

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

To be held via teleconference Phone # 669 900 6833 Meeting ID 845 5084 3330 Password 048078
Nov. 5, 2020 at 10:30am

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Chair **Hanelt** at 10:31am. Present: Valerie Hanelt, Kathleen McKenna. Staff: Joy Andrews, Andres Avila
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Jack Locey of Brelje & Race, Gwyn Leeman, Jim Luticken, Deb Cahn, Corey Limbach, Yoriko Kishimoto, Patrick Miller
3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were accepted
4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA: None
5. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT: **Hanelt** reported that all of the components are on track. Currently finishing agreements with all property owners. These will be negotiated in closed session at the AVCSO board meeting. The state gave us a template for these monetary negotiations for payment in the future, contingent on the project going to construction. **Locey** said we can't use contaminated water and there's constant testing and monitoring protections built in. **Hanelt** said we got a positive response from the USDA on available grant funding. Perhaps this could be used to tease apart the CEQA document into two projects if wastewater slows the EIR process. **Locey** left at 11:00am.
6. REPORT ON WASTEWATER PROJECT: **Hanelt** said over the last two weeks the parcel at Highways 128 and 253 dropped out of negotiations for the wastewater site. We have now explored every possible site. A discussion on the sites that were considered ensued (see Appendix A) The whole east side is problematic because of setbacks for other wells and creeks. Only time we suggested a storage pond and spray field was with site number one. All others proposed injecting treated water into the ground. It's treated to an advanced secondary level, safe for irrigation and can help raise the water table. The county is now discussing having it at the fairgrounds. In 2016 the state started more regulations for individual septic systems. The burden for maintenance is on property owners and paying a monthly wastewater bill would be much cheaper than replacing a septic system all at once.
7. PUBLIC OUTREACH: **Hanelt** said we're hoping to contact the hydrologist who did the study for our drinking water engineering report to have them explain the study to the public. We also need to talk to health experts about doing a panel. Eventually we will send out a survey to gauge interest in the drinking water project, since it's voluntary to hook up (regardless of opting in or out, a backflow preventer is required)
8. CONCERNS OF MEMBERS: None
9. ADJOURNED at 11:52a.m.

Joy Andrews, Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

Including the fairgrounds, there have been eight sites considered. No site has been "preferred" at this time.

1. Agricultural Field. Environmental review completed. Public outcry about associated effluent pond and spray irrigation encouraged property owner to withdraw cooperation.
2. Private property near residential zone. Property was found to be too small in area and too close to existing residential structures.
3. Private property across from CalFire. Rejected by property owner because of the concerns about hormones and cancer meds in sewage.
4. Private property parcels on Hutsell Rd. Property owners were not willing to have water disposed on their parcels and/or considering vineyard development.
5. Airport property. No room for treatment building on airport property itself, questionable soil characteristics and potential conflicts with subsurface disposal and air-strip infrastructures.
6. Fairgrounds. Consideration rejected by Fair Board.
7. Private property parcels on north side of Boonville adjacent to Route 128. Questionable soil characteristics for subsurface disposal and insufficient area and/or set-back from surface waters for effluent pond and spray irrigation.
8. Private property parcel at intersection of Routes 128 and 353. Property owners were not willing to have water disposed on their parcels and/or considering future development.

