

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING of the Water Projects Committee
ANDERSON VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
To be held at the BOONVILLE FIREHOUSE, 14281 Highway 128
February 6th, 2020 at 10:30am

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Chair **Hanelt** at 10:30a.m. Members present: Kathleen **McKenna** and Valerie **Hanelt**. Staff present: Joy **Andrews**
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Joy **Wildflower** and Aaron **Kent** of the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water, Francois **Christen**, Susan **Bridge-Mount**, Gwyn **Leeman**, Dave **Severn**, Bob **Abeles**, Janet **Lombard**, Rebecca **Goldie**, Derek **Roseboom**, Jim **Luttiken**, Jody **Williams**, Mark **Scaramella**, Joe & Kathy **Corral**, Jerry **Karp**. **Wildflower** responded to an article in the AVA concerning the state coming down on public serving establishments. She said the county has less stringent requirements of who is a public water system and they weren't reporting their inventory to the state. There was no reclassification, just a clarification. It was verified that certain businesses are transient versus non-transient water systems. Articles were published in the Ukiah Daily Journal and in the Press Democrat in 2016 after the AVCSD tested 23 residential wells regarding the water quality of the homes tested. This caused the state to take a look at the whether the county as a whole was monitoring the public systems. **Abeles** asked about the areas that were tested in 2016 and if they were cherry-picked. **McKenna** responded that Alpha Labs suggested testing congested areas and that the AVCSD had a limited budget as it was paying out of pocket for the tests. **Severn** said one leaky septic tank can contaminate the whole aquifer. **Wildflower** said they continue to see E. Coli in some local commercial establishments. Kathy **Corral** asked if the lack of septic tank maintenance is the problem. **Christen** pointed out that the water system is a chance to deal with all the problems on a large scale. **Hanelt** said we will have two community meetings in addition to the regular meetings of this committee, dates TBD. They will be panel discussion with outside parties who have no conflicts of interest. One will be about hydrology and how our wells affect others. The other will be on public health. **Bridge-Mount** asked if we're assuming all the wells are contaminated. **Hanelt** said no. **Severn** asked why do we need both systems. **Hanelt** said there's more contaminating the wells besides septic systems, such as gasoline leaks. **Wildflower** said to do both because the state will pay in full for construction and residential hook-up laterals for both projects. **Hanelt** said law and another agency determine the monthly user rates that can be charged. **Scaramella** said the fire at the lodge means nothing can be rebuilt without water and sewer. **Leeman** said fire protection is important. **Hanelt** said Proposition 200 sponsored by Senator Monning would assist water districts with the costs of operations and maintenance. **Roseboom** asked if any funds would cover upgrades. **Wildflower** said there shouldn't be any upgrades for about 50 years, when things such as storage tanks, pumps, or filters need to be replaced. **Kent** said the monthly rate has to included a rainy day or reserve fund. **Hanelt** said it is not required to hook up to drinking water but it would cost about \$10k to hook up on your own later. A backflow preventor is required if an owner keeps their own existing well that is still connected to the house. If it is a stand-alone irrigation system not connected to the house no backflow preventor is required. **Abeles** asked if additional homes on lots will get hook-ups. **Hanelt** said the county could potentially require unpermitted homes to come into compliance. **Goldie** said others will gain housing with better quality water. **Bridge-Mount** asked if well properties can sign a contract before a vote. **McKenna** said once finalized we'll come out of closed session and announce the APNs. **Karp** said the main reason for doing the projects is health issues and that a negative effect of less housing should not be viewed as a stand-alone issue if the overall community benefits outweigh the costs.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: This item was not discussed and will be on the March agenda.
4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA: None
5. NEW BUSINESS: None
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT: None
 - b. REPORT ON WASTEWATER PROJECT: None
5. CONCERNS OF MEMBERS: None
6. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 11:40a.m.

Joy Andrews, Recording Secretary