

North Davis Meadows
County Service Area Advisory Committee #10
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015

Meeting Attendees include: Regina Espinoza, Bonnie Wolstoncroft, Bill Reinert, Bruce Eldridge, Kathy Greenhalgh, Emily Henderson.

1. The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Wolstoncroft at 7:10pm. The meeting was relocated to Bruce Eldridge's home, as the clubhouse was locked up.
2. Bruce moved and Kathy seconded that the minutes from 05/27/15 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment-** Bill Reinert shared information regarding the neighborhood's water usage. He reported that we have been using less water, in the past couple of years. We used 5% less water in 2015, than we did in 2014. Bill expressed interest in determining the water level in each well. We do not want the water level in the well to drop below the intake pump. It was suggested that the golf course well be used to determine the water level. Regina will check with the city regarding this issue.

Regina said that NDM is required to fulfill one of two criteria regarding water usage. One criterion is use of irrigation, no more than two days a week. The other criterion is decreasing water use by 25% (nonurban water supplier). Our well production data will be submitted to the state at the end of the year. This data will be compared to the prior year.

NDM uses approximately 2 million gallons of water per week, during summer months. Neighbors reduced their consumption to approximately 600,000 gallons per week, the first week of November. Turning off/reducing irrigation as of November 1st was requested of neighbors, due to sewer rates being based on winter water use.

4. **Updates from Supervisor Saylor-** Supervisor Saylor was unable to attend the meeting. Emily reported that there is a vacancy on the NDM CSA committee. One application has been received. The vacancy will be advertised and the position will be open for three weeks. A member will be appointed at the December Board of Supervisor meeting. Emily reported that the Board of Supervisors will be working on a three year Strategic Plan.

LAFCO is working on a report, using the feedback that they solicited. The report has not yet been released.

5. **Status of Current Water Project-** A timeline for the Water System Consolidation Project was presented. Regina said that an optimistic time for the construction phase of the project to begin, would be December of 2016. She explained that NDM will need to have two Proposition 218 elections to raise money for the project. The first Prop 218 election will be to cover the cost of having engineers draw up plans/specifications. It is estimated that the cost of the engineer's report will be \$300,00 to \$400,000. A second Proposition 218 election will be needed to raise the money for the actual construction.

West Yost Engineering Company has agreed to provide an estimate of the cost of obtaining the plans/specs, by Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Saylor will be asking the city of Davis for a formal letter that states they approve of the connection. The city has provided a letter of support for NDM to pursue low interest financing from the state, for a connection to their supply. The letter that was received from the city was signed by City Manager, Dirk Brazil.

Our CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) document should be available for the public to review on Friday, November 13th or Monday, November 16th. Notice will be posted in the newspaper. The CEQA will also be posted on NDM's website. A link will be provided for neighbors to access the document, using the neighborhood listserves.

Regina has not heard back from the state about the status of our loan application. The loan application was submitted in early October.

6. **Drainage-** The NDM perimeter ditch has been cleaned by CA Landscape. The Road 29 drainage ditch, from NDM 2 to the railroad crossing on "F" Street, will be cleaned next week. The "Barlo" ditch will be included in the scope of work. Teichert is responsible for the ditch in front of their property. Caltrans will not clean their section of the ditch, this year.

Laura Mills mentioned that there is a drainage problem at the entrance to NDM 1. A berm blocks water from draining into the ditch, on the west side of the entrance. Neighbors need to enter the neighborhood using the exit lane, when it rains. She said that a simple drain would help solve the problem. Regina will ask CA Landscape for an estimate to put in a simple drain pipe.

7. **Budget-** Kathy presented a Budget Summary that compares the difference between our Revenue and Expenses for both our Water/Landscape fund (490) and our Sewer fund (492). The summary compares surpluses and deficits between revenue/expenses for the past seven years.

Kathy reported that that Fund 490 had a surplus of \$12,984 for Fiscal 2015. This is after five years of deficits. Fund 492 (sewer) showed a deficit of \$43,057. This is the fifth year of deficit for this account. Revenues for Fund 492 will increase for Fiscal 2016, as a result of the Prop 218 election, this past spring, that imposed a significant increase in the amount being charged to residents for sewer disposal/grinder pump replacement.

Kathy said that the General Ledger Summary shows how much money we have left in our treasury at the end of each fiscal year (June 30th). Our 490 Fund had a balance of \$725 and our 492 Fund showed a balance of \$15,335.

8. **Other-** Regina said that the electrical panels for our grinder pumps have been starting to go out. Bonnie asked how many grinder pumps had to be replaced this past year. Regina was unsure. Kathy said that she has been keeping track of the number replaced each year, but has not received the data she needs to calculate the number.

The need to inform new neighbors of what they can/can't put down their drains, due to the grinder pumps was discussed. Sending out a list of the instructions to everyone was proposed, as well as sending out a new refrigerator magnet with a list of what to do in case of a grinder pump problem.

Laura suggested that information on the swales be included. She said that neighbors need to be aware that they can't landscape their swale.

Regina was asked if she has a hexavalent chromium warning that can be sent to neighbors. She said that the state has not yet created one, but she has a template that she can use.

8. **Next Meeting-** Our next CSA meeting will be held in mid- March. Bonnie recommended that we provide a monthly update status on the water project to neighbors.

The meeting was adjourned by Bonnie Wolstoncroft at 9:05pm

