



SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Glaze, General Manager

DATE: March 22, 2006

**RE: General Information (regarding matters not scheduled on the agenda)
3/28/06 Board of Directors Meeting**

Relicensing

The Flow-Related Workgroup continues to meet to review the technical portions of the Report on Consumptive Water Use and Water Quality. The initial workshop was held on March 9, and the workgroup will meet again on March 23 and 24. The purpose of this next workshop is to review and agree upon, to the extent possible, the technical portions of the report, including how the technical studies were performed, how the technical information is presented, and conclusions regarding the technical information. The workshop will not include discussions about potential resource management measures, which the workgroup is scheduled to begin discussing on May 2 and 3.

Water Marketing

I talked recently with Carl Seckel, Assistant General Manager of Municipal Water District of Orange County. MWDOC and several of its neighboring districts and municipalities in Orange County are still interested in a long-term water-transfer agreement with SFWPA. MWDOC can use SFWPA's water about 50% of the time and, therefore, needs other agencies in their region to partner with them in the deal. Those entities have not yet concluded their discussions about how their partnership will be structured – a step that has to be accomplished before our negotiations can proceed with MWDOC.

Mandatory Ethics Training – AB 1234

Attorney Jeff Meith will be providing the training required by AB 1234 at a special joint meeting of the SFWPA, Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District and Oroville Cemetery District boards on Tuesday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Agency's Board Room. Lunch will be served.

Office Addition/Remodel

Now that everyone is settled in to the new downstairs office and reorganized in their new surroundings, efficiency and functionality have returned for normal business operations. The design by architect John Anderson is proving to be well thought out from a work-flow perspective, and the additional space is giving us an opportunity to get an antiquated filing system rehabilitated.

Work has progressed on stripping the old upstairs office of lighting fixtures, wiring, plumbing and other hardware in preparation for the removal of asbestos-containing wall- and floor-covering materials. We will receive bids by the end of the week from three asbestos-abatement contractors for doing that work, including the removal of asbestos-containing roofing material. This is work that must be performed by a specially licensed contractor. We anticipate that Bob Cherry's crew will have access to the building again after the first of May when they will begin the process of installing new trusses and roof, and remodeling the interior.

We're receiving a lot of compliments from customers coming into the new front office for the first time, including compliments on the landscaping, as contained in the attached letter from Jim Carpenter.

You probably won't be surprised to hear that we have also had a few complaints. The primary one is, "I don't like how far I have to walk to get to the front door." After hearing that a number of times, I conducted a scientific study to compare how the present is different from the past. The results of that study are as follows.

In front of the new office, once one opens their car door after parking in the closest non-handicap parking space, 27 steps will get a person of my gate to the front door, assuming he stays on the sidewalk and does not cut across the lawn (Jenny Slinkard would take 29 steps, while Bob Cherry could get there in 25). In the past, after that same person attempted to park in the closest space to the front door of the old office, waited for traffic to clear so they could open their car door without risking being rolled like a cigar between the side of their car and the side of a big yellow school bus trying to keep all of its wide body on the right side of the centerline, they could get to the old front door in 22 steps. So, OK, five additional steps are required to get to the front door of the new office. Now, while I appreciate that the new office requires a customer to walk farther, getting to the front door of Raley's from its closest non-handicap parking space also requires 27 steps. So why isn't anyone complaining to the supermarket checkers about how far they have to walk to get into the store?

February 28, 2006

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Dear Mr Glaze

I commend you and your staff for the beautiful job you have done on the renovation and landscaping of the District Office and maintaining an existing building.

I most appreciate the fact that you used in house staff to accomplish this project.

I commend you for recognizing the talent and resources you have within your staff and using them for the benefit of the District .

Thanks for a job well done.


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