

**Board of Directors**  
**Letter to the Members of**  
**TRANQUILLO PINES WATER USERS' COOPERATIVE**  
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**April 17, 2025**

**The upcoming 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Tranquillo Pines Water Users Cooperative is a critical juncture in the future of the organization. This is the most important meeting in the history of the Cooperative. After some discussion at the meeting, and assuming a quorum is present, we will hold a vote to decide whether to reorganize the Cooperative as a Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association or not.**

On February 6, 2025, a special member meeting of the cooperative was held so the Board of Directors could present information about the challenges facing the cooperative, including ongoing water losses and the need for a fluoride remediation plan. The projected costs of repairing or replacing our 50-year-old infrastructure, plus the costs of acceptable fluoride remediation solutions led the board of directors to recommend that the Cooperative be reorganized as a Mutual Domestic in order to open funding avenues, especially grants, that are not available to a private cooperative. The Board polled the quorum of members present asking whether the majority of members wanted the Board to pursue reincorporating as a Mutual Domestic. By a show of hands, the Board was directed by the majority of members to prepare the reorganization documents for review at the upcoming annual meeting.

As shown in the accompanying agenda, the annual meeting will include a review of the pros and cons of becoming a Mutual Domestic, followed by discussion with the membership to include a question-and-answer period. When the members are ready, a yes or no vote will be held to decide whether to reorganize as the Tranquillo Pines Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (TPMDWCA.)

If the decision to reorganize is yes, the members will be asked to approve or reject the following four documents, which were provided to each member via US Mail and on the website. **In preparation for the upcoming vote, please read each document carefully**, and know that we do not have much leeway in wording, especially on items 1, 2, and 4 below:

1. Certificate of Association of Tranquillo Pines Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association.

The Certificate of Association was based on a template provided by the State and does not have much leeway in wording that meets the Sanitary Projects Act. It must later be approved by the Secretary of State. Changes to this document can be made by the board during an open meeting with the approval of a quorum of members but must be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

2. Bylaws of Tranquillo Pines Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association.

The Bylaws were also based on a template provided by the State, and the Cooperative's original bylaws. An employee of the NM Environmental Department also helped the Board write these Bylaws to meet the Bylaw checklist provided by the Secretary of State, which must approve the Bylaws as well. Changes to this document can be made by the board during an open meeting with the approval of a quorum of members.

3. Rules and Regulations of Tranquillo Pines Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. The Rules and Regulations were created from the Cooperative's original Rules and Regulations but now incorporate modern rules of current Mutual Domestic. Examples were provided to the Board to rewrite these rules. Changes to this document can be made by the board during an open meeting with the approval of a quorum of board members.

4. Open Meetings Act Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Tranquillo Pines Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. This Resolution was created by the Board of Directors based on a template from the attorney general's office. A new resolution is required annually.

If the decision is not to reorganize, the members will need to help the board figure out how to fund the improvements needed or possibly dissolve the organization.