

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
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June 3rd, 2021 at 10:30am

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Chair Hanelt at 10:30 am. Present: Valerie Hanelt, Kathleen McKenna, Joy Andrews and Andres Avila.
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Jack Locey, Val, Kathleen, Jim Lutticken, Janet Lombard, Yoriko Kishimoto, Norval Johnson, Bryan Wyant and Corey Limbach.
3. APPROVAL OF May 6th, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.
4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA: None.
5. 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
6. REPORT ON CLEAN WATER (WASTE) PROJECT: Dave Coleman, engineer, reported that he was meeting with Jennifer Toney (State Waterboard Financing) this afternoon to review the documents and reports that the 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.
Capacity Issue: We met with our State Project Managers (Jennifer Toney and Francine Fua) and expressed concern that the capacity we are planning may not meet the pent-up need to develop empty lots, derelict and burned buildings, as well as interest in building ADUs (granny units). They will allow us to go beyond the 110% allowance for the capacity of our systems if we have a neutral party develop a reasonable growth projection for Boonville over the next 20 years if we have both Drinking and Clean water systems. We have contacted Mendocino Building and Planning and will begin this process. Jack explained that the costs of increasing capacity are in the planning and construction phases (all covered by grant) and the Operation and Maintenance increase would be negligible as most of the costs are fixed.
7. PUBLIC OUTREACH: The virtual tour of the Smith River MBR plant was on May 26th and was a big success with good attendance. Kim Strong-Bennett also narrated the Power Point presentation about the Boonville project. Due to a couple of snags, the video is not yet up on You Tube. Very soon, both the Power Point presentation and link to the You Tube video will be on our website.
8. CONCERNS OF MEMBERS: None
9. ADJOURNED at 11:05 am

Patty Liddy, Recording Secretary