La Plata West Water Authority
Board of Director's Meeting
August 12, 2026
555 CR 122, Hesperus, CO

1. **Call to Order:** 6:38 PM
2. **Roll Call:** James Campbell, Sharon Orr, Steve Krest, Tyler Paulek, Wanda Cason (teleconference), Pete Nylander (teleconference), Ryan Elworthy, Yvonne Ellis. Absent: Aaron Preator. Guests: Roy Horvath, Colin Daly, Eric Hassel
3. **Public Comment-**none
4. **Agenda Approval**
   Motion made by Steve to approve, second by Sharon; unanimous approval.
5. **Colin Daly (Souder, Miller & Associates, Inc.)**
   - A presentation of Funding Opportunities (Water Resources-Colorado Edition) provides an extensive list of available grant and loan funding sources for water and wastewater projects; SMA will assist with applications. Some programs accept applications on a rolling basis, while others on an annual basis.
6. **Curtis Click request via email**
   - Requested that the Board consider a tank access gate at the road entrance; he proposed putting in a cattle guard and solarized gate at his expense as convenience to access his property and Blue Hill Tank.

   Motion made by Steve and second by Sharon to give the Maintenance Technician the authority to look at specs provided by Curtis Click to assess that it meets weight and width requirements for entry/exit of large equipment; unanimous approval.
7. **Eric Hassel**
   - Introduction of services: Certified by CDPHE with vast experience in all phases of water and wastewater management.
8. **Minutes Approval** (7/8/2026)
   Motion made by Tyler to approve, second by Steve; unanimous approval.
9. **Financial report**
   a. Consent Agenda: Budget vs Actuals; P & L Balance Sheet, S&M; P&L Transaction Detail 7/31/2026
   Motion made by Sharon to approve, second by Steve; unanimous approval.
10. **Operations and Business**
    A. Office Manager Report
       1. WFS: sales-502,512 gallons, YTD sales-2.6 million gallons as of 8/5/26, 201 customers
       2. ORC/Compliance
       - Lead and Copper samples completed and waiting for analysis
       - Annual DBP sample completed, waiting for results.
       - LPWWA Compliance Binders with all required documentation is being assembled for easy access and maintenance.
       - Backflow Prevention/Cross Contamination Control records were not completed in 2025-2026 per LPWWA requirements, so property owners were notified and added to compliance records.
       3. Office and Operations
       - Three taps sold in July

- Well Permit Waivers requested by two parcel owners who are 1,200-1,300 feet from LPWWA water line which qualifies for an exemption.

4. ALP/Water Operations

- Joint Pool discussed-blanket approval for all members allowing LPWWA access to remaining river water stored in the reservoir, even though they are not pumping. Manager will be notified.

5. Pumping and Intake Pump Maintenance

- Pumping activity ended July 31.
- Split seal on the intake pump shaft was replaced found in facility; a replacement seal needs to be purchased and kept on site. Cost of part is $5693.98 and split 50/50 with LDWA.
- Quote from All American Technical Team for parts needed.
- Board consideration: Clarification needed regarding what expense is a 50/50 shared cost with LDWA under the current arrangement, or whether the cost remains with one party until the terms of the operating agreement are met.

B. Operator Report

1. Routine/Regular Operations
    - Weekly critical infrastructure onsite checks
    - Three chlorine residual samples taken weekly
    - Booster chlorinator still shut down but water from LDWA has adequate residuals
    - Daily monitoring of incoming/outgoing water volume; 14 day trend
    - Flow rate maintaining 30 GPM
    - Continues with meters and meter antennae replacements as needed and signage at flush points.
2. Upcoming
    - Cla-Val rebuild parts ordered for Flow Control and PRV valve servicing; parts ordered, 3-4 weeks out.
        - Operating Manual recommends full valve teardown, inspection, cleaning and repair or replace worn parts annually. Cost is $4,789.99- reimburse Tech.
    - Draft a low tank level operating procedure

    Discussion-consult sensor experts regarding the implementation and cost of a new tank level sensor. Also, inspect the control panel to determine if an uninterruptible power supply is present.
    Discussion-establish net-30 terms with suppliers who are used for parts such as Allied and Grand Junction Pipe as the current credit card limit requires manual reauthorization for larger purchases.
3. Emergency Response
    - PRV #1 non-functional sending full pressure down line; cost is $3216.92 to be reimbursed to Tech due to credit card limit.
4. Grounds Keeping
    - Gravel pathway for vault access, sampling hydrants at tank and office, Booster chlorinator chemical bath tank and secondary containment need replacement, Booster chlorinator pump needs a mount fabricated.
5. National Lightning Protection

    Quote for $5500, from the original company who installed it; a quote will be procured from alternative companies.

6. LPWWA Third Party Ground Disturbance Policy

- This Policy will protect utility infrastructure by the establishment of guidelines for developers and contractors working around water system. A link on the website to the policy will be added to provide guidance to developers and contractors.
- *Motion made to approve by Steve, second by Pete; unanimous approval.*

11. **Committee Reports**
    A. Operation, Maintenance, Repair (OM&R)
        1. LDWA/LPWWA Operation and Maintenance Agreement update
            - Requested from ORC and Maintenance Tech submit a thorough Operations and Maintenance (O&M)report to the committee by January to assist in adjusting costs to current levels.
            - Attorneys for each Authority are negotiating Agreement. To note: LDWA utilizes 85% of the infrastructure capacity and negotiating for 50% maintenance expenses, with goal of basing costs on usage. The objective is to reach an equitable partnership.
    B. Strategic Plan-no report
    C. Management
        1. R&R (II A. Definitions/Systems)-concerns regarding definition of "industrial use" of WFS. Confirmed by ALP representative that current use by commercial entities, such as for oil well seeding and construction, are not considered industrial. It was requested that the grant agreement's Exhibit A be located and attached to the board drive document to clarify the specific terms, and the board agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

9. **Tabled and Unfinished business-**none

10. New Business-none

11. Other Business-none

12. Adjourn: 8:40 PM

Next Meetings: September 9, 2026, 6:30 PM; October 14, 2026, 6:30 PM

***EXECUTIVE SESSION 24-6-402(4)() C.R.S.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Orr