

## LAKE DUNLAP WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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## Fellow LDWCID Members;

In the last newsletter we promised to get a website up and running. We have finished the website and it is now open for your viewing at LakeDunlapWCID.org. Our Board Communication Committee and the website developer spent many hours of research and efforts to get this site up for your viewing pleasure and to keep you updated on the activities of your WCID Board.

We are now at day 664 since the collapse of our beloved Lake Dunlap dam, and we are working continuously to get back to where we were before that date but even better!

As we mentioned before, The money is "in the bank" and the contract has been awarded to Zachry Construction of San Antonio. Although engineering work continues, we experienced a small delay as one of the bidders on the contract filed suit contesting the award. We anticipate that this will be resolved in the near future and we will get back on schedule with the project. It is our opinion, as well as the opinion of GBRA, that the selection process was appropriate and the lawsuit is without merit, but we must go through the legal processes to satisfy the lawsuit.

Since our last newsletter, GBRA issued a request for bids on hydro Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) for the years of 2018 and 2019. REC's are created for every 1000 kWh generated by a

renewable energy source, like small river hydro plants in this case, and can be bought and sold in the open market. They are sold by producers who meet their renewable energy requirements and have excess credits, and bought by those who are unable to meet their renewable energy requirement. The value varies greatly depending on time of year and area of the country. It is the Board's opinion that the Lake Dunlap WCID is entitled to the share that was derived from Lake Dunlap hydro generation. We have submitted our request to GBRA and they are reviewing it at this time. We hope to receive an answer in the near future. These funds would help fund the ongoing expenses of the WCID since we will not receive any revenue from our tax base until later this year.

The Board has received a request from a developer named Heartwood Development Company II, LLC, requesting that we exempt a portion of our tax base from being taxed, or reimburse their development infrastructure costs for later payment including some undefined additional amount for the WCID. Our initial response was that we were not interested in getting involved with developers nor limiting our tax base for the promise of future compensation. They are requesting further discussion on the matter. It is doubtful that our opinion will change as we are not set up for developer relationships and do not want to set a precedent for future requests.

We will continue to keep you informed on our activities and hope you enjoy the website, which will also be kept current with WCID activity.

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