



OPEN MEETING

REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL WATER CONSERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING
Laguna Woods Village Community Center
24351 El Toro Road**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Media
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Meeting Report from July 10, 2019
5. Chair's Remarks & Introduction of Sub-committee members

Consent:

None

Reports:

6. Discuss and review reports on irrigation system and recycled water usage

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

7. Status of ETWD rebates
8. Discuss the letter to residents with high water usage
9. Discuss collaboration opportunities with ETWD

Items for Future Agendas:

10. Identify Items for Future Agendas



Concluding Business

11. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)
12. Response to Member Comments
13. Committee Member Comments
14. Date of Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 21, 2021
15. Adjournment

Donna Rane-Szostak, Chair
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer
Eve Morton, Landscape Coordinator, 949-268-2565



OPEN MEETING

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL
WATER CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Monday, October 14, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Sycamore Room
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Reza Karimi, Lynn Jarrett, Cush Bhada, John Frankel, Ralph Engdahl

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ADVISORS PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

Chair Karimi called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report

The meeting report was approved by consensus.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Karimi introduced Kay Havens. She is on the El Toro Water District Board (ETWD) and may possibly be an advisor for this committee. Ms. Havens gave her background and stated that her role in this committee would be strictly as a resident and she would not be representing El Toro Water District.

6. Member Comments - (Items Not on the Agenda)

None.

7. Response to Member Comments

None.

Consent Calendar:

None.

Reports:

8. Discuss and Review Report from WaterWise regarding Village Irrigation System

Mr. Wiemann explained that this report was free and is very general in nature. There were not suggestions on specific things to do and was a very boiler plate type report.

The committee discussed some of the information in the report.

There is money in next year's GRF budget to update the Village irrigation system. Mr. Wiemann will hire a consultant to give direction on best way to update the system.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

9. Directors Update on ETWD and rebates

Director Karimi commented that he would like Maintenance and Construction to offer installation of low flow toilets as a chargeable service and then Member would apply for the rebate from ETWD.

Mr. Wiemann was asked about the rebate process for the Gate 14 Turf Reduction Project.

At Gate 11, if a plan for recycled water is approved, a rebate will not be available.

Chair Karimi stated there are times when there is a shortage of recycled water and potable water is used.

10. Discuss Current Process of Letters to Residents with High Water Usage

Committee requested that Eileen Paulin review the existing letter to make it a bit stronger. Then, it will be taken to the Board to see if they agree with wording.

Idea to deliver the toilet tabs, which detect toilet leaks, with these high water usage letters.

Ms. Havens will ask ETWD if they have some tabs to give to Director Jarrett for her upcoming meeting with the Garden Villas Captains on the second Thursday of November.

Director Jarrett stated Resident Services should have some toilet leak tablets to give out to the residents. Ms. Havens will check on how many she can get.

Discussion that staff person, Ian Barnett, could use water report to indicate the high water users and cross reference that list with pipes breaks so as to not send the high water use letter to those residents.

Ms. Havens stated that a broken irrigation pipe would also put people into Tier 4 water usage.

Discussion to publicize a phone number people could call when they see something like broken sprinklers, irrigation pipes, etc., to report it.

11. Update on New Space for Golf Carts

Mr. Wiemann reported new spaces for golf carts require moving sprinkler heads. Landscape Staff works with Projects on a case-by-case basis to resolve these minor adjustments.

12. Update on Current Resolutions Regarding Water Usage

The committee reviewed the current resolutions regarding water-related items.

13. Update on Reclaimed Water Connections

Mr. Wiemann explained that some new state requirements for cross connections had created some hang ups. In Gate 5, no connections have been made yet. There is now a two-step process to get past the inspection process. This process is new to the Water Board, Health Department, Staff, etc. Each connection requires shutting down water to residents twice.

Now that new law has passed, more work is required from contractor than he originally bid on.

Mr. Wiemann believes this work will be completed in February.

Items for Future Agendas:

14. Discuss Items for Future Agendas

Committee discussed that they would like to get some educational pamphlets from ETWD to residents. Ms. Havens reported she can send .pdfs of those documents to Ms. Morton to send to the Public Relations staff.

