Lanny Lane.

Ken Bossung lives in El Dorado Hills where he is a developer and business owner. His Squaw Valley home is on Squaw Valley Road.

Gaetano (Gate) DeMattei is a retired physician and real estate developer, as well as a champion senior ski racer. He lives with his wife on Christy Lane.

Margot Garcia lives in Tucson, Arizona. She is a retired professor of environmental planning and has been coming to Squaw Valley since the early 1960s. Her family home is on Paiute Place.

Patti Guilford is a real estate agent and long-time Squaw Valley resident. She lives on Lanny Lane.

Tim Mattheis is an architect with WMB Architects, who lives in Stockton, California. He owns a house with his in-laws, Roger and Stephanie Pierucci on Lanny Lane.

Lynn Suter is just selling her lobbying business in Sacramento in order to ski more, travel, and enjoy her family. Her Squaw Valley home is on Paiute Place.

## Thank you

The SVMWC owes David Mercer and Steve Burke, who went off the Board of Directors, a big thanks for their many contributions to the water company. David Mercer, who grew up in the valley brought a special knowledge of the area, of the people, of heavy equipment and how to get things done. Steve Burke brought knowledge of financing, and an incisive approach to problem solving.

## Privacy Policy

In response to member requests for a list of the SVMWC members and their addresses, email address, and phone numbers, and that legally we must give out the list, the board passed the following policy.

The SVMWC will provide members with names and addresses of the members not including email addresses, upon written request and payment of a reasonable fee and with a written signed statement that such lists are not to be sold or used for any commercial purpose.

The fee, based on the cost of office staff time and materials to generate the list, was subsequently set at \$25.

## New Pump House

Plans are underway as part of the overall water system improvement project to build a new house for SVMWC well #1, that includes a generator to provide power to the water pump in case of a power outage, a place for the operations manager to work, storage for company records, legally compliant storage for chemicals used in water treatment (chlorine and caustic soda) as well as modern equipment that will dispense the chemicals more evenly into the water. The plan is also that the water from SVMWC well #2, now housed in the little shack on the edge of the golf course, will be brought to the new well house where it will be mixed with water from well #1 and both treated together. The new well house will also sit squarely on the property that we own, not hanging out onto the Poulsen property as it is now. The new well house will be 900 square feet and look like the Public Service District's new well house under construction nearby. The Placer County Planning Department requires that there be architectural coherence with surround properties, so it will have stone wainscot. Cost estimate (with equipment): \$800,000.

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## Water Usage

The SVMWC has pumped the following gallons of water during the past three months. In August we pumped the most water since 2003. The cause is hard to determine: could be more people in the service area, more hot days requiring watering, or more leaks.

### Production from all wells in gallons

Month	2011	2010
July	6,448,700	6,242,960
August	7,303,490	5,940,690
September	5,688,280	5,252,710

The water has met all federal and state standards for safe drinking water. There have been no positive tests for coliform bacteria in July, August, and September.

Please continue to practice good water conservation techniques. As the temperatures cool, plants need less water. Please reduce the number of days or hours automatic systems are watering.