

September Board Questions – Director Rachel

Q1. p. 56 and 57. FY 2021 - 2022 Actual expenses and operation expenses are significantly below budget. Is there anything of note, or am I reading too much into this since it is early in the FY?

The budget is allocated across twelve months on a straight line basis. Unfortunately, in the real world we don't always spend on a straight line basis. This is only for the first two months of the year, so I am not too concerned by the differences.

Q2. p. 80 and 85. Should 19-02 be referenced in the Proposed Pretreatment Ordinance on pages 3 -5?

Yes, it should. Sorry, we missed that one!

Q3. p.80 thru 98. As you know, I love the PIP Schedule and related Wiki's, and they are particularly helpful for the Resolutions on this month's agenda. The time flipping back and forth could be reduced if these were provided in loose form in the Agenda Packet. Is that possible for the future?

Yes, I don't see any reason why not. We'll try it out next month.

Q4. p. 103 and 104. Nice work by Greg A. and Mike S., to also include mentoring Alex on his first rebuild. My question is this. Do all of our employees proactively pursue and grasp new technologies such as Mike S. has on p. 103?

Overall CAWD employees have a growth mindset and desire to learn and improve. This is important because I have seen the alternative of employees not willing to learn new skills or technology because they feel it is not their job. You can also see this mindset with employees willing to share their knowledge with other employees rather than hoarding the knowledge. Another point to make is CAWD is in the position to pursue new technologies because of proper funding.

Q5. p. 106 and 107. Are truss pipes commonly used in our systems? I would guess they would be much more expensive due to the high pressure specifications. Next question is where is the water line in the photo on p. 107? Maybe obscured by the shadow?

This is the only truss pipe that we have in the system. It was installed in the 70s and I suspect that the pipe bedding was not placed properly and other defective construction errors caused sags and leakage.

The water line is above the hole – it is indeed slightly in shadow. It is the line with the peeling paper that crosses the photo. Our line is perpendicular to it under the big clod of dirt. The hole in our pipe is the dark spot in the middle of the photo under the water line.