Ms. Havens stated that there is an ETWD representative on TV6 on a monthly basis telling residents about rebates available, etc.

Discuss alternate spots in Third for turf reduction projects.

The Committee felt that Information should be available to residents on how to do their own turf reduction projects and the steps to take to accomplish it.

Ms. Havens stated that lots of the Village plants are dated so consider newer types that can take extremes and don't need as much maintenance.

Consider sending out letter again to high water users.

Concluding Business

15. Committee Member Comments

16. Date of Next Meeting – January 10, 2020

17. Adjournment at 2:10 p.m.



Reza Karimi (Jan 12, 2021 10:52 PST)

Reza Karimi, Chair

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT BILLING SUMMARY TO THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL
 FOR THE SERVICE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 TO DECEMBER 7, 2020
 SORTED BY TIERS

Service Location	Classification	Location#	Meter#	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Total Usage	Water O&M Charge	Water R&R Charge	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Sewer O&M Charge	Sewer R&R Charge	Total Charges
3107 VIA SERENA SO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	644274	19086725	73	1	23	100	197	108.11	47.47	193.45	3.04	142.83	795.00	327.76	66.47	1,684.13
5324 BAHIA BLANCA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6460056	1632425R	103	2	32	88	225	108.11	47.47	272.95	6.08	198.72	699.60	462.72	93.84	1,889.49
2311 VIA PUERTA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6447292	11010827	60	1	19	71	151	108.11	47.47	159.00	3.04	117.99	564.45	269.52	54.74	1,324.72
3258 SAN AMADEO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6446489	92326572	35	1	11	59	106	56.48	18.91	92.75	3.04	68.31	469.05	154.24	31.28	894.06
2359 MARIPOSA WEST(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6447520	94046916	128	2	39	24	193	108.11	47.47	339.20	6.08	242.19	190.80	578.40	117.30	1,629.55
5393 AVEN SOSIEGA DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6443100	90783477	24	1	8	21	54	56.48	18.91	63.60	3.04	49.68	96.40	96.40	19.55	474.61
2338 AVEN SEVILLA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6447364	94046918	90	2	28	20	140	108.11	47.47	238.50	6.08	173.88	159.00	404.88	82.11	1,220.03
5217 ELVIRA DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441206	17112989	5	1	2	11	19	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	159.18
5587 VIA DICHA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6460284	97740291	26	1	9	8	44	108.11	47.47	68.90	3.04	55.89	63.60	115.68	23.46	486.15
5175 CAZADO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441134	19132474	5	1	2	5	13	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	111.48
3353 BAHIA BLANCA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6460400	97223219	22	1	7	4	34	56.48	18.91	58.30	3.04	43.47	31.80	96.40	19.55	327.95
5189 DUENAS DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441154	8329971	5	1	2	4	12	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	103.53
5204 AVEN DESPACIO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441186	17112997R	5	1	2	4	12	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	103.53
5170 BRAZO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441636	16432966AREG	5	1	2	4	12	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	103.53
5170 BELMEZ(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441112	9539449	5	1	2	3	11	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	95.58
5200 AVEN DESPACIO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441178	1136428NR	5	1	2	3	11	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	95.58
5043 AVEN DEL SOL DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441416	19776107	5	1	2	3	11	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	95.58
5059 AVEN DEL SOL DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441584	16432987R	5	1	2	3	11	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	95.58
5137 BRAZO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441598	18337938	5	1	2	3	11	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	95.58
5261 MIEMBRO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441742	6193808	5	1	2	3	11	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	95.58
2244 VIA PUERTA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6447180	1343492	35	1	11	2	49	108.11	47.47	92.75	3.04	68.31	154.24	31.28	521.10	
5098 AVEN DEL SOL DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6460297	14902075	26	1	9	2	38	108.11	47.47	68.90	3.04	55.89	115.68	23.46	438.45	
5175 LUZ DEL SOL(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441496	98582621	5	1	2	2	10	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	87.63
3523 BAHIA BLANCA(D)	Laguna Woods Village 15	6460392	16322977	43	1	14	1	59	56.48	18.91	113.95	3.04	86.94	192.80	39.10	519.17	
5089 OVALO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441518	12218410	5	1	2	1	9	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	79.68
5057 AVEN DEL SOL DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441588	15719548R	5	1	2	1	9	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	79.68
5057 AVEN DEL SOL DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441602	6465828	5	1	2	1	9	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	79.68
5127 BRAZO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441622	16432988	5	1	2	1	9	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	79.68
5116 MIEMBRO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441644	11033636	5	1	2	1	9	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	79.68
5143 MIEMBRO DOM	Laguna Woods Village 15	6441678	12218389	5	1	2	1	9	15.17	4.66	13.25	3.04	12.42	19.28	12.42	3.91	79.68
Total Meter Locations: Laguna Woods Village 15			30	755	33	246	454	1488	\$1,363.86	\$539.28	\$2,000.75	\$100.32	\$1,527.66	\$3,609.30	\$3,316.16	\$672.52	\$13,129.85
N/A																	
Total Meter Locations: Irrigation Functional 19			0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Meter Locations: 930			30	755	33	246	454	1488	\$1,363.86	\$539.28	\$2,000.75	\$100.32	\$1,527.66	\$3,609.30	\$3,316.16	\$672.52	\$13,129.85



