

Mike Hollebrands

From: Laura Fulmer <voc1@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:05 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Re: Water meter question

Got it! Here's another question: does it make any difference to you (meaning the water company, of course) when that meter gets set? If we won't be using it for another year or two, it seems like pushing Mr. Sheltren to do the other work right away is sort of pointless. Is there any (legal) reason why we can't put off that work until we're actually ready to do our portion?

laura

On 8/22/11 11:35 AM, "Mike Hollebrands" <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

> Hi Laura,
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> A decision needs to be made about the box location between myself and Mr.
> Sheltren. Secondly, he needs to permit his excavation through the
> County. Once that is complete and he has tapped into our main line and
> a box is set, we will set the meter. Then it will be up to you to lay
> your water line where ever and whenever you can. Please be aware that
> when Mr. Sheltren completes his end of the deal you will be
> responsible for paying the MCC charge every month based on a 2" meter, which will total \$ 85.80.
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> Best Regards,
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> Mike Hollebrands
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Laura Fulmer [mailto:voc1@roadrunner.com]
> Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:43 AM
> To: Mike Hollebrands
> Subject: Water meter question
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> Hi Mike,
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> I just spoke with Diana and it appears we've got our financial ducks
> in a row now :-) Can you tell me what the next step would be from our
> end? Our agreement with the Shelton's requires them to install the
> meter, but from talking with Diana, it seems that the installation
> wouldn't happen until we're actually ready to install the lines
> themselves, and that won't happen for some time (we've got to find a way to pay for it still).
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> Your thoughts? Suggestions? Advice?
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> Any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated!
> --
> Laura Fulmer, Director
> Valley Oak Charter
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Laura Fulmer, Director
Valley Oak Charter

Mike Hollebrands

From: Laura Fulmer <voc1@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Re: VOC water meter

Thanks, Mike, this is very helpful in understanding the process.

I'm not really expecting to find the original copy, but I will go through the escrow 'pile' and see if the Sheltren's will-serve is there. If I find it, I will bring it over. If I don't find it, what would the next step be?

Laura

P.S. Have you spoken to Mr. Sheltren recently about the installation?

On 9/7/11 1:23 PM, "Mike Hollebrands" <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

> Laura,
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> Please see attached
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Laura Fulmer [mailto:voc1@roadrunner.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 12:33 PM
> To: Mike Hollebrands
> Subject: VOC water meter
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> Hi Mike,
>
> Sorry it's taken a few weeks to get back to you...the beginning of the
> school year tends to consume me for a week or two :-)
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> If I understand your last email correctly, you are saying that:
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> 1. You will need to reissue the Will serve letter for the property in
> the name of Valley Oak Charter (I do not have the Sheltren's previous
> version, unless it's buried somewhere in the escrow documents).
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> 2. Once the meter is installed, the monthly fee to the Water district
> would increase to \$85.80, even though no water is being used until we
> actually build.
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> 3. The Water company doesn't mind if we wait to install the meter
> until we are closer to developing the property, that is between VOC and the Sheltrems.
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> 4. We would have to request that the will-serve be renewed each year
> following its expiration.
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> Is that correct? Will the new will-serve be dated as of the close of
> escrow or will it carry the original expiration date? And when we
> request a renewal, is it automatically approved like with VCRWD or is
> there a possibility that we would be denied at some future date if we
> don't do the work within the original time frame?
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> Whew...my brain needs to take a break :-) If you can confirm or
> correct by Thursday at 1:00, I will be able to share this information
> at my next Board of Director's meeting and get some guidance in how
> best to proceed from our end
>
> Thanks so much!
> --
> Laura Fulmer, Director
> Valley Oak Charter
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Laura Fulmer, Director
Valley Oak Charter

Mike Hollebrands

From: Alyssa <alyssa@meinersoakswater.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2015 3:18 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: FW: Valley Oak Charter School Will Serve Letter
Attachments: MSC VOCS December 2014.xlsx

Hi Mike,

I sent the below email to you last week. Laura Fulmer from Valley Oak Charter School called again today. She wants to get a meter installed on the property. She said she has a will serve letter and that she received the letter and the resolution that we sent to her. She would like a call back from you as soon as possible.

