## O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Co.

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Dear Members, January 5, 2024

The annual membership meeting is **Thursday**, **January 25**, **2024** at **7:30** pm. **Due to the continued health** risks associated with Covid and to increase participation by Members, it will be held live via a Zoom videoconference call.

Register in Advance for this Zoom Meeting by going to <a href="bit.ly/Water2024">bit.ly/Water2024</a> or using this QR Code:



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information to join the meeting.

Note: Registration is required. You will be asked to provide your name, email address, street address, and status. The annual meeting is a private company meeting where only Members of the Company and Customers (e.g., residents, renters) in our service area can attend. Your name and street address will be used to confirm that you are eligible to join the meeting and participate.

Below is the Agenda as well as important information about the proxy and emergency contact form included with this letter.

- Call to Order
- Introduction / Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes from last year's annual meeting (Read them in advance at the Company's
  website under the Members area at <u>oconnorwater.org</u>. A printed copy is available upon request.)
- Operations & Planning Reports
  - Highlights of last year's operations
  - o Annual Water Quality Report for information
  - o Report on the manganese treatment plant
  - Update on installing meters for every connection
- Administrative Reports
  - o Presentation of and request that the Members accept the 2023 Audit Report
  - Presentation of and request that the Members approve the 2024 Operating & Capital Budget
- Nominate and Elect Board of Directors and Alternates of the Board of Directors
- Member Questions

If you are unable to attend, it is essential that you return your proxy to the Company at the physical or email addresses above, to Ms. Ana Pedreiro (Secretary), or one of the board members (listed at the bottom of this letter). We must have a minimum threshold of proxies and participants to conduct Company business at this meeting. If you cannot join, it only takes a few minutes to complete your proxy.

Manganese Treatment Plant. Construction of the manganese treatment plant has been completed. It was inspected by the State's Division of Drinking Water on December 15, 2023, and we are working with the State to obtain approval to begin commissioning the treatment plant. We look forward to providing a full update at the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Board of Directors.** The five directors on the board will be elected by ballot at this meeting. All five current directors have volunteered again to serve on the board for 2024.

**Becoming an Alternate.** Traditionally, members interested in serving on the board serve first as an alternate to learn about the Company's operations. We would be delighted for you to participate as an alternate. You'll learn what goes on behind the scenes to keep the water flowing from your taps. And you'll be able to contribute your talents to our valuable neighborhood resource. If you have questions or wish to volunteer your time as an alternate or become a director on the board, please contact David Jones, president of the board of directors, at <a href="mailto:davidlawjones@gmail.com">davidlawjones@gmail.com</a>.

**Installing Meters for Every Connection.** State law requires the Company to have every connection metered by January 1, 2032. We'll share our plan for meeting this requirement at the annual meeting.

## **Additional Important Information**

Please call the office at 650-321-2723 if you see water leaks, need a water shut-off, or have other concerns. The company is required to maintain up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency. Please subscribe to the email distribution list to receive scheduled and emergency water shutoffs and other important information. To subscribe, please send an email to oconnorwater@gmail.com with the word "subscribe" in the subject line and include your name and street address.

**For new members** and anyone wanting to know more about your Water Company, please see the website, www.oconnorwater.org.

**Before digging for construction**, homeowners or their contractors should call **Underground Service Alert (1-800-227-2600)** so the area may be marked by utilities, including your water company. This is to prevent breaking any lines while excavating. Also, homeowners must be sure not to cover the water shut-off valve with concrete or asphalt.

The Board and staff look forward to seeing you at 7:30 pm on Thursday evening January 25, 2024, via the Zoom videoconference call.

2023 Board of Directors:

David Jones, President Judy Windt, Vice President Mike Frank, Board Member Todd Rosenthal, Board Member Ron Garcia, Board Member