

**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
May 4th, 2023 at 10:30am**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Called to order by Valerie Hanelt at 10:30 am. Val Hanelt, Kathleen McKenna, and Cora Richard
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND HEARING OF PUBLIC: Tara Ouitavon (SAFER), Zach Rounds (Dist. 3 Waterboard), Ryan Thissan (SAFER), Malia Helms (Dist. 3 Waterboard), Brent Beazor (Brelje and Race), Jim Lutticken, Corey Limbach, Herb Bowen, Morgan Baynham, Norval Johnson and Emma Blankenship (DFA).
3. CONSENT CALENDAR: April minutes and 4/24 Special Meeting minutes approved.
4. CHANGES OR MODIFICATION TO THIS AGENDA: None.
5. REPORT ON CLEAN WATER (WASTE) PROJECT: Dave Coleman sent in a report: May 30-31 is scheduled for the “free boring” wells, which will be set up for monitoring the ground water. The immediate results obtained are the most important. The bored soil samples will be sent to a lab to for percolation tests. The study results will be sent to the State for their concurrence as to suitability of the site. Once the soil study is done and the State has responded, Dave can finalize the plan at the site. The next step would be developing the rate that we would use for the Proposition 218 process (public approval). We are still waiting for the amendment clearance for the funds to pay for the studies, etc.
6. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT: We are finished with most of the negotiations. We met with the AV Historical Society Board at the Museum site on April 20, 2023 to explain the impact of using that CSD well on the Museum parcel. They authorized one of their Board members to continue interacting with the engineer to work out any details. At the meeting their Board, Val, Kathleen, and the Engineer (Jack Locey) walked and discussed their preferred siting of the treatment building. As the Drinking Water municipal system needs to be flushed at that far end to keep the water fresh, Jack proposed that the dispersal system be for irrigating the Museum lawn and garden areas. The operation and expense of the well would be the responsibility of the CSD. We must still finalize the Meadow Estate Water Company negotiation. Norval Johnson was able to be introduced to Brent Beazor, the Brelje and Race engineer who is taking over from Jack Locey as Jack is retiring as they were both in attendance at the meeting.
7. PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR DRINKING WATER: We have around 30 ‘no’s’ at this point (12% no) and still have to hear from about 70 parcels. It looks as if we are on track to get 80% approval if we get back ‘yeses’ and ‘no’s’ at the same proportion. We are sending out a third letter by the end of May. This letter will have full translations in Spanish to be sure all owners have technical information. We can schedule a third meeting for Spanish speakers if we find there is interest. We would like to wrap up this phase but want to continue our attempt to contact everyone. Kathleen, Val, and Kim Bennett (RCAC) are keeping track of contacts and responses and keeping Kim’s master database up-to-date. Herb Bowen suggested that people who do not elect to join could perhaps still be billed for availability of hydrants for fire suppression. This idea was discussed and perhaps it would be worth investigating further once we finish this phase.
8. ADJOURNED at 11:10 am