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NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of Twin Forks MDWCA Board of Directors will be 11-12-05 at 10 o'clock a.m., at the Twin Forks MDWCA Office.

BOARD TRAINING FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS will be conducted by Rick Bela, NM (RWA), at the Twin Forks MDWCA Office 11-05-05 from 10 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the office with about a 30-minute break for lunch and refreshments.

OFFICIAL MINUTES for the 09-17-05 Board of Directors Meeting together with **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES** for the 10-08-05 Board of Directors Meeting have been forwarded to Lynn Melton to be posted on the website <http://www.pvtmnetworks.net/twinforks/>.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: Since the notification of Total Coliform and E-Coli contamination received on 09-16-05, we have been flooded with new E-Mail addresses. The number is approximately 200 and new E-Mail addresses are coming in daily. Please submit your E-Mail address to: twinforks@pvtm.net or schultz@pvtm.net.

The Mayhill and Cloudcroft Post Offices no longer allow us to post notices on the mailboxes so this is the only way to pass on vital information to members when conditions change so quickly. This will require revision of our Resolution to Abide by the Open Meetings Act insofar as posting notices is concerned and reinforces necessity for bulletin boards at each entrance to Twin Forks MDWCA Subdivisions.

Your E-Mail address is kept in a confidential address book outside the office and will not be shared with anyone without your express consent and approval. E-Mail is sent to members by blind carbon copies to prevent tagging and abuse of your E-Mail address. Evidence of tagging to pass on unofficial information, negative personal comments or opinions will result in that person's name being removed from the E-Mail distribution list.

JARED W. MITCHELL was certified by the State of New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission on 09-16-05 as a Utility Operator authorized to operate and maintain Water Systems 1. Circumstances and training by representatives of NMED (DWB) and NM (RWA) since 09-16-05 have instilled training beyond a Level 2 Utility Operator as to taking samples, shocking and cleaning storage tanks and flushing the entire system. Jared was scheduled to attend 3 days training the last week in September and again in October to begin earning credits toward Level 2 certification but received "on the job training" instead and had done an outstanding job.

Jared was promoted from Assistant Utility Operator to Utility Operator effective 10-01-05 and received a \$2.50 per hour raise to increase his salary to \$12 per hour (time and a half in excess of 40 hours per week; double time and a half on Holidays and Sundays). The Job Description was changed

from a “salaried” to an “hourly” position and requires immediate certification as Utility Operator since NMED (DWB) requires a licensed Utility Operator to operate a water distribution system.

MONTHLY WATER SAMPLES: Five (5) water samples taken at various locations throughout Twin Forks MDWCA Community on Monday, 10-24-05, were negative for Total Coliform or E-Coli.

BOIL WATER ORDER will remain in effect until lifted by NMED (DWB).

SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION: Actions will continue to identify all possible source(s) of contamination and to complete any mechanical repairs if applicable, establish acceptable disinfections, and flush out the water system. Many water systems in New Mexico currently have Total Coliform and/or E-Coli contamination.

Consensus is that the monsoon rains caused run off that washed animal feces into the springs and caused the fecal E.coli. It was determined that contamination was extreme in the 16 Springs and Forest View Tanks #7, #8 & #9. Tanks #7 & #8 located on Deer Run have been condemned and must be replaced. Cleaning on Tank #9 began 10-26-05. NMED (DWB) and NM (RWA) advised that Tanks #1, #2A, #2B and #9 also need to be replaced as soon as possible.

09-27-05 GUDI Test were performed on all 3 springs: That is “Groundwater Under Direct Influence of Surface Water”. Results will be available in about 6 or 8 weeks. If the first GUDI test is negative, it must be repeated. If the second GUDI test is negative, a lot of remedial construction will be required on the springs. Output from Spring #2 in James Canyon has increased to approximately 35 to 40 GPM. An Application for Modification to Water System must be submitted to NMED (DWB) for approval prior to construction.

Pursuant to direction and supervision by NMED (DWB) and NM (RWA), chlorine Injection Pumps were installed at the Blanscett Well and at the pump station by Tank #9 located by the office using 10% Sodium Hypo chloride to eliminate the bacteria.

NMED (DWB) gave approval to temporarily use a 3,000-gallon water storage tank offered by Stephen Scott. Well #1 located in Forest View by the Office produces 2 gallons per minute (2 x 60 = 120 gallons per hour = 2,880 gallons per day or 86,400 gallons per month). Well #1 is currently pumping into that tank and is being transferred to 16 Springs and Forest View. About one-half of our members (206) live in 16 Springs and Forest View and they are very dependent on water from the Blanscett Well coming across the mountain. The new well in Forest View will remove their dependency on the Blanscett Well.

The State Engineer gave permission to hook up the new well in Forest View pursuant to an emergency order. NMED (DWB) initially denied our request but a telephone call from County Commissioner Mike Nivison resulted in obtaining their approval.