Laura Fulmer
Valley Oak Charter School
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Ph: (805) 640-4421

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From: Alyssa [mailto:alyssa@meinersoakswater.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Valley Oak Charter School Will Serve Letter

Hi Mike,

Laura Fulmer from Valley Oak Charter School called regarding the letters and resolution we sent out to the customers who have been making MSC payments. She said that they have a Will Serve letter and she would like to have a meter installed on the property. She would like to speak to you regarding her Will Serve letter, the MSC payments, the letter we sent to her and having a meter installed.

Laura Fulmer
Valley Oak Charter School
Ph: (805) 798-7856
Ph: (805) 640-4421

I have attached their invoice to this email.

Thanks,

Mike Hollebrands

From: Alyssa <alyssa@meinersoakswater.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 7:58 AM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Phone Message: Laura Fulmer with VOCS Will Serve letter

Hi Mike,

Laura Fulmer from Valley Oaks Charter School called and left a message (regarding the will serve letter). She said that she is sorry she missed your call. She has been travelling but is back now. She would like for you to call her back on her cell, and if she does not answer, she is probably in a workshop, so please leave a time for her to call you back.

Her cell: (805) 798-7856

Thanks,

Alyssa Munger
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Regards,
Mike

P.S. Sorry about your last name, there is nothing worse as mine commonly misspelled as well.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mike Krumpschmidt <krumpschmidt@gmail.com>
Date: 03/23/2015 8:03 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com>
Subject: Fwd: MOWD Letter

Mike,

I've had the following email exchange with Craig Walker (a very good friend of mine and teacher at Oak Valley Charter School, run by Laura Fulmer). Did I represent the District's concerns accurately? Should or need I add anything else? Have you had discussions with Laura Fulmer regarding this?

Mike Kurmps Schmidt

p.s. for proper chronology, read the letter at the bottom first and proceed "upwards"

Begin forwarded message:

Date: March 23, 2015 at 7:12:20 PM PDT
From: Craig Walker <craigw9953@aol.com>
To: krumpschmidt@gmail.com
Subject: Re: MOWD Letter

Thanks, Mike. I understand the need to firm up your water allocations, but I think "shovel ready" may be a little much for those like us. 1 month notice is tough for folks who are in the design phase of their project. We have purchased our property and have an architect working on plans, but aren't ready to build.

We are more than willing to put in a water meter if we can do so in the time given, but some flexibility should be given to people who have the intent, are in process, and have paid the fees in good faith; we just haven't completed the County approval process. When Laura purchased the property she was told that if she paid the fees she would have no problem getting a meter. To change the requirements on such short notice--and when our school has already paid out over \$100,000--doesn't seem right. I know Laura called Mike today, but he was out. I'll find out if she talked with him later this afternoon.

Did you get your new tooth put in? Or just the stem? Hope it went well and that you'll be ready for golf!

Craig

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Krumpschmidt <krumpschmidt@gmail.com>
To: Craig Walker <CraigW9953@aol.com>

Mike Hollebrands

From: Mike Hollebrands
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Mike Krumpschmidt
Subject: RE: MOWD Letter

No, never. But heard it's a good workout!

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mike Krumpschmidt <krumpschmidt@gmail.com>
Date: 03/24/2015 10:58 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com>
Subject: Re: MOWD Letter

Mike,

Thanks for your thorough response. I will forward it to my friend. I am feeling a bit better, but oral surgery is no mere dentist visit... By the way, I play disc (or frisbee) golf. Have you ever played it?

Mike K

On Mar 23, 2015, at 9:34 PM, Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

Mike,

Hope your mouth feels better soon and it doesn't affect your golf game, alcohol usually helps me. With my golf game that is.

