

**FINAL Minutes for County Service Area Advisory Meeting  
February 15, 2012, 6 PM  
Wild Wings Nest**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Georgia Cochran. Committee members present were Scott Picanso, Doug Williams, Don Bain, and Rod Schaeffer. Others included Regina Espinoza, Yolo County, Matt Rexroad, County supervisor, Rick Fenaroli and members of the Community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Regina forwarded request from public to agendize odor.

**MINUTES**

Minutes for January 12, 2012 revised and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. LAFCO, deferred to future agenda item to track parking lot projects.
2. Stormwater update – Rick said follow up letter was sent to county counsel to get response. Golf course agreed to clear diversion outlet structures on holes 4, 5 and 7; cost was \$180, budgeted was \$700.
3. Water annual statements- Regina passed out template of the annual water fees statement, includes note of how overage will be collected from next year's taxes. The statement is sent only as water, not a total tax statement. Will arrive in ~ September, 2012, for 2011-2012.
4. Water overage summary review, emailed out , only households with over 250,000 gallons/year, graphical form, \$.055/100 gallons Some are using 800,000 to 900,000 gallons per year, due to overwatering, these were checked more closely by staff. 67 homes are paying for an extra 50,000 gallons costing ~\$27.50. Other homes were using an extra 300,000 gallons cost ~ \$165. A few were using upwards of 800,000 to over 900,000 gallons, costing an extra ~ \$300(the \$ amounts are shown on the graphs). Regina said the data could go out with the next statement. Georgia wants to review what is sent out. Rod asked what is needed to raise the water rates. Regina said that raising the rates requires a 50%+1 protest vote to be defeated. Don asked what the overall average water usage is. Regina replied about 280,000 gallons, just over the target of 250,000 gallons. Don asked about how to get to considering using water district water for irrigation. Rick said the total overage is about \$12,000 and he asked if the flow numbers are matching the meter readings. Rick questioned the timeliness of the statements, since the statements are so late compared with the time covered. Regina said the two-month statements are timelier, but do not have year-to date and dollar amounts. Scott suggested year-to-date and last year-to-date for comparison. Regina discussed the problem with a "0" meter

reading on one statement; it was some problem with the software. Supervisor Rexroad asked if information is for individual homeowner or for committee. Regina replied that reports are for individual homeowners

Updated water balance/statement calendar- shows every other month the meter reading, and 3 times per year for water balance statements, also CSA meeting time numbers. Georgia requested where are the budget numbers, and how often are they are discussed. Regina suggested talking about it in April or May to see what the taxes are going to be. Georgia suggested October or November. In order to make judgments, may need to move up to March to discuss budget. Don said to have 4-months data to have meeting in November. Regina said the data could be available. It was agreed to have budget discussions in March and November.

5. PG&E audit. Handout from Rick about savings in electrical costs, \$1220 for three months. The target return is \$7100 for the year, which should be reached this year. Also rebate check and reduced maintenance of pump, should pay back \$16,000 pump in about one year. Rick said that PG&E will do energy audit of sewage treatment plant for free and discover additional opportunities to save.
6. Budget review handout: status and 6-month expenditure detail. Georgia asked about reserve accounts. Going over the budget in Water line # 488 – current budget is \$222,338 compared with expenditures at \$220,727.68. The costs were due to the encumbrance's figure of \$139,277. So many of the items are over budget such as Maintenance of Equipment, Maintenance of Buildings and Improvements. Regina said reports are one reason for the overage. Instead of capital item being paid for from restricted accounts, they have been paid for out of operating money. Georgia trying to get handle on cost of reports, and we need to budget for them.
7. Arsenic treatment proposals – Rick passed out a handout describing vendors of arsenic treatment. He has also spoken to communities who have arsenic treatment, and done research about vendors. One of the technologies is to inject an iron compound, ferric oxide that coagulates out arsenic. Other technologies were also included in the handout. The treatment systems were capable of going from 12 ppb to 4 ppb or less of arsenic, with capital costs varying from \$185,000 to \$500,000 and annual operating costs from \$25,000 to \$172,000. Rick scored these technologies, 1(worst) to 5(best) on performance and the various costs. The highest score was for CH2M Hill using Ferric injection/coagulation, costing \$435,000 over 10 years, or \$1291/household over 10 years. The number of operating systems varied from 60 to over 1000 depending on the vendor. The problem is that wells are not connected and the costs are for only one well treatment. The treatment systems are designed for 300 gpm which is 50% oversized compared to 200 gpm actual production. The best system had a cost per household of \$129/year. The total annual water usage is 80 million gallons. There are two types of arsenic, Type III or V (valence). Space is available at the well sites, and power is sufficient. The waste effluent from the arsenic treatment can be discharged to the sanitary sewer. It may necessary to do a pilot test. Water chemistry needs to be done ASAP in order to determine the other constituents in the water. The timeline is one year to put the system in. Rick suggested that the discussion begin next month instead of putting it off. Don asked about opportunities to expand water system to other communities. Georgia said none at present, but discussions with Fliers club, neighbors. Have to get past LAFCO to

get to expansion of water and sewer. There was a discussion about needing sufficient treatment capability if the water use is increased. Regina said the additional information on arsenic is being obtained; water chemistry should also be expanded. Regina will check with Cal Am. Motion to authorize staff to do additional water chemistry work, which Regina will check on costs and proceed if reasonable. Moved, seconded and passed.

SRF Funding- Regina will look into getting a grant. Last time was \$600,000 proposal, in 2009. In 2010 discussed going for grant, but proposal was not submitted, because of insufficient time to submit the necessary information. In 2012, one week ago, the County was invited to apply again for SRF funding. A statement of intent was required by the end of February 2012. If planning funding is requested, the proposal is due by the end of May 2012. If construction funding is requested, the proposal is due by the end of July 2012. The project needs to be shovel-ready by the end of July 2012. The required documents include plans and specifications as well as pilot testing results. Regina recommended that we should file a statement of intent, due at end of February 2012. Rick said that if water chemistry is known, then hard quotes can be obtained from 8 vendors. Up-front money would have to be spent on planning and specs, which are not reimbursed by the SRF grant. Regina said there are other funding possibilities such as loans, etc. The 218 process starts when the grant is applied for, which could then increase rates to homeowners. There was a discussion about a possible rate increase that is anything over the cost of living would require a 218 procedure. Don said that we could fund out of reserves, and spread out over 10 years, thus not requiring the 218 process. Regina mentioned the need for a formal process of RFP with the Board of Supervisors. Scott had a question on whether the operating costs are going down. Rick mentioned individual arsenic treatment systems, but regulations do not permit them. Don said we need a special meeting of the community.

8. Meeting with Supervisor Rexroad. Georgia said that he can gather support to help us find solutions, not necessarily money.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Rick supplied banner for CSA meeting, cost \$90.
2. Rod and Don will meet with HOA to discuss cost savings.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2011.

1. Water balance report
2. Storm Water Update - determination from County Counsel and action items determined
3. Arsenic
4. Budget
5. Report on CSA HOA

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Doug Williams, Secretary