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Fish Camp Mutual Water Company
Minutes for the Annual Members Meeting
Saturday, May 24, 2025 - 9:30 AM
Camp Green Meadows Nature Center
Fish Camp, CA

Notice of Meeting

The Notice and Agenda for this meeting was sent by email to the Directors on May 17, 2025.

The Notice and Agenda for this meeting was mailed to all Members of the Fish Camp Mutual Water Company in early May, 2025 by Jeff Cerioni.

The Notice and Agenda for this meeting was posted to the public on May 16, 2025 at

Fish Camp US Postal Service Office

Fish Camp General Store

by Jim Franklin.

A copy of the Certificate of Posting is included as Attachment A.

Agenda

1. Administrative Items

The Meeting was called to Order by Board Vice President, Robert Frediani, at 9:34 a.m.

The Board Vice President requested approval to record the meeting.

All present approved recording the Meeting.

A Quorum of Members were present in person or by Proxy.

Members present were asked to introduce themselves

The Board of Directors present introduced themselves:
Jeff Cerioni, Robert Frediani, Jim Franklin, Greg Baxter, Paul Sullican,
Jim Christian, Rick Musto, and Wayne Childress
Director(s) absent: Mark Spencer

Review Minutes of previous Annual Members Meeting for revision or approval

May 25, 2024 Annual Members Meeting

The Minutes of the May 25, 2024 Annual Members Meeting were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Board Treasurer, Greg Baxter, reported

bank balance: \$205,192

outstanding checks: \$6900

effective balance: \$198,292

Greg reported that there is \$18,000 of Accounts Receivables owed to the Water Company for payment of the Annual Water System Fee.

2024 Accounts Receivable: \$6,000

2025 Accounts Receivable: \$12,000

In order to motivate those FCMWC Members who are delinquent in payment of their annual Water System Fee, the Board will take action in accordance with FCMWC By-Laws.

Water System Fee billing is sent to each Member at the beginning of January.

If a Member does not pay their Water System Fee bill within 30 days of the date of the bill than their payment is delinquent and the Water Company will take action to motivate payment of the bill.

The Water Company will send a letter to the Member stating that their payment is delinquent and if payment is not received by the end of February then the water company will disconnect the water service from the Members Fish Camp property.

If the Water Company has not received the Water System Fee payment by the end of February then the Water Company will send a registered letter to the Member notifying the Member that the Water Company will put a lien on the Members FC property within the month of March.

3. **Status of our water system**

Thorn Hertwig, FCMWC Co-Watermaster with Jim Allen, reported the status of our water system.

We are using essentially the same amount of water as in past years. The water system is functioning that same as it has for several years. In a nutshell, 2 of our 4 wells are functioning fine.

Well #1 supplies water to the main water tanks on Laurel Ave.

Well #3 supplies water to a small water tank up on the eastside of our water system community, adjacent to White Chief Mtn Rd.

Wells #2 and #4 are out of service and have been in that status for several years, due to the presence of iron in the water.

A member asked about the low water pressure to several houses to the east of White Chief Mtn Rd. Thorn explained the area was served by a small tank at an elevation that does not provide as much pressure as is achieved by our main tanks. It is possible to include that part of our water system in the service provided by the main tanks. That would require an investment of money and WaterMaster effort. At this time the highest priority for the Water Company is to develop and pay for a new well.

Paul Sullivan noted that the most recent Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been posted to the FCMWC web site.

Thorn offered to conduct a tour of the our water system for any who are interested: wells, tanks, etc.

4. **Water use and conservation**

The State of California requires all water systems to encourage prudent water consumption practices. We, FCMWC Members, are using essentially the same amount of water each year.

5. **New Well: Status and Planning**

For several years we have operated our water system with 1 well supplying water to our primary tanks and a second well supplying water to a tank that serves a relatively isolated (in terms of water system service) section of our Members.

This is a tenuous situation. If our main well fails then most of us will be without water.

We have discussed this vulnerability several times over the past years.

At our 2024 Annual Members Meeting, we, the Members present and the Board of Directors, discussed the need, the urgency, and the solutions to pursue.

We discussed the costs of drilling and equipping a new well.

Cost estimates ranged from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

At that meeting, we asked the Members to approve a special assessment to raise the money necessary to pay for the new well project. The Board asked the Members to approve a special assessment of \$2,000 from each Member, that to be acted upon as more information about costs became known.

Now we are conducting our 2025 FCMWC Annual Members Meeting. Since that meeting a year ago, the Board formed a team focused on this project. The team is comprised of Jim Christian, Jeff Cerioni, Thorn Hertwig, and Jim Allen.

The New Well Team looked for locations, chose a promising site, spoke with Mariposa County officials, obtained a permit from Mariposa County to drill the well, and solicited well-drillers for bids. Now our goal is to raise money for this project. Given the experience and knowledge of the people on the New Well Team, given the 80 Members who are a part of this water system, the Board asked the Members to approve a special assessment of \$3,500 upon each Member. A motion to do that was approved by the Members.

6. **Election of Board of Directors**

The present FCMWC Board of Directors are

Officers

President: Jeff Cerioni

Vice-President: Robert Frediani

Treasurer: Greg Baxter

Secretary: Jim Franklin

Directors:

Wayne Childress, Jim Christian, Rick Musto,

Mark Spencer, Paul Sullivan

The Members present at the meeting were invited to make a Motion to re-elect the nine Members of the Board to serve another year.

That Motion was made, seconded, and the vote was almost unanimous. The lone "No" vote was met with laughter.

7. **New business for future meetings, comments, questions**

Comments and questions:

+ When will the special assessment notification begin?

June, July, or August

+ Fire hydrants?

Several hydrants are in place. There will be perpetual additions.

+ A Member expressed concerns about the FCMWC policy for the special assessment for Members who operate Vacation Rentals. This has been and remains a complex topic that the Board will continue to

evaluate at subsequent Board Meetings.

8. **Adjourn**

The Annual Members Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



**Fish Camp Mutual Water Company
Certificate of Posting of Notice and Agenda for the
Annual Members Meeting**

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The Notice and Agenda was posted at two places in the community of Fish Camp, California:

Fish Camp General Store date posted: May 16, 2025

Fish Camp USPS Office date posted: May 16, 2025

I, James R. Franklin, Secretary of the FCMWC Board of Directors, certify that I posted the Notice and Agenda for the Annual Members Meeting of the Fish Camp Mutual Water Company as described by this Certificate of Posting.