I got back to the office around 3 today and returned Luara's call but had to leave a message. I reiterated the dates in the resolution as she did not have a copy of it when we spoke last. I also let her know that the policy states that with customers who cannot meet the timeline, they can apply in writing, a request for an extension until December 31st of this year. So one month notice is not totally accurate.

Also, simply installing a meter does not negate the current problem. We still don't have the water to serve. When the customers transaction originally took place, water was not a problem, only their ability to use the connection was. I was also not made aware of their lengthy timeline at the time of issuance. (not sure if it would have been a problem but full disclosure could have been beneficial at the time)

I am sorry the timeline is hard to comply with and may cause significant financial hardship, but is is there for a reason. This also does not preclude them from eventually completing their project, only delay it until more water is available.

From my discussion with Luara and looking at the project site, they are a long ways from putting a shovel in the ground.

As a side note, a customer who is closer than your friend is running into significant resistance at the County level and they even have plans submitted. So it's not just us or Casitas.

Anyway, you can pass this on to your friend on Friday and I will have further discussions with Luara.

Sent: Mon, Mar 23, 2015 6:45 pm
Subject: Re: MOWD Letter

Hey Craig,

I just came back from the dentist! Things went pretty well, but I'm on drugs so we'll see how things are when the drugs wear off...

Regarding the letter MOWD sent out, I knew about that mailing, although I did not know a letter was going to you guys. Generally, as I understand it, the issue is this: we are not giving out any more "will serve letters" because of the drought. And, we still have some out there (like your school) that we need to deal with for planning purposes. For instance, we're in negotiations with Lake Casitas for water allocation for when our wells go dry again. We've never really had an established allocation from them because our wells have never gone completely dry. Casitas doesn't know how much to allocate us and we really don't know how much we'll need going forward. But, Casitas doesn't have much to give us—according to them...and they've been "low-balling us during initial negotiations...

Anyway, other factors such as our own allocations to our customers going forward also need to be figured out. Therefore, we need to firm up what our delivery requirements and needs are going to be. So, we want to take "maybes" and firm them up. If someone is out there with a letter and has definite, "shovel ready" plans, we'll honor the letters and go forward. However, if someone is unclear about their process and/or timetable, we will terminate their letters so the above mentioned needs can be addressed properly.

As to what proof, action or timetable you need to demonstrate to keep your letter active, I'm not sure. It's certainly best to contact Mike Hollebrands (which I believe Laura has...). If I can be some help, let me know.

Unless my disposition goes completely "South" because of dental discomfort, let's plan on playing Friday morning.

Mike

On Mar 23, 2015, at 11:40 AM, Craig Walker <CraigW9953@aol.com> wrote:

Hi, Mike,

Valley Oak received a letter from MOWD a week or so ago informing us about a resolution passed by your board back in February regarding will-serve letters. It contains several requirements with a rather stringent timetable--the first deadline being April 1!

We have been paying fees for a while to maintain our will-serve letter, but now we find we could lose this if we don't comply with the resolution by April 1 and then install a meter by June 1. Laura has a call into Mike H. to find out exactly what we need to do, because we are still a little confused as to what is needed.

We have an architect hired and are in the design process. We are not sure where we have to be in the process to meet the district's requirements. Hopefully it will be fairly straightforward, but I thought I would let you know. Let's talk in a day or two after Laura has heard back from Mike.

Thanks, Mike! Let's plan on a golf game on Friday if you're around.

