

**EL MACERO SERVICE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(EMSAAC)
3411 BERMUDA AVENUE
DAVIS, CA 95616**

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2013

COMMITTEE: Diane Cronan – Committee Member
Bill Dendy – Committee Member and Chair
Tim Lien – Committee Member
Tom Ramme – Committee Member
Sandy Uhrhammer – Committee Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Roxie Weaver –EMSAAC Staff

Doug Andersen, President – El Macero Homeowners Assoc.
(EMHA)
Meredith Cole – El Macero Resident
Steve Cole – El Macero Resident
Barbara Dendy – El Macero Resident
Dave Ewing – El Macero Resident
Barbara Grant – EMCC Board Member
George Heitz – The Oaks Association Board Member
Larry Hoffman – EMHA Board member
Sallie Houston – EMHA Board Member
Richard Lauckhart – El Macero Resident
Bill Munich – El Macero Resident
Marcia Munich – El Macero Resident
Chuck Partain – EMHA Board Member
Joan Partain – EL Macero Resident
David Maul, President, The Oaks Association
Arnie Spiess – El Macero Resident
Matt Williams – El Macero Resident

Chair Bill Dendy called the meeting of the EMSAAC to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held at the El Macero Country Club, El Macero, CA 95618.

A. Introductions. All present made self introductions.

B. Discussion of, and solicitation of comments on, whether to recommend to Yolo County that, on behalf of the El Macero County Service Area, it (a) prepare and advertise a request for qualifications and interest in preparing a feasibility study of installing a separate residential landscape irrigation system in el macero and (b) determine whether state or federal grants or loans may be available to finance some or all of the costs of conducting the feasibility study or installing such a separate system.

Dendy distributed a handout that he had prepared in consultation with Ewing and Spiess. It showed a preliminary estimate of the future cost of residential landscape irrigation water in El Macero assuming that the City of Davis develops its proposed new water supply from the Sacramento River and that El Macero property owners would be charged according to the rate structure proposed by the City for its water customers. The estimate indicates that El Macero costs for residential landscape irrigation would increase dramatically compared to current costs for using groundwater.

The handout also presented a preliminary estimate of an alternative whereby El Macero would construct a new water distribution piping system to continue supplying landscape irrigation water from groundwater while continuing to use the current distribution system to supply Sacramento River water from the City for indoor usage. The preliminary estimate indicated that the alternative system might cost substantially less over time than using Sacramento River water for landscape irrigation. Dendy suggested that a more thorough feasibility study of the alternatives would be required in order to firm up the comparison of costs. He also suggested that the feasibility study might consider including at least some recycled wastewater blended with the groundwater in order to take advantage of low interest loans available from the State. He also said that there may be other alternatives not yet identified that might deserve to be considered.

For comparison purposes the handout also showed that in order to keep landscape irrigation costs at or near current levels while using Sacramento River water and paying the City rates El Macero would have to reduce landscape water usage by about 80% below recent levels.

Dendy pointed out that the Committee would not make a recommendation relative to a feasibility study based solely on this meeting but would first consult further with property owners. He then then asked for comments pertinent to the idea of a feasibility study of alternatives, and for ideas about additional alternatives.

Several attendees raised technical questions that should be considered, including potential "credit" against wastewater costs if recycled water is used, whether the recycled water would be safe, whether our present water supply can be treated to remove objectionable mineral constituents, and how the feasibility study would be financed.

Several attendees spoke in support of seeking ways to hold down costs for El Macero and said they would support a recommendation for a feasibility study of alternatives if the preliminary estimates are reasonably correct and that any other reasonable alternatives that might emerge should be considered.

Williams pointed out that the City of Davis future rate structure actually adopted differs somewhat from the structure used in the handout calculations but that making the correction would not materially affect the cost comparison. He offered to provide a copy of the proper structure.

Lauckhart submitted a written list of questions and comments and said he had already supplied them to Yolo County.

Steve Cole reported that he has determined that the water rate structure adopted by the City does not comply with Proposition 218.

Bill Munich suggested that another alternative might be to construct an irrigation well.

C. Update and possible recommendation to Yolo County relative to settlement of outstanding sewer charge issues between El Macero and the City of Davis

Dendy reported that an agreement with the City of Davis on the costs of wastewater services has not been reached as of yet and negotiations are continuing.

D. Adjournment. On a motion by Lien, seconded by Cronan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxie J. Weaver