MINUTES of the 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

November 3rd, 2022 at 10:30am

- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Valerie Hanelt at 10:30 am. Kathleen McKenna, Cora Richard, Valerie Hanelt, Tara Ouitavon (Safe and Affordable for Equity and Resilience -SAFER), Jack Locey (Engineer – Brelje and Race), Max Hofmarcher (Rural Communities Assistance Corporation – RCAC)
- 2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Morgan Baynham, Deb Cahn, Jim Lutticken, Corey Limbach, Stephanie Gold, and unidentified phone number. Jim Lutticken wanted to know if we could provide a mailing list of parcel owners in the boundaries. We are working on the list now to get ready for public outreach and some data is not available until Jan 1st from the County. We will only have County information about names and addresses; we will not have email or phone numbers. We will also check with our attorney to make sure it is acceptable to provide this list.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR: September, 2022 and October, 2022 minutes were approved.
- 4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA: None.
- 5. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT: Jack Locey gave an update. The Acquisition Draft Agreement with the Anderson Valley School Board is being submitted to their sub-committee for review. We are also requesting permission to put a well at the Community Park which currently is on the High School grounds. The park may be transferred to the AVCSD and that would mean that particular well is on the AVCSD property. The School Board is voting on the transfer of the Community Park to the AVCSD on Nov 8. Additional testing of wells (pump tests and water quality) has resulted in Jack's recommendation to not pursue one well. Two other locations are being studied; both owners are willing. One is a good prospect, and Jack is in town today to test the other well. If both work out there will be enough capacity for the project. Once the components work out, there will be enough information to prepare the draft water rates. This would allow public outreach to start in the early months of 2023 leading up to the Prop 218 vote. This presupposes that all negotiations go to final approval with the CSD board. Jack took questions and reviewed the time-line for the project.
- 6. REPORT ON CLEAN WATER (WASTE) PROJECT: Dave Coleman was unable to attend today. The appraisal for the Valley Views property was completed and was submitted to the owners and the State Waterboard Dept. of Finance (DFA) as well as Mendocino County Planning as they will be permitting the use of the property. We are waiting to hear whether DFA will fund the site.
- 7. PUBLICE OUTREACH: Tara & Max explained the Drinking Water campaign; a letter to explain the project, an in-person panel discussion, and a participation survey to all parcel owners in the drinking water boundary. RCAC will follow up and attempt to get a participation response from every parcel owner in the boundary. There will be personal contact with the owners who have not submitted their survey. The goal is to get the best idea possible as to how many will be hooking up. There will be approximate rates on the survey to help parcel owners make an informed decision. RCAC will also be developing an outreach letter about the Sewer project and will help set up a panel discussion meeting. There is not a participation survey associated with Clean Water. Both outreach projects will be completed before the CEQA process of public outreach and meetings. Val suggested a field trip to the Coyote Indian Gambling Casino at Redwood Valley as they have just opened their MBR sewage plant.
- 8. CONCERNS OF MEMBERS: None.
- 9. ADJOURNED at 11:15 am