

**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**  
**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:30am**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Chair **Hanelt** at 10:32am. Present: Valerie **Hanelt**, Kathleen **McKenna**. Staff: Joy **Andrews** and Andres **Avila** (available for questions)
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Kim Strong, Dave Coleman, Gwyn Smith, Derek Wyant, Yoriko Kishimoto, Jim Ludikin, Corey Limbach, Peter Bradford, Francois Christen, Joy Wildflower, Janet Lombard, Jim Brown, Morgan Bayham and Dave Locey.
3. APPROVAL OF January 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.
4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA: None.
5. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT: **Hanelt** shared that the CSD is looking at siting another well where the Community Park is located. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> well and the last piece of the drinking water program. A big part of this program is fire suppression requested by the State. Joy Wildflower said that existing public water systems will be a part of the Municipal Drinking Water Program. Instead of having multiple drinking water programs we would have one system. This is why they went up to Meadow Estate which was encouraged strongly by District One to get everybody under the same umbrella. Wildflower thinks this is a really good plan. How many existing wells will be converted into the system? Locey's recollection is four new wells on which one will be a backup of an existing well. Really only three new wells operating beyond the existing wells. There will possibly be twelve to fifteen wells in total. Most of the wells are in the airport area. **McKenna** said that we cannot do the Rate Study (for monthly billing) until the CEQA is complete. We asked the State for more funding for both projects as after five years we are running out of planning funds. There will be a secondary review by the State on the Drinking Water System. Janet Lombard asked if the wells at the Fairground have been reconsidered? Jack Locey – they have not been considered because we do not want to exceed the capacity when the Fairground events has their peak events. **Hanelt** asked Locey to explain what goes into the Rate Study: Jack Locey explained how the Rate Study works: An analysis of what it cost to operate, administer, and provide for replacement assets on an annual basis once system is in construction. The procedure for what the rate should be will be brought to open meetings with the CSD for public input. The rate structure will be analyzed by the State so that they are assured that the rate structure will support the system. The State is picking up all connection fees and they are paying for residential and non-profit laterals. The fire suppressing component – the entire system will come from the height of municipal tanks. The tank service pressure will range from 70 to 90 pounds. There will be protection for private plumbing. 1,000 gallons a minute can be delivered by hydrants. There will be adequate pressure supplied for sprinklers in construction. **Hanelt** asked if somebody wants to hook up later after the system is installed. Is it possible to hook up later? Locey believes there are two different levels of that – construction of a meter box and then a lateral to a structure. The State would probably require that the parcel owner pay a connection rate for a meter box and the lateral and then commence paying the base rate. A guess by Jack was that it would be in the range of \$10K. Kim Strong mentioned that everyone will receive a survey once we know the rate alternatives and there will then be community outreach.
6. REPORT ON WASTEWATER PROJECT: The Board of Supervisors approved the soil test on the Mendocino Fairgrounds on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Dave Coleman will visit several sites after a certain

amount of precipitation has occurred so that soil investigation can be done. There was a question about flushing chemicals and whether drugs would be a problem in the municipal system. A treatment system would do better at stripping these components out of the water than a septic system. Wildflower wondered what the main reasons are for opposing the water project. **Hanelt** said costs, people who do not like being regulated by a public entity, and paying for “bleached water” if they have already have a good well. **Hanelt** pointed out that insurance for homeowners should go down if there is fire suppression available to parcels. There was a question about how many hookups there can be on one parcel and **Hanelt** said that depended on following county code, but that there are lots of possibilities to make more housing available and discussed the advantage of having more units on a property. There was a question about whether signage was required for the wastewater treatment building. Coleman does not believe that there is a requirement. **Hanelt** asked Strong to investigate the other communities about this. There was a question about the CSD having liability if years later it turns out that the contaminants cause any problems. There was a question about vaccination for hepatitis and why do wastewater workers need this. Coleman explained that only the workers who are “hands on” are literally in sewage as they clean-tanks and fix pipes so they need to have this hepatitis shot. No one else is in danger.

7. PUBLIC OUTREACH: **Hanelt** shared that Kim Strong and Joy **Andrews** have been working on projects. There will be a virtual tour of the Smith River MBR on April 1<sup>st</sup> Water Projects Committee meeting. The Smith River is comparable to what our MBR will look like. The pre-recorded video will be what the MBR looks like and how it operates, The operator will be available for questions. A power-point presentation will also be included. This is just for wastewater. This video will be on YouTube with a link to view on our website.
8. CONCERNS OF MEMBERS: None
9. ADJOURNED at 12:50pm

Patty Liddy, Recording Secretary