

**MINUTES of the WATER COMMITTEE, REGULAR MEETING
ANDERSON VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOONVILLE FIREHOUSE, 14281 Highway 128
December 5, 2024 at 10:30 am**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER: MCTO by Hanelt at 10:30.

Attendees: Val Hanelt (AVCSD), Kathleen McKenna (AVCSD)

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: The wrong link had been supplied in the announcement of this committee meeting, so only participants who used their standing link in their calendars were able to get in. There was an effort to contact the other attendees and supply the correct link, but that was not successful in many cases. Using the call-in phone number worked for one participant. Much of the first 15 minutes was spent trying to gather the other participants. Guests: Melia Helms (District 1 Water Board), Michael Reese (North Coast Water Board), Jim Lutticken, Corey Limbach, Gwyn Smith, Henry Wijaya (DFA State Waterboard), Mehreen Siddiqui (DFA State Waterboard).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: As the correct minutes were not attached to the agenda we will have to review them next month.

4. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER PROJECT: Brent Beazor is out sick. He reported that the outstanding contract that remains is Meadow Estates. There is also an issue about whether ME would prefer to run the existing system through the construction period – what we refer to as the “interim” between purchasing their system and complete installation and activation of our new municipal system. Discussion about providing a “base rate” for the deliberation of the Meadow Estates parcel owners. It was decided that Brent would communicate by letter or zoom with the ME board and give an approximate “base rate plus usage” number with the proviso that it was the best estimation he could give at this time. Further discussion about the number of future participants in the system by the ME parcels. Corey Limbach will work on obtaining the number of well owners in Meadow Estates and how many of them (given the estimated base rate/usage formula) will join the municipal system. At this time 31 appears to be the number of parcels that responded positively on the survey, and 45 seems to be the approximate number of parcel owners that either do not have a well or are still interested in joining the municipal system even though they have their own well. Corey will work on setting up a zoom with Brent and the other board members.

All of this information (base rate/usage, as well as price offered for the 5 acre well field parcel) also affects whether the ME owners are willing to sell the 5 acre well field. The Water Project faces finding another location for the drinking water treatment components as well as replacing quite a bit of well capacity. Thus, we cannot proceed finishing the rate study without knowing whether ME is going to participate.

5. REPORT ON CLEAN WATER PROJECT: Introduction to Mike Reese who is replacing Roy O’Connor at District 1 Waterboard. Dave Coleman expressed pleasure at having Mike on the team as he has had excellent working relations with him on other projects. Dave Coleman reported that they were close to finalizing the preliminary design report for the State using data that Val and Kathleen have collected about parcel demographics. He also had a conversation with Steve Dunicliff, the Mendocino County facilities manager (and assistant CEO) about the scope of service to the Fairgrounds which is County property. Dave confirmed that the plan was to service the entire Fairgrounds facility which has 8 leach fields as the purpose of our grant was to collect all the contaminants within the boundaries of the project.

6. PUBLIC OUTREACH: We have invited Justin Witt, the CEQA planner at Brelje and Race, to our next meeting to give us a report of our CEQA process.

7. ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 am

Next meeting 1/2/2025

Minutes by: Val Hanelt

