

North Davis Meadows
County Service Area Advisory Committee #10
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2016

Meeting Attendees include: Regina Espinoza, Supervisor Don Saylor, Bonnie Wolstoncroft, , Kathy Greenhalgh, Yashavant Kulkarni, Emily Henderson

1. The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Wolstoncroft at 7:07pm.
2. Kathy moved and Yashavant seconded that the minutes from 11/10/15 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
3. It was noted that the NDM CSA is in need of two members for the advisory committee. Bruce Eldridge has moved out of the neighborhood and Bill Reinart passed away. Diane Biggs nominated [John ___](#) for one of the positions. Diane has volunteered to be responsible for the NDM 1 Neighborhood Directory. She said that the directory will be done electronically from now on. There will no longer be hard copies. Kathy said that Harwant Kush has volunteered to oversee the Google Group for our neighborhood email. Harwant will be combining the NDM 1 and NDM 2 Google Groups. Cheri Herman and Bruce Eldridge, who used to oversee the Google Groups, have moved.
4. **Public Comment-** Melissa Thorme shared that there will be a State Water Board hearing on June 21st to discuss how to fund Proposition 1 grants. She noted that the NDM loan application is in Category C and said we should be in Category A, since we are dealing with nitrate contamination. Regina will talk to Pete Stamus, who is overseeing our loan application at the state level, regarding the category for our loan.

Melissa shared that there will be a one day workshop on June 22nd to discuss Central Valley ground water issues. This workshop will be held in Rancho Cordova. Yashavant Kulkarni volunteered to attend.

Melissa expressed concern about weeds growing in the common areas of NDM 2 where grass died back last year. She is wondering if the dead spots can be reseeded.

Laura Mills mentioned that there has been a problem with broken and poorly functioning irrigation heads in NDM 2. Our landscaper has recommended replacing the heads with ones that don't use as much water. Kathy noted that she reported an irrigation issue to Todd, but never heard back. Regina will have Todd assess the irrigation in NDM 1 and 2.

5. **Updates from Supervisor Saylor's Office-** Supervisor Saylor congratulated neighbors on the recent Prop 218 election. He said that only eight protest votes were received. He shared that The City of Davis has provided us with a "will serve" letter and a Water Service Agreement is being worked on. Emily Henderson, from his office, has been attending monthly meetings with the NDM water subcommittee.

Supervisor Saylor shared that Yolo County has been undergoing some reorganization. The County Service Areas and County Service Districts will have their financial matters overseen by the County Administration office. There will be a team effort to oversee the CSA's and CSD's. He said that there will be a point person (Jill Cook or Alysa Sabatini) for North Davis Meadows. Regina Espinoza will continue to oversee the NDM water project. She will be taking on a new role working on Climate Action and Sustainability.

6. **Grinder Pumps-** Yashavant talked with the supplier of our grinder pumps. He said the E1 pumps that we use are designed to run without maintenance. They use about 40W of

electricity and cost about \$20-\$25 annually to operate. He said that when a pump fails it is most likely due to corrosion of one of two switches that are inside. Items such as strong chemicals, coffee grounds and wipes should not be put into the sewer (A list of what not to put down sinks or toilets has been given to neighbors).

Service for failed pumps has been an ongoing issue. There were problems this spring when Roto Rooter sent out technicians who were not trained to service the pumps. Regina said that Roto Rooter has three service technicians, who are specifically trained to service the grinder pumps. A flow chart has been put in place to ensure that the proper technicians are sent out. Kathy noted that neighbors have been provided with handouts for Sewer and Water Procedures as well as a list of what not to put into toilets and sinks.

- 7. Status of Current Water Project-** A timeline for the Water System Consolidation Project was presented. We will be spending money to obtain an Engineer's Report. Our Planning Loan has been sent to the state and we are optimistic that we will obtain funding. Bonding the cost of the study is another option. Once the Engineer's Report is received, then the project will be sent out to bid. Another Prop 218 will be needed to approve the cost of installing the system. Following that, a Construction Loan application will be submitted to the State Water Board. How long the state takes to respond to our loan application will affect the project timeline. The NDM community does not qualify for grant money. Once the project is completed, the City of Davis will not maintain our irrigation system. They will handle the potable water only.

Meters will be included for potable water only. We anticipate paying the city directly for sewer charges, as they will be based on the metered winter water use. Currently, we are charged for sewer base on winter water use from our wells. This includes any irrigation that is being used during dry winters. Phil asked about the possibility of dual metering. This is not being added at this time, due to the added cost. Bonnie said that it would add about \$2,500 per household to add a second meter. In addition, there would be significant operation and maintenance costs to use the information obtained from the meters.

Bonnie shared that conduit for internet will be a line item in the engineer's report. We will need to make sure that wire gets put in the conduit. Yashavant and Davis Campbell volunteered to look into how we can accomplish this. It was suggested that they contact the county's internet task force.

- 8. Drainage-** Regina reported that A & L has renewed their contract with the county for ditch clearing. Our landscaper has told her about an area that needs attention. Laura Mills said that the south Road 29 ditch, from East of 100A to the point where it makes a right hand turn into the Barlo Ditch, needs attention. Laura also said that Caltrans hasn't cleaned their side of 113 by the Arrowroot Kennel. She also expressed concern about an obstruction in a ditch under 113.
- 9. Budget-** Kathy said that the county has a new accounting system. She said that from the information she was provided, it appears that our Water/Landscaping/Lights account expenses will meet revenues. She expressed concern that we will show a deficit in our Sewer Account, in spite of the significant increase in fees that was approved for this year. Regina said that we have had a large number of grinder pump repairs and have had to start replacing some electrical panels. Power Surges following storm events have impacted the number of grinder pumps that have failed.

- 10. Next Meeting-** Our next CSA meeting will be held in October.

The meeting was adjourned by Bonnie Wolstoncroft at 8:35pm. Minutes submitted by Kathy Greenhalgh