Craig

Mike Hollebrands

From: Valley Oak Charter Director <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Cc: Valley Oak Charter Director
Subject: Re: Fees

Importance: High

Thank you, Mike. Right after speaking with you, I called CMWD again to speak with Neal Cole as you directed. Unfortunately, Mr. Cole is out of the office this week. I did speak with Steve Wickstrum at CMWD and we discussed this situation at some length. This is what I learned from our discussion:

- CMWD does not have any special requirements/services/agreements in place for customers of MOWD who have Will-Serve letters from MOWD in hand. They will enter into an allocation agreement to supplement MOWD water on a case-by-case basis. Action taken by the Board of the MOWD does not constitute an agreement to provide water by CMWD.
- The CMWD's process requires that our application go before their Water Resources Committee and then to their own Board of Directors. Neither of these groups will be meeting again prior to April 1. Therefore, it is effectively impossible to meet the April 1st deadline your Board has set for their approval.
- Although we may submit an application immediately, it will continue to be subject to the requirements and timelines as outlined by CMWD. The payment of any fees and issuance of any approvals cannot be completed by April 1.

After speaking with Mr. Wickstrum, I am even more concerned about the current situation as it relates to the school's investment. Although I do understand that the drought we are experiencing is something no-one has control over, the MOWD does have control over the issuance of water allocations and the subsequent delivery of that water to parcels in the area it serves. To now make a determination that MOWD will only honor their agreement, which was instrumental in our school purchasing the property initially, if we are able to obtain a separate agreement from another water purveyor in less than a week is unacceptable.

As the property we purchased in Meiners Oaks was accompanied by a properly executed Will Serve letter, clearly stating that it was transferable to successive owners and, as we have diligently paid the bill for monthly charges that MOWD has issued each month since that purchase occurred, the new requirements that are being placed on us by your Board's actions seem both arbitrary and unfair. I have contacted our granting authority, Ojai Unified School District, with a request for this issue to be reviewed by legal counsel.

I will be meeting with my own Board of Directors at 1:30 today. I hope to receive communication from you prior to that time that, at minimum, provides that the April 1st deadline to obtain a service agreement from CMWD will be extended in the same manner as the the MOWD's Capital Improvement Fees we discussed earlier today.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you wish to discuss this further, I can be reached at the school phone or on my cell (798-7856) or by email. I will be leaving the state early tomorrow for the spring break.

Laura Fulmer, Director
Valley Oak Charter School

On 3/25/15 10:45 AM, "Mike Hollebrands" <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

Laura,

If your request for extension is granted by MOWD, Capital Improvement fees will not be due by the June deadline, but will be required prior to installation of the meter.

Regards,

Mike Hollebrands

From: Mike Hollebrands
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:33 PM
To: Steve Wickstrum
Subject: RE: Valley Oak Charter

That seems harmless enough. Well, she's spooled up now.
Thanks for speaking to her, she needed to hear that from you.

From: Steve Wickstrum [mailto:swickstrum@casitaswater.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Re: Valley Oak Charter

She stated that she was meeting with her Board today. Told her that Casitas could take the application today but we need water demand info before we could process her request for an allocation.

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 2:15 PM, Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

Hey Steve,

What happened during your conversation with Laura Fulmer? Everything seemed to be ok, now she is speaking of litigation.

Mike Hollebrands

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Mike Hollebrands

From: Mike Hollebrands
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 8:28 AM
To: Valley Oak Charter Director
Subject: RE: Please reply

Laura,

That is correct, however, when your project is to the point where water will be needed VOC will still need to follow MOWD and Casitas' policies regarding water allocations/services. I you would like to address the Board regarding informational items or ideas, that can be done during the public comment section of the agenda which is in the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting time is 6pm the 21st of this month, located here at our office.

Regards,

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From: Valley Oak Charter Director [mailto:voc1@valleyoakcharter.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Re: Please reply

Hi Mike,

Thank you for response. If I understand you correctly, you will be recommending that VOC not be subject to the timelines as listed in the original letter and resolution previously provided to us. Is this accurate? If this is the case, we would not need to bring our own request as I requested in my last email, however, we would still like to address your Board during the meeting about some ideas we have regarding creating a 'water-savers showplace' at our new site. Could this be done during the Public Comments or do you think an agenda item for a presentation would be more realistic?

