

**Minutes for County Service Area Advisory Meeting
November 9, 2010, 6 PM
Wild Wings Golf Clubhouse**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Georgia Cochran. Committee members present were Scott Picanso, Don Bain and Doug Williams. Others included Regina Espinoza, Manager, CSA, Yitzhak Gilon from Cal Am Water and members of the Community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Minutes for September 13, 2010 and October 12, 2010 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Arsenic remediation: Regina said Andy Soule was not able to attend, so no report on arsenic study. Regarding the grant opportunity, it was determined that because of the short timeline – the project had to be shovel-ready by January 10, 2011- that the County would not try to pursue the State Revolving Fund(SRF) grant. If the grant were pursued, it would be necessary to sample now for arsenic and the funds available would not be sufficient to fund full-bore arsenic treatment. This grant opportunity will be available again one year from now.

Georgia said we still have the existing report to consider, which says that there are probably less expensive alternatives than full treatment, such as well depth adjustment. Regina said that we need to take action on the arsenic report's findings, and have a discussion with Andy Soule and make a recommendation for one alternative from the report. Members should re-read the report in December and direct questions to Regina who will forward them to Andy Soule and Richard Shatz; then make a decision about which arsenic remediation alternative to recommend.

2. Sludge Press: Yitzhak reported that that the press is in operation and producing sludge cake. There is an accumulation of solids in the first stage settling tank when operating once per day. This sludge layer is at 2% solids and is gradually being removed by the sludge press operation. The disposal cost of the sludge press solids is approximately \$400 every 2 weeks compared with the liquid sludge hauling before the sludge press of \$12,000 per month. Georgia asked Regina to prepare a fact sheet of the actual performance of the sludge press. Yitzhak will be doing a write-up of the sludge press experience for the California Environmental Water Association. The sludge press received OSHA license approval and the next step is a roof over the press. Performance of the press has been exemplary, producing 35% solids cake, with the resulting filtrate very clear. The energy required for the press is for the 5 horsepower diaphragm pump. Regina said that in the future the sludge press could be contracted by other municipalities and entities to process sludge and septage at a price that could bring in more income for the CSA. We will start discussion in the spring of 2011 by agendizing this item.

3. Water Balance Report: Georgia appointed Scott, Rick, Cal Am Water and County representatives as a subcommittee to determine the problem with the water balance report.

Yitzhak passed out the July August September 2010 report that shows the effluent storage with higher numbers than April May June because the effluent storage lagoon was already full in these months and no pumping was required. The lakes are at lower levels than previous years since less water is being put into the lakes. Yitzhak said that there is a data difference between Pintail production and Pintail distribution, 14.4143 million gal – 12.4709 million gal. Why the difference – Georgia will have the subcommittee above handle the water issues.

4. Meter readings schedule review: the 2011 CSA Advisory Calendar was handed out. The water usage will be mailed at mid-month in November, January, March and May. Complaints about residential water usage due to bad readings in summer 2009. 5 people were contacted. Regina also received individual complaints with abnormally large water usage, some due to leaks at golf course sides of houses, and some due to transmitters malfunctioning. Some were simply that the resident was using too much water. Two meters have been replaced, where the transmitter is the problem, due to metal grates interfering with the signal. Don asked whether the cost of metering is worth the extra income from excess water use? Cost of excess water use is \$.055, but count has to round the number to \$.06 per 100 gallons. Regina is taking complaints and checking whether there are actual water leaks. Scott said the cost of 20,000 gallons over would be \$11.00/year. Don questioned whether it was worth the cost of meter reading. Members of the community commented that the average was \$94.

2. Golf course update: Scott handed out the September budget, showed positive cash flow. Problem is that the year to date budget is \$33,000 behind. Public members complained about losses of golf course. Regina wants to continue looking at budget cutting.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 6 pm in Clubhouse.
Future meetings will be second Wednesday of month.

Issues at next meeting:

- 1) Questions to Regina re Arsenic Report.
- 2) Water meter readings
- 3) Sludge press
- 4) Budget reports
- 5) Updates from county counsel re drainage.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Doug Williams, Secretary