

**Minutes for County Service Area Advisory Meeting  
August 18, 2011, 6 PM  
Wild Wings Golf Clubhouse**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Georgia Cochran. Committee members present were Scott Picanso, Doug Williams and Rod Schaffer. Others included Yitzhak Gilon, Cal Am Water, and members of the Community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MINUTES**

June 2, 2011 minutes approved, July minutes postponed...

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. LAFCO MSR/SOI: Meeting held July 25, but LAFCO MSR/SOI was taken off agenda. No development issues were raised. Elizabeth is sticking to the language. Georgia reported that they added our concerns to the document. Georgia wants to prepare another letter, stating that there were issues with the water meters, and these concerns were legitimate, and need to be stated. Are water meters working now? Will speak to this later in agenda.

Other issues are costs and how to keep them down, there was a desire expressed to see actual tracking of the costs, such as timesheets, etc. Also, why the high cost of when a resident calls to complain? High water bills were reported, Rod reported his bill was \$500 higher than minimum? This sounds too high, would be almost 1,000,000 gallons. Water meter issue is a big one. Rick went so far as to request the grand jury investigate CSA regarding past complaints from residents. Scott replied that this would be a drastic and extreme step. Georgia wants to "agendize" a letter to John Bencomo regarding the various issues of the residents vis-à-vis the CSA. Rod wants to see if agricultural water from the local district could be obtained for irrigation. Even though water is not paid for, there is a cost in the system.

2. Sludge Press update: Yitzhak reported the hauling costs from Sept 2009 to Sept 2010 prior to press; and costs from Sept 2010 to August 2011, after press. A spreadsheet was passed out which listed this cost comparison. Cost of press plus operations = \$97,527 versus \$152,286 for septage haul. Paid for press in ~ 6 months.

3. Water equipment repairs: Yitzhak reported that the existing system with a 100 hp pump runs for 4.5 hrs/day and has a run frequency of 30 seconds. The cost is \$33,802, and there is a large amount of energy to start and stop the big motor, which puts a lot of wear and tear on the system, including the check valves being cycled a lot. This causes the check valves to wear out sooner. Handout shows a proposed system with a capital cost of \$13,500. Concerns for noise of 10 hp pump. Yitzhak said that previous noise issue was the check valve slamming shut and open. Cal Am Water reported that the arsenic modification will be half of the original cost of \$38,000.

Scott asked, could the small pump project be within the arsenic budget? Cal Am answered no, there were two different companies involved. Rod asked, would it be better to do repairs at the same time? It was suggested that the Canvasback well could also be done, may need the same booster pump if Canvasback can then be used as potable water. Georgia suggested to agendaize for next meeting, i.e., discuss the total cost of arsenic repair reduction and cost of booster pump. Yitzhak reminded the committee that the booster pump cost does not include labor. Scott suggested getting somebody from the county at the next meeting. Georgia said that she would try to get John Bencomo.

Water meter lids update: Yitzhak said that lids are here and need to be installed by contractors. The time to replace the lids was estimated at 2 days to do the job. Recycling cost will recover more than the cost of removing the metal lids, see last month's minutes. Need ~35 additional lids, have only 300 lids. Also, there are replacements for electronics portion of the water meters, ~ 20 units.

4. Odor issue update: Yitzhak, cleaned out EQ tank, bypassed sewage treatment, found out it was 5 years ago that this was done. One chamber was full of grit, others were partially filled with grit. Noticed the odors were reduced as a result of this action. Need to clean out tank more often, once per year. The resident who noticed the odors originally, did not notice odors after this action was done.

5. Arsenic proposals: Cal Am water gave us 3 bids, the lowest was Eaton ~\$12,700 followed by Kirby's Pump ~\$12,850, highest is \$16,878, Motion to take recommendation of Cal Am, and select Kirby's, seconded and passed.

6. Storm water update. Rick wrote letter which made recommendation for who would be responsible for what, HOA responsibility vs. Golf Course/CSA responsibility. County counsel is considering this letter and will deliver answer by next month.

7. Golf course update: no additional reports, but that costs are being reduced. Scott, need to know what the assessment for next year will be. Need to find out the budgetary loss of the golf course. There were suggestions for how to get more business in restaurant, maybe more dinner offerings.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2011

- 1) LAFCO letter
- 3) Sludge press update
- 2) Water equipment repairs
- 4) Storm water update
- 5) Golf course update

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Doug Williams, Secretary