Laura

On 4/9/15 7:35 AM, "Mike Hollebrands" <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

Good morning Laura,

After a meeting with my policy committee yesterday it was decided that we would propose to my Board that an extension should be granted to Valley Oak Charter until the time that Valley Oak Charter can meet the requirements of Lake Casitas' policy to apply for and purchase a water allocation for the property at 145 St. Thomas Drive. Our meeting is Tuesday, the 21st of April at 6pm here at the office, it is open to the public and comments are welcome. You may attend that meeting and voice your concerns on the topic if this option is not satisfactory to you.

Regards,

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From: Valley Oak Charter Director [<mailto:voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 5:36 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Please reply

Hi Mike,

My Board of Directors has determined that it would like the opportunity to address your Board regarding the MOWD recent action that could have a very negative impact on the future of our program. Could you please tell me how to go about placing an item on the agenda for the next meeting there? I believe the date is April 21. Thank you for your assistance. Laura Fulmer, Director Valley Oak Charter School 805.798.7856 (cell)

Mike Hollebrands

From: laura fulmer <laurafulmer@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 9:04 AM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Re: update?

Great! I'll try to get by later today.

Thanks,

Laura

On Wednesday, March 9, 2016 8:10 AM, Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

Hi Laura,

You can drop that by our office any time and we will take care of it for you.

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From: laura fulmer [mailto:laurafulmer@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 6:21 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: update?

Good evening, Mike. We have our form 126 in hand and would like to meet with you about moving forward with our project. We've had a bit of a setback in that our assistant director suffered a rather serious health issue, but he's on the mend and we're eager to begin this process!

Please let me know your availability this week. I am most easily available in the mornings. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Laura Fulmer, Director
Valley Oak Charter

Mike Hollebrands

From: Mike Hollebrands
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 4:08 PM
To: Neil Cole
Subject: RE: Valley Oak Charter School

Hi Neil,

Yes, .5 ac/ft/yr I agree with. If the project requires a fire hydrant, MOWD will supply the fire protection.

Thanks Neil!

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From: Neil Cole [mailto:ncole@casitaswater.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Valley Oak Charter School

Good afternoon Mike

Laura Fullmer stopped by to ask about her Valley Oak Charter School project. If I understand her correctly, MOWD wants them to purchase a water allocation from Casitas. Is that correct?

They do have a report from Moon Engineering that states the project will use about 0.5 AF of water a year. Unless I see something that I don't agree with in the report, this is what Casitas would require if the project was being served by Casitas. Is this the amount that MOWD wants them to purchase?

If the project is required to install an additional fire hydrant, I'm assuming this hydrant will be on MOWD system. Is this a correct assumption?

Thank you!

Neil

Mike Hollebrands

From: Neil Cole <ncole@casitaswater.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 9:14 AM
To: laurafulmer@att.net
Cc: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Valley Oak Charter water allocation agreement
Attachments: Agreement-water allocation for Meiners Oaks WD.doc; WaterServiceApp.doc

Good morning Laura

Attached is the water application and the Water Service Agreement for Valley Oak Charter to purchase a water allocation from Casitas for Meiners Oaks.

Please review the documents carefully. Please let me know who has the authority to sign the agreement on behalf of Valley Oak Charter and what their title is.

Once the agreements are reviewed and approved by Valley Oak Charter, I can finalize the documents and schedule the notary for signatures.

Thank you!

Neil

Please let me know what you need in order to get this cleared up immediately. The property is on the market now and having this issue in question is a problem.

Thank you,

Laura Fulmer

Valley Oak Charter

From: Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 10:27 AM
To: Valley Oak Charter School <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Subject: RE: Please confirm

That's correct Laura.

Your welcome!

M. Hollebrands

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From: Valley Oak Charter Director [mailto:voc1@valleyoakcharter.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Please confirm
Importance: High

Hello again :-)

This email is to detail and verify this morning's phone conversation for my Board and for our friends at OUSD.

