

**DRAFT Minutes for County Service Area Advisory Meeting
March 21, 2012, 6 PM
Wild Wings Nest**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were comments from individuals who were getting wrong water statements. It is not a meter issue, but the mistakes come when the county sends out statements. Regina responded that there was a mistake made by adding in an extra month, and new statements will be prepared. There was a comment from another member that their bill was significantly larger this year compared to last year. Comment from Bonnie Fenaroli that there were mistakes made last year, and she wants CSA to look into county accountability regarding water billing issue. Georgia recommended to agendize the water billing issue and to get a smaller group to investigate this issue. Another resident commented on excessive water billing, going from 7,000 to 40,000 and back to 20,000 gallons. This resident was not satisfied with the response from the county for his billing. CSA will put together a subcommittee to resolve the water billing at the next meeting, and try to attack the issue strategically. Another resident commented that he added up 9 bills that did not add up to the total annual billing. Georgia said again that the issue will be addressed as a subcommittee. Rod said that discussions are underway to get a different entity to handle the water bills. Rick wants someone to be accountable in the county for the overages on the water bills and other issues that the county should be handling. Georgia said the past meetings with the supervisor have been held without solving the problems. Supervisor Rexroad said that instead of chasing down individual complaints that an overall effort be made to solve the water meter and water bill issues- county needs to get out of water billing business. Rexroad also made the following comments: the staff charges will be assigned to Wild Wings when appropriate; LAFCO will be handled later; the arsenic issue may have the largest economic impact; Odor issue is a big one, but only for a few people; in general, the issues should be handled in a systematic way, rather than piecemeal fashion. Georgia said that odor issues have been on the agenda, the consultant was inconclusive as to strength and persistence of odors will be handled.

MINUTES

Minutes for Feb 15, 2012 were revised and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Stormwater update – Rick said letter draft was completed and sent to Public Works, and there will be a meeting scheduled to go over this draft, which will be handled by the next CSA meeting. Supervisor Rexroad was instrumental in getting this issue resolved.

2. Water balance reports were reviewed through February, 2012. Yitzhak said that total use for Jan-Feb was 10,000,000 gallons; wastewater was ~ 58,000 gal/day. Rick wants to know if residential use, 9.776 million gallons corresponds with distribution. Yitzhak said, yes, there is a fairly good correspondence between distribution = 10,435,000 gallons = 9,776,000 gal (residential meters) plus 587,000 gal (common area) = 10,363,000 gal. 250,000 gal (emergency fire use) is not metered. Yitzhak said that the correlation is fairly good. Rod agreed with Supervisor Reread's comments that a systematic approach should be done is solving problems.
3. Budget review- status and 6-month expenditure detail questions. There are 16 pages of line-by-line data that need to be gone over by a subcommittee. At next meeting this subcommittee will present results of line-by-line summary of the overages that occur. Regina said that there also needs to be discussion of moving expenditures from one line to another. One large cost was odor study that was taken from operating costs, ~\$15,000 plus line flushing costing ~\$7200.
4. Arsenic treatment proposals:

Rick Fenaroli presented an update on testing: Arsenic is presently at 12 ppb at Canvasback and 8 ppb at Pintail. It may be necessary to treat the water, and will require a treatment process for each well, since the wells are not connected. A pipeline to connect the two wells will cost ~\$600,000, not a feasible possibility.

Rick presented the various options for treatment for arsenic. There was a question from the public regarding individual home systems. Regina said the State Health Agency will not accept these because of difficulty in monitoring individuals. There was a question from the public; will standards go even lower say to 0 ppb? Regina said that this should not happen, however the changes may come quickly. Rick said the goal is to be below 5 ppb, which may be the next threshold. Rod asked if a drought year may cause a problem. Rick said that if well level goes down the arsenic level may also go down. There was a question, what is consequence of having high arsenic levels? Yitzhak said that the penalty may be as much as \$20,000 per day. The problem is not the capacity of the well which is twice the needs of the community. The problem is if the Pintail well goes down, and the other well is not in compliance then the EPA would issue a **do not drink** order, There was a question regarding correlation of arsenic with gravel mining. Regina said there is no correlation because of different aquifers involved. Yitzhak said that this is a problem with many other communities, and that Wild Wings has an advantage in having its own wastewater treatment plant to handle effluents from arsenic treatment.

Costs of the system were presented by Rick covering 7 different vendors, as well as individual system cost. The 10-year cost was calculated and shown in a handout. There was a question about grants. Regina said there are grants, i.e. SRF Funding, for which we submitted a statement of intent. The State said that because of community income levels, we may not be able to get grant, instead get a guaranteed loan for some % of the project. The next option for funding is a bond that would potentially adjust the tax bill upward, over a 10-year period. Another option is using reserves to pay upfront costs of arsenic treatment which would require going to the Board of Supervisors for using reserves for this purpose. Georgia said we need to get the RFP created to obtain bids from various vendors and then make a choice.

Rick presented a spreadsheet with the various options. Over 3000 systems have been installed in Western US; all vendors are approved by Departments of health. Rick went over assumptions for capital costs and operating costs, and replacement costs. He then calculated a 10-year cost, and determined the annual cost per home, which varied from \$182 to \$635/home/year. Maximum flowrate of the system is 300 gpm compared to the current demand which is less than 200 gpm. Georgia said next step is to get an RFP out on the street to attract vendors. This RFP will be developed by smaller group, Rick, Georgia and a member of community. The timeline that Rick developed said that we need to get the issue to the Board by July, 2012. Regina said that we need to get the RFP done ASAP, and then approved by the CSA followed by presentation to the Board. There was a discussion about the time that a vendor needs to get in bid. Yitzhak said that a pilot study should be done. Some vendors would not need to do the pilot study; others would charge ~\$15,000 to do pilot plant study. A community member wanted to know if public notice is needed to the rest of the community regarding the arsenic issue. Another public member was concerned that the arsenic standards may be changed again, and what do we do. Rick said additional assays of water will be done on the two wells. Moved to move up testing to April 2012 from May 2012, seconded, and passed. Regina will organize the subcommittee to write the RFP, to be done by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint HOA/CSA meeting to be held later, perhaps next week.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting scheduled for April 18, 2011.

1. Water Statement
2. Storm Water Update - determination from County Counsel and action items determined
3. Arsenic
4. Budget
5. Report on CSA HOA
6. Results of PG&E audit.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Doug Williams, Secretary