

NEWSLETTER TWIN FORKS MDWCA

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Evelyn Schultz, President
Bill Chance, Vice President
Charliss Randall, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Ledlow, Director
Lynn Melton, Director

Judy Henderson, Office Manager
Bob Billhartz, Utility Operator
Jared Mitchell, Asst. Utility Operator

Dear Twin Forks MDWCA Members:

THE ELECTION: 160 ballots were cast! As a result of the membership adopting the new Bylaws in 2003, which allowed voting by mail, the number of members participating in elections has quadrupled. Membership participation in elections is increasing every year. Also, we thank all the candidates for their participation. 11 candidates ran for 3 positions. The 12th was a write in. Candidates are listed in the order of votes received, which are on file in the office. Evelyn Schultz, Lynn Melton and Charliss Randall were elected to the Board of Directors to serve from May 1, 2005 to June 30, 2009.

(1) Evelyn Schultz; (2) Lynn Melton; (3) Charliss Randall; (4) Steve Scott; (5) Terry Larson; (6) Frank Smiley; (7) Loy Owens; (8) Gretchen Van Boemel; (9) Bob Johnston; (10) Lia Cweick; (11) Don Wicklund; and (12) Perry Daily

Continuing Directors Bill Chance and Robert Ledlow met with the newly-elected Board members immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers for the next term beginning May 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. They are Evelyn Schultz, President; Bill Chance, Vice-President; and Charliss Randall, Secretary-Treasurer.

All of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws passed:

<u>Amendments to Bylaws</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Proposition 1 to change the fiscal year to begin July 1 and end June 30	144	10
Proposition 2 to change the annual meeting from April to June	150	9
Proposition 3 to make non-resident property owners responsible for payment of all fees and compliance with Bylaws and Rules & Regs	138	13
Proposition 4 to restrict non-resident property owners who lease or rent out their property full time from serving on the Board of Directors.	119	39
Proposition 5 restricts election of officers to persons who will serve on the Board during the upcoming fiscal/membership year	152	5

Interim Budget for May and June 2005 was approved 108 to 38. The total due 05/01/05 is \$84.55, including \$4.55 sales tax. To split the payment, please pay \$45.45 (including sales tax and handling fee) due 05/01/05 The balance due 06/01/05 is \$45.44 (including sales tax plus handling fee.)

Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 was approved 118 to 25.

The annual fee for the new fiscal year is due 07/01/05. The annual fee includes \$25 Capital Improvement Fee, \$22.68 Forest View Water Rights Assessment and \$45.72 RIP Loan Payment, totaling \$93.40. To pay in full, the total is \$369.91 including \$19.91 sales tax.

OR you can contact the office to set up the balance on your choice of the following installment plans. The first installment is larger because it includes the assessments totaling \$93.40. Payments include 5.6875% sales tax plus a \$3.00 handling fee.

2 months: \$237.48 due 07/01/05; and \$138.77 due 08/01/05.

3 months: \$192.28 due 07/01/05; and \$93.56 due 08/01/05 & 09/01/05.

6 months: \$147.08 due 07/01/05; 5 monthly payments of \$48.37, beginning 08/01/05.

Rescission of the assessment previously approved by the membership was approved 152 to 5.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Annual Meeting a success! Jackie Blakemore, Chairman of the Nominating and Election Committee, did an exceptional job! It was very complex with new nominating and election procedures in place. Charliss Randall secured the meeting room at Cloudcroft High School; Bob Billhartz and Jared Mitchell set up the PA system. So many volunteers and BOD Members pitched in to help with the packets to be mailed out, counting ballots, and the list goes on and on. THANKS ONE AND ALL!

Karen G. Perez, P.E., Souder, Miller & Associates, gave summaries of three reports, i.e., the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that will provide Twin Forks MDWCA with sound analysis of its entire water system, addressing water supply, flows, pressures, distribution, maps and many other items. A draft Hydro-geological Report has been received and comments furnished Souder, Miller & Associates. The draft Environmental Report is expected soon. The rules governing these reports require that the engineering firm provide a recommended course of action and alternate strategies. She also outlined possible sources of grants. When final reports are received, the Board and interested members will review the materials to establish priorities.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be May 14, 2005 at 10 o'clock a.m., at the Twin Forks MDWCA Office.

If you have a matter to be reviewed by the Board of Directors at any regularly scheduled meeting, please submit it in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

Committees that will be appointed at the May 14, 2005 Board meeting are Internal Audit; Budget; Bulletin Boards @ 9 entrances; Bylaws; Grants; Hospitality; Hydrogeological Study by Souder, Miller & Associates; Monthly Newsletter; Nominations & Elections; South Sacramento Mountain Water Planning Group (Regionalization Program); Rules & Regulations; and Website Maintenance. *If you would like to volunteer to assist any of these committees, please contact the office and your name will be submitted to the Committee Chairpersons.* Lynn Melton has been appointed Parliamentarian.

The Hospitality Committee is new. Its purpose is to keep the community in touch with what is going on with our members, i.e., serious accidents, illnesses, death, etc., so a card can be sent. The committee will also be responsible for planning informal get-togethers immediately following Board meetings and everyone is invited.

We are planning to send out monthly newsletters. It is our hope to send information to everyone with access to the Internet by that method to eliminate excessive mailing costs. In addition to continuing rising costs for postage, there are additional costs for copies, paper, labels, envelopes, getting enough volunteers to assemble for mailing, i.e., collating, stapling, stamping the return address, affixing the mailing label and postage, sorting for "local" and "out of town" prior to taking them to the post office to be mailed. You can help defray costs of mailing if you agree to receive your Newsletter by E-mail. We currently have E-mail addresses for approximately 100 members. Please send your E-mail address to schultz@pvt.net. Your E-mail address will not be disclosed to anyone else without your express permission. In addition to newsletters, members will be able to request copies of the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations from schultz@pvt.net or download from the website <http://www.pvtnetworks.net/twinforks/>. Only members without access to the Internet will require U. S. postal mail-outs and that will greatly reduce our expense getting information to the members.

A 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Extended Cab 4WD Work Truck was ordered from Desert Sun on April 15, 2005, and is expected within 6 or 8 weeks from that date. Total price was \$31,105. Our discount was \$10,740 leaving a balance of \$20,365 plus TTL. Twin Forks MDWCA is tax-exempt. We have several options for financing, including GMAC, First National Bank and Western Bank.

Check Signing Procedure effective May 1, 2005 requires the Secretary-Treasurer to approve the payment, sign the check and forward the entire packet to the President and/or Vice-President for approval of the payment and signature on the check. The last signor will put the check in the envelope, seal the envelope and place the envelope in the U. S. mailbox, returning all the attached documentation reflecting required approvals to the Office Manager to be filed.

Effective May 1, 2005, all current Board members and employees have signed the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Statement attached to the Rules and Regulations.

ARE LITTLE LEAKS BIG LEAKS? 1 cup per minute = 2,700 gallons per month. If the main valve was open and water went through the meter, you must pay for the water. We inspect each incident. If our equipment was at fault, i.e., failure of a shut-off valve, you will not be charged for the excess usage. If you are going to be gone more than 24 hours, you should close your main valve when you depart. If you forgot, please call the Twin Forks MDWCA office (505) 687-3621 as soon as you remember and we will close it for you (no charge). Please help us conserve so that everyone will have water.

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments or criticisms, please submit them in writing to the office and someone will get back to you. If it is a matter that requires Board review, it will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors Meeting.

Thank you for your support!
Twin Forks MDWCA Board of Directors