Dear Resident,

We are writing to you and some of your neighbors to ask for your help and cooperation. As you may know, in Third Mutual, several buildings are generally connected to one water meter, making it very difficult to isolate the source or cause of above average water usage. We want to alert you, however, that the meter through which your building's water usage is measured shows above normal water consumption. While this may not be your fault, we encourage you to consider carefully how you are using water and look for any silent leaks, particularly in faucets, toilets, water heaters, and lines to ice makers. (See the tips at the end of this letter.) If you see water being wasted, please report it to Security at 949-580-1400.

There are both sound environmental and economic reasons to conserve water. While the state's drought conditions have temporarily lessened, our ever-changing climate requires Village residents to adopt permanent changes to use water more wisely and prepare for more frequent and persistent periods of limited water supply.

Also, when water usage is above average, it results in increased rate charges from the El Toro Water District (ETWD), which is passed on to the mutual. Currently, the mutual pays \$2.5 million a year for water which is reflected in a \$35 charge in your monthly assessment. We need your cooperation in keeping our costs and your assessments in check, while helping the environment.

We can work collectively to reduce water use and save money by taking a few simple steps:

- Check for leaks in kitchen, bathroom and laundry areas. Look for worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaking valves (particularly toilets). Call Resident Services at 949-597-4600 for more information. While waiting for the tap water to heat up, capture the cool water to use it later for cooking or watering plants. Save two or more gallons per minute.
- Turn off taps, even momentarily, when not using the water.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly; instead, place unwanted food items in garbage.
- Take 5-minute showers instead of 10-minute showers. Save 2.5 gallons per minute.
- Use energy- and water-efficient dishwashers and washing machines. Run these appliances with full loads during off hours.
- Do not wash your car—this is prohibited in Third Mutual.
- Use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle. Don't water your plantings between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and refrain from watering the common area landscaping altogether.

- Do not hose or wash down hard of paved surfaces (driveways, patios and sidewalks).
- Install low-flow showerheads and high-efficiency toilets.

For more information, see the attached tips. By being cognizant about our water consumption, we can save and help make sure there is enough water now and for future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

The Third Water Conservation Subcommittee

Around the House

...
The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day.
Here are some easy ways to reduce water use.



Install Aerators

Saves 1.2 gallons per person/day



Wash Full Loads of Clothes & Dishes

Washer: saves 15–45 gallons per load
Dishwasher: saves 5–15 gallons per load



Turn Off Water When Brushing Teeth or Shaving

Saves 10 gallons per person/day



Shower for Only 5 Minutes

Saves 12.5 gallons with a water efficient showerhead per shower



Install A High-Efficiency Toilet

Saves 19 gallons per person/day



Fix Leaks

Saves 110 gallons per month

For more easy tips, visit SaveOurWater.com
Water Conservation. IT'S FOR LIFE.

