

**Minutes for County Service Area Advisory Meeting
February 3, 2011, 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, Rod Schaffer and Doug Williams. Others included Regina Espinoza, Manager, CSA, and members of the Community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on water balance statements, not available yet. Comment about WWTP performance, cannot do this with Yitzhak absent.

Georgia, concerned about water balance report, behind on Oct. Nov. Dec. report, not available yet from County. Comment from community compare residential numbers from Oct. Nov. Dec. with water balance report. There was concern for timeliness of the reports. Regina said that the delivery was dependent on Cal Am water reports. Comment on quarterly water balance report, need to be available @ three months, to coincide w/ calendar year. Scott mentioned a 2-month cycle, Regina said that a December water usage statement was mailed; Public said that the last statement was received December, and covered Sept. - Oct. Next statement will be for Nov. Dec. to be mailed about now. Question is when are the various reports to be received? Georgia said we need to nail down when the water balance statement will be mailed. In March, we will get this issue decided.

Public comment: meter reader said that Mandarin Street uses more water than rest of community; Scott said that Yitzhak will be able to answer questions, based on his checking every meter.

MINUTES

Minutes for December 15, 2010 will be reviewed for next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Arsenic remediation update: Regina questioned we need to go to Board to get permission to get contract with GEI. This contract will come via Cal Am and the scope of work is being prepared now by GEI. Georgia said that when the cost is determined, then see if it can be pulled from the existing budget. Schedule this item for March meeting.

2. LAFCO MSR/SOI: Georgia sent letter to Board of Supervisors, January 10th, 2011 about the concerns of community, has not yet heard from Board where Mr. Irvin, economic development coordinator, would handle this issue. Question from community, what is meant by “no conservation”? Answer is that there is no “policy” for conservation. Community responded that there was action, i.e. no watering at certain times in September. Community had question about new hook-ups to sewer and to water system. Georgia responded that there is presently no policy, but she wants to talk with experts who will advise on whether new hook-ups would be advisable. Community provided letter to CSA from community members re odor concerns. Community comment that requests for new hook-ups have been for water, not sewer. Georgia responded that the main discussion was for additional sludge treatment as revenue producer. Community

comment that they do not want to have extra hook-ups before resolving existing water and sewer issues with existing community hook-ups. Regina said that LAFCO is only first step in determining if new hook-ups are justified. LAFCO report said that the system could handle ~200 additional hook-ups, but is not recommending that this be done. Georgia said that the County has turned down requests from various entities. No policy statements have been made, but it may be wise to look at the potential to reduce costs by including new hook-ups. Georgia emphasized that no specific policy exists to expand the hook-ups. Community commented that based on from conversations at the recent LAFCO meeting, the Board would make no decisions until they have the right to do so, which is determined by the actual sphere of influence. Funding for LAFCO comes from CSD's and cities and county.

3. Sludge press update: N/A, no new information.

4. Budget Review: Regina distributed 54% budget sheets to committee, discussion about the budget categories. She provided an explanation of numbers for expenditures. Sewer has spent 55% of the budget for 54% of year. If there are delinquencies, they do not show up until fall, 2011. Georgia requested additional breakdown for the unassigned expenditures. Regina responded that these are difficult to obtain. Georgia responded that PeopleSoft will provide this. Water budget showed that 93% was spent for professional services for 54% of year; also spent 135% of total budget for 54% of year. Regina is seeking to get answers from Cal Am as to why this is happening, to be discussed at the March meeting. The Cal Am contract expires in March, for which the CSA did not know until now. Regarding adjustments for midyear, auditors will look at this, but not make adjustments in restricted category until May, moving money into Water from Sewer, since the split is not correct; i.e. overspending on Water and under spending on Sewer. Appropriation for sludge will be more than is actually spent. The budget did not account for hauling, since the sludge press came in later. Water, special department spent, *other*, is at 147% of budget. Unassigned vendor questions: Georgia wants to know how many hours are spent in order to be accountable. Georgia will make information available to public. There were public questions about certain budget lines for which Regina will provide explanation. There was a public comment about the high cost of County time, almost \$35,000 for 54% of year. Georgia questioned, how is the time spent on what activities supporting the CSA? Is Chris, the County employee being paid in addition to Cal Am for meter reading issues? We need to talk to county about this potential high charge. Also, every time a call is made from resident to County, it is charged to CSA. There were more public comments about excess charges for meters and reading problems. Georgia said the charge to CSA for Regina is \$110 per hour. LAFCO report was getting attention from County Supervisors. There was a public comment about water meter issue, specifically the charges for meter reading, and for answering questions. Georgia needs to get information from County as to exact hourly rates, and for County to be accountable for its time spent on our issues.

5. WWTP Design Criteria: to be done later, when Yitzhak is available, Regina said he will be back for meeting in March.

6. Storm Water Update: No response from County Counsel for letter from Rick Fenaroli sent October, 2010.

7. Golf course update: Don Bain, December report, about break-even. Projection for next 6 months looks better; payroll is reduced, projected rounds reduced to 20,000 from 30,000 rounds. Demand letter for \$ has been resolved, things are looking up. Discussion about where measure O money goes. Capital improvements have been eliminated. There was a public question about when the extra tax can be reduced or eliminated. Will take a while, based on economy. Question about water rates (appropriation balance) for Golf course use of water, will need input from Cal Am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were comments about setting the water valves and timers, who sets these, whether individual or Youngmark Nursery.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED

Future meetings will be second Thursday of month: next meetings will be March 10th, April 14, May 12, and June 9, 2011.

Issues at next meeting:

- 1) Arsenic Report.
- 2) Water balance: review and follow-up
- 3) Sludge press
- 4) Budget reports
- 5) Storm water
- 6) Cal Am Contract

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Doug Williams, Secretary