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ADMINISTRATOR FOR LAS DELTAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SUMMARY JANUARY 27, 2026, AT 5:30 PM

The community meeting for the forth quarter of 2025 for the Las Deltas Mutual Water Company (MWC) was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the Firebaugh Community Center. In attendance were 3 community members, along with Stacey Claros, Armando Murrieta, and Amanda De Anda in-person and Hamish Kellam and Clarissa Johnson online from Provost & Pritchard (P&P).

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Stacey opened the meeting by giving a brief overview of Provost & Pritchard and explained that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has contracted P&P to serve as the Administrator of the Las Deltas water system. P&P's work is completely funded through California's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program. Stacey provided an overview of past water system compliance issues which include:

- Compliance Order 03-23-120-005: violation of distribution system pressure requirements
- Compliance Order 03-23-17R-003: violations of TTHM MCL exceedance
- 2018 Inspection Report: "distribution system in poor condition"
- Also 2018: all five board positions became vacant

WATER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Water quality sampling results showed that Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) continue to exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 80 µg/L. October 30, 2025, samples measured 110 µg/L. However, bacteriological contaminants were absent, and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) remain within limit. Quarterly exceedance notices will continue to be mailed to residents even if no status changes occur. The average level of TTHM throughout 2025 were 118 µg/L. There is an informational handout about TTHM available to attendees and online at https://admin.provostandpritchard.com/communities/las-deltas-mutual-water-company/.

Stacey shared an overview of water usage throughout 2025, noting a significant increase in consumption between April and August. There were 38.1 million total gallons used in 2025. The topic of installation meters and usage-based rates was opened to the attendees. The system may benefit from installing meters to track usage and implement usage-based rates. The current flat rate structure strains operations and provides no incentive for conservation during high-use months.

WORK UPDATES

Overarching tasks P&P continues to work on for the Las Deltas water system include

- Hydro Tank Replacement
    - Hydropnuematic Tank is aged, worn, and in need of replacement. Progress on planning the replacement is ongoing.
- Meter Installation

    - P&P will be reaching out to verify the location for service laterals across the system. The meters will align with the City of Firebaugh specifications.
- Leak Detection Study
    - P&P and GHD are conducting detection study on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. The study is being funded through the Division of Water Resources.
- Continued Work Towards Consolidation
    - P&P sent notices to commercial owners to install and submit proof of backflow devices. State Water Board requires water systems to enforce backflow at high-risk connections. If customers do not comply, backflow may be installed with meters and customers billed for the extra material costs.

BILLING & FINANCIAL HEALTH

Water rates are unchanged for the time being. A Rate Study is underway. The goal is to implement new rate structure amongst water system. Flat and metered rates will be evaluated. P&P will share the results of the Rate Study once it is completed.

A profit and loss report for Las Deltas from August 2023 through December 2025 was shared. We are waiting for a $9,417.70 reimbursement to come through from the State. Thank you to all those who continue to pay their bills and contribute to the improvement of the system.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Regarding community engagement, P&P described various outreach channels available to Las Deltas customers, including the Las Deltas MWC website, survey, and future public meetings. Attendees were encouraged to join the contact list to receive Admin Alerts via text.

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:30 PM, after which the P&P team remained available to answer questions.