

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING of the Water Projects Committee ANDERSON VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

To be held via teleconference Phone # 669 900 6833 Meeting ID 817 2631 4061 Password 685819

June 4, 2020 at 10:30am

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Chair Hanelt at 10:33a.m. Members present: Valerie Hanelt and Kathleen McKenna. Staff Present: Joy Andrews
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Kimberly Strong from RCAC, Deb Cahn, Jim Lutticken, Francois Christen, and Janet Lombard.
3. APPROVAL OF MAY 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES: The minutes were accepted
4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA - None
5. NEW BUSINESS - None
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT - Jack Locey, engineer, reported that he is in negotiations with Lutticken, Schmidt, and Meadow Estates. The two AV School Wells will have to wait until the new Superintendent begins on July 1st. Jack Locey answered some questions about how adding more rate payers in the future might impact rates. The Water rates are reviewed by the State every 4-5 years and the rates could possibly be adjusted downwards if new hook ups materialize. He also explained that the water used for fire suppression on a parcel within the boundaries is not billed. Chief Avila explained that the water drawn from municipal systems is kept track of when used for events outside our service boundaries. **Hanelt** said as of yesterday, Jack Locey reported there is enough volume from the proposed wells to support the system. May only need to dig three new wells and one of those is a sister well for redundancy in case of mechanical failure of that well. One public well will be located at the elementary school which will have a treatment shed. Another cluster of wells will be at the Meadow Estates. A third cluster will be located on Lambert Lane and will serve those wells (currently two). The Lambert Lane cluster still needs to site the treatment shed which is about 12' x 16' on one of those private parcels.

REPORT ON WASTEWATER PROJECT - Dave Coleman, engineer, reported that he was meeting with Jennifer Toney (State Waterboard Financing) this afternoon to review the documents and reports that State still wants to increase our planning funding. If the actual funds (about \$100K per project) are released we still anticipate July 1st as the earlier possible funding date. With those funds Dave can start the soil investigations at the Shapiro site. Dave answered questions about why our systems uses grinder pumps (not enough elevation change), and also discussed the disposal of bio solids and sludge. The virtual tour on May 26th featured Smith River, who extracted the water from their sludge on site and then disposed of the solids. We discussed using a comparable system to save expense, but Hanelt expressed a great deal of concern about resulting odors. Hanelt is visiting Smith River and the other package plant MBR in Trinidad mid-July and will observe (and smell) the process.
 - b. **Hanelt** said engineer Dave Coleman is talking to owners of three parcels. One is in town, one is towards Philo, and one is south of town. The soil type is crucial to the injection site and affects the amount of acreage needed. Alternatively, using a spray field requires a storage pond to hold the clean effluent during the winter months when the ground is saturated with rainwater. The system has to be able to accommodate its own effluent before making agreements with neighbors (i.e. using vineyards using effluent to irrigate or frost spray). The district can either buy or lease the property that the treatment plant is housed on. Even if the land is purchased, the landowner can continue with the current use by leasing the land back from the district. Every site is still being considered until engineering is complete, which they are except for any new potential sites.
7. PUBLIC OUTREACH
8. REPORT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH RCAC - **Strong** said the Proposition 1 bond provides funding for rural assistance. RCAC has been around for over 40 years and provides assistance via a loan fund, housing projects, etc. For AVCS D, they will assist with community outreach and facilitate transparent meetings to help the community understand the benefits of the projects. The work plan can be revised. **Andrews** said two virtual meetings will be held in the coming months, one for public health and one for hydrology. Both projects will be covered at each meeting. **Hanelt** advised **Strong** to work with **Andrews** and **Christen** on setting up these meetings.
9. CONCERNS OF MEMBERS - None
10. ADJOURNED at 11:43a.m.

Joy Andrews, Recording Secretary