During the call we:

- Discussed your recent meeting with Mr. Sheltren at the property at which you verified that he had properly installed a line that will support a 2" meter to service our property.
- Confirmed that Mr. Sheltren has paid his portion of the Capital Improvement fees for a 1" water meter to MOWD in full.
- Calculated the additional cost for the upgrade to a 2" meter with a flow of up to 160 gpm to be \$5336.40.
- Confirmed that this balance is to be paid by Valley Oak Charter as it's portion of fees to MOWD.
- Agreed that this balance could be paid to MOWD at the time the project is ready for install.
- Confirmed that payment of the \$5336.40 is the total additional cost to VOC.

If this is all accurate, you can just respond with a simple 'yes'. If anything is amiss, please let me know!

Thanks again for your help with all of this , Mike.

Laura

Laura Fulmer, Director
Valley Oak Charter

Mike Hollebrands

From: voc 1 <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Valley Oak

Just checking in with you regarding last week's communications, Mike.

Do you want me to send you a copy of the CMWD contract? Or is there any other information that you need/want for your files?

I understand that your Board will be discussing the water availability issue again soon and I'd like to make sure they are clear on where Valley Oak stands. Would it be helpful for me to attend their next meeting?

I would appreciate getting this resolved as quickly as possible so that I can focus on other concerns here at our El Centro site (solar, low-water use toilets, xeriscaping the landscape, and on and on and on). I can be reached by email or by phone at the school at 805-640-4421.

Thanks for you time!

Laura

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Laura Fulmer, Director
Valley Oak Charter
805.640.4421

Mike Hollebrands

From: Mike Hollebrands
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 1:14 PM
To: voc 1
Subject: RE: Please confirm

Yes, thank you!

From: voc 1 <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com>
Subject: Re: Please confirm

Will do. I can drop the packet by later today :-)

On Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 3:48 PM Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com> wrote:

Laura,

I'm sorry for the delay in my response please give me everything that you have so you and I can be reading the same thing and responding to the same thing.

Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Valley Oak Charter Director <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Date: 10/29/18 3:19 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Mike Hollebrands <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com>
Subject: FW: Please confirm

Hi Mike,

I heard through the Ojai grapevine ...we do live in a very small community, don't we?... that there is some confusion about Valley Oak's water allocation to our property on St. Thomas there in MO. I am forwarding this email from May of 2016 and can provide all of the communication leading up to this point, if you need it.

I also have copies of the agreement with CMRD to provide our allocation, as your Board of Directors required.

Mike Hollebrands

From: voc 1 <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: CMWD and our allocation

Hi Mike,

I just spoke with Julia at CMWD and she has re-authorized the allocation. Is there anything you need us to do at this point? Would it be helpful for us to go ahead and pay MOWD the connection fee now, just so we have no further questions about the allocation down the line? I'm not sure my heart can handle this another time!

I will be out of town until the 22nd, but will check my email when possible...we're going camping on the Kern River...and will take care of whatever you need as soon as I return.

Thanks again for hanging in there with me! Happy Thanksgiving to you and the ladies there in your office. I enjoyed chatting with you all last week :-)

Laura

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Mike Hollebrands

From: voc 1 <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Fwd: Water Service Agreement APN 017-0-210-530

Here you go!

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From: Julia Aranda <jaranda@casitaswater.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 12:54 PM
Subject: Re: Water Service Agreement APN 017-0-210-530
To: <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org>
Cc: Michael Flood <mflood@casitaswater.com>

Hi Laura

The letter from CMWD should not be construed to indicate CMWD is approving a particular land use, as we do not have that authority. The reference to the 'school' in the letters is only to inform what the allocation was based on. If something other than what was submitted (a school) is proposed, the owner would have to determine whether or not that allocation is sufficient for their purposes. If it is not sufficient, they would have to submit their plans and go through our process for additional allocation. Hope that helps!

On Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 12:41 PM voc 1 <voc1@valleyoakcharter.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Julia! I trust you had a great Thanksgiving and have now sufficiently recovered from a turkey induced stupor :-).