GOOD NEWS! On 10-12-05 NMED (DWB) allowed us to reconnect Spring #2 behind Tank #1 that serves James Canyon Subdivision after we installed a chlorine injection pump. That spring is producing between 35 to 40 GPM! David Eoff provided a diesel generator to run the pump until the electrician could run electric poles and lines and Otero Electric could install a meter.

So much water was coming from the spring into Tanks #1, #2A, #2B & #3 that all the tanks were overflowing and rapid release into the distribution system caused water hammer and ruptured several lines.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Water has been going through the transmission line across the mountain to 16 Springs at the rate of 6 to 8 GPM and tanker loads have continuously been hauled to a temporary tank located by Tanks #7 & #8 on Deer Run but water pressure is still very low with frequent outages in the 16 Springs and Forest View Subdivisions. No leaks have been visible in the roadways. Until we can locate the problem, containers can be filled from the potable water tank

located by the office. Please help us locate the problem! Call the Office 8-4: 687-3621; After Hours, Weekends & Holidays: 687-2479 or 430-9930.

In behalf of Judy Henderson, Jared Mitchell and myself I want to express my sincere gratitude to David Eoff, the well driller and resident of Twin Forks West Subdivision, who literally put his life on hold to help friends in need during this very unusual, tiresome and trying time. Circumstances were beyond anyone's control. David dropped everything and put off his partners in Roswell where he is contracted to drill several wells. He assisted with so many things such as installation of injection pumps, ordering parts through his contacts saving Twin Forks MDWCA money, assisted with filling out many forms and communication with the State Engineer, NMED (DWB) and NM (RWA) meeting deadlines requiring hours in the office, hours of research, helping all of us get things done faster and at better prices through his contacts than we could have done on our own. We put in some very long days from daylight until dark. Thank you, DAVID EOFF.

GRANTS: \$32,485 emergency funding has been promised and the County Commissioners have approved assisting Twin Forks MDWCA to obtain additional funds this year from the State Legislature and approved Twin Forks MDWCA to be first in line for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant next year. Capital Outlay Grants totaling \$1.7 million have been requested. Mike Nivison was in Santa Fe last week pleading for additional emergency funding for Twin Forks MDWCA.

LEASE DATED 10-05-05 was granted by The Albert M. & Coralie J. Andrew Trust for a 30' x 90' Water Well Site and a 30' x 270' easement for ingress and egress to the water well site in the Forest View Subdivision for a consideration of One Dollar per year. The Lease was reviewed and approved by Twin Forks MDWCA's attorney, Robert M. Doughty. The Lease was recorded in Otero County Friday, October 7th. It seems like Coralie and Andy just keep on giving. In behalf of Twin Forks MDWCA, let me express our heartfelt gratitude to Coralie and Andy for all they have given through the years. We are very grateful for your love and generosity toward this Association.

STORAGE TANK ON LOAN from Steve Scott is providing water to 16 Springs and Forest View Subdivisions. Thank you Steve. Another storage tank was offered by George Smith. Also, Lib baked two beautiful cakes for all of us here at the office "just to thank us for our hard work". Another example of members helping members. Thank you, George and Lib.

We are so appreciative for the wonderful support we have received from nearly everyone. We have received so many supportive E-mails. It didn't just mean a lot – some of the time it meant "everything" and kept us going. Thank you – one and all - for your patience and understanding.

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA: If you have a matter you wish 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.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 687-3621: If you notice LOW WATER PRESSURE or have an OUTAGE. Leave a message (your name, address & telephone number where you can be reached). Messages are checked regularly, even after office hours, evenings, weekends & holidays.

EMERGENCIES AFTER HOURS, WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS:

- (1) Call the Office @ 687-3621 and leave a message (your name, address & telephone number where you can be reached); then
- (2) Call EVELYN SCHULTZ @ 6872479 or 430-9930. IF NO ANSWER, CALL: PERRY DAILY @ 687-4165 or CHARLISS RANDALL @ 687-2088.

P.S. We finally found the reason for the outages being experienced in Sixteen Springs and Forest View. Ben (my husband) and I walked part of the 3,500' line across the mountain Friday and Saturday. We were joined Sunday by members Jerry Smith and Gary Stenstream on 4-wheel ATV's, and David Eoff (resident and well driller) searching for the problem. David Eoff walked the line across the mountain and found the problem. The line crossing the mountain had pulled apart and was repaired.

Once again water is flowing across the mountain to Sixteen Springs and Forest View. It takes time for all the distribution lines to fill. The water flows to the lowest point and then backs up to the highest point. Hopefully everyone in these subdivisions will have water again by this evening or tomorrow morning. Please call if you do not have water and know that your neighbors are getting water. You might be airlocked.

Thank you Jerry Smith, Gary Stenstream, David Eoff, and of course, my husband, Ben Schultz! Many thanks to all the members who have kept a watchful eye for this problem and for your kindness, support and patience!

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