I hope you can clarify a concern that was brought up at the MOWD Board meeting last week. When you and I spoke, we discussed that if/when the property is sold, the new owners will be limited to the .45 acre allocation that was approved when we had plans to develop the property for a school, unless they are able to increase that allocation by going through the process with both CMWD and MOWD. A new owner would be responsible for any fees or additional requirements and would have no guarantee of increasing the allotment beyond the .45 acre feet already approved. I remember having this same discussion with one of the staff there...Steve Wickstrom?... back in 2015 when we started this ball rolling and I assume nothing has changed in that regard.

However, MOWD is questioning whether the allocation can ONLY be used for a school, no matter how much water is required. This interpretation doesn't make any sense to me because, in general, land-use agreements are site specific, not owner specific, but that's what they think CMWD is saying. The Board is citing the inclusion of language regarding a 'school' in both documents you prepared for us as reason to believe that Casitas would not honor the agreement should something other than a school be built. Could you shed some light on this?

Thank you again for your help, Julia. I'm sorry this is dragging on, but I'm hopeful that it will all finally come to a positive outcome in the very near future! Fingers and toes crossed :-)

Laura

On Thu, Nov 15, 2018 at 4:20 PM Julia Aranda <jaranda@casitaswater.com> wrote:

Hi Laura

Attached is the updated agreement for your signature with notarization. Thank you, enjoy your trip!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 12:47 PM
To: Mike Hollebrands
Subject: Re: Checking in :-)

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I agree that a great deal of time has passed since we started this whole process and a great deal of energy and money has also been expended. Our position is that we followed the directions of your Board when it advised us that we would need to get an allocation from CMWD to provide water to MOWD on our behalf. Once we did that and the 2" line was installed, it was our understanding...based on the email exchange between you and I in May of 2016...that everything was in place and nothing more was needed from our end until such time as the meter was installed. If we had been advised then that there was a limited time frame during which that process had to occur, we would have certainly moved forward on the installation.

At this point, although I understand your Board's concern about the condition of the lake, the .45 acre feet allocation has already been accounted for. We are not asking for anything other than what has already been agreed to and paid for. The fact that we have not actually been accessing that allocation should, if anything, be considered a positive: less water has been removed from the lake than was planned for. For the Board to even consider denying the will-serve at this time is, in all honesty, extremely troubling.

I want you to know that I have a great deal of sympathy for you and for the members of your Board, Mike. This continued drought cannot be an easy thing to handle and I'm sure you have many different interests vying for your consideration. From our perspective, the allocation for this property should take precedence over any new or recent developments or requests as it has been in the works for many years and we are only now being advised of these new concerns. Valley Oak has expended well over \$250,000 on this project, including the cost of acquiring the land...which we did with the understanding that a will-serve letter was already attached...as well as the monthly fees paid to MOWD, fees for engineering the water usage, and fees paid to CMWD to obtain the allocation as directed by your Board. I trust that these facts will be taken into account when making any kind of determination regarding VOC.

Please advise your Board that Craig and I will be attending the meeting and will speak to this issue at the appropriate time. Should it be advisable for us to bring legal counsel to this meeting, please let me know by the end of this week so that I can make those arrangements now.

Thank you,

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Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Date: Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 3:01 PM

Subject: Checking in :-)

To: <mikeh2o@meinersoakswater.com>

I understand from Craig that your board had a concern about the term 'school' being used in the CMWD documents. I already spoke with Julia about this and was assured that the language is just to identify the original use, but that the allocation will go with the land, if and when it is sold, and it would be up to the new owners to request an additional allotment, if it was needed. I will forward you the email for your records.

I also heard that there was some confusion about this whole process, which makes sense since it got a bit derailed after our email exchange back in May of 2016. I can recreate that whole train of conversation if you feel it would be helpful, going back to when we first received notice that MOWD was planning on canceling the will-serve and Craig came with me to that first Board meeting. Let me know what you think would be best.

Also, Craig tells me there is another form you need filled out? If you could either forward it to me or tell me how to access it online, I would appreciate it.

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