

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2013

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

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Panos Kokkas – Deputy Yolo County Public Works Director
Richard Lauckhart – El Macero Resident
Roxie Weaver – El Macero Service Area Advisory (EMSAAC) Staff

Chair Bill Dendy called the meeting of the EMSAAC to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at the El Macero Country Club, El Macero, CA 95618.

MINUTES: On a motion by Uhrhammer, seconded by Ramme, the minutes of the meetings on January 16, 2013 were approved by unanimous vote.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR: None.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Lauckhart stated that he would prefer a more explicit format for the budget and agenda. The Committee agreed to place that request on the agenda for its next regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

FIRE DISTRICT: None.

EL MACERO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (EMHA): Ramme said that there were no specific actions or requests to report. Dendy reported that at the EMHA Board's request he made a brief presentation at the EMHA Annual Meeting on March 19 regarding streets, water and sewer. He summarized the status of, and need to coordinate, street maintenance with the installation of any new water piping or telephone cable in order to avoid having to resurface the streets twice in short order.

THE OAKS ASSOCIATION: None.

EL MACERO COUNTRY CLUB: Dendy reported that there are ongoing discussions on establishing better relationships between the Club and El Macero property owners.

ENTRY LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Ramme and Cronan said they will attempt to prepare updated language for the cost-sharing contract between the EMHA and Yolo County regarding the maintenance of the two El Macero entries for the next regular meeting. Dendy said he would forward to them the most recent draft that he has on file.

GENERAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE: Dendy suggested that weeds along Mace Boulevard should be removed after the next rains. The other Committee Members concurred. Uhrhammer will contact Juan Vicondoa and ask him to have the work completed.

BUDGETARY MATTERS: Lien submitted an updated and modified version of the CSA 2012-13 budget. Lockhart expressed his concern of not having the 2012-13 budget available to the El Macero homeowners. Lien noted that a pending fund balance shift from the general fund into the streets reserve has not been made due to pending litigation and that the Services amount is high because of County staff costs and the Bartle Wells Associates report.

Lauckhart suggested that a separate account be established for “street overlay reserves”. Lien pointed out that the reserve for streets is routinely shown as a separate item and that there is no policy or perceived need to divide it into separate accounts for potential street-related projects such as for “overlay”, curb and gutter repair, crack sealing, slurry seal, median maintenance, etc.

WATER ISSUES: Dendy reported that now that Measure I approving the City of Davis’ participation in the Davis-Woodland Clean Water Project has passed and the City has established a policy on new water rate formulas, potential future El Macero costs can be projected. Dendy said that he and El Macero resident Matt Williams had worked cooperatively to project possible future costs. The essence of the projection is that it appears that if El Macero residents should use as much water in 2018 as they did in 2011, and if El Macero should use the same rate formula as the City (as it has historically done), water charges for landscape irrigation could possibly quintuple from about \$250,000 in 2011 to about \$1,250,000 in 2018. The following possible approaches to reducing costs were discussed:

- Individuals using less water and/or
- Finding an alternative source for irrigation water that is less expensive (e.g., a separate distribution system that uses well water or recycled water). Dendy reported that, with the assistance of El Macero residents Dave Ewing and Arnie Spiess he had prepared a preliminary analysis which indicates the potential for an alternative sources project to reduce the 2018 costs by several hundred thousand dollars per year. The three of them believe this option merits further study.

On a motion by Lien, seconded by Ramme, a special meeting was set for April 11th to walk through all options with the El Macero Homeowners’ Association, the Oaks Association, the Country Club and other El Macero property owners.

Lauckhart suggested that the City of Davis be contacted regarding future water costs for El Macero.

Dendy reported that Willowbank CSA Chair John Cooluris indicated to him that Willowbank is facing a similar problem of increased water costs and expressed an interest in working together to determine whether there may be a joint solution that benefits both CSAs.

SEWER ISSUES: Dendy reported that Supervisor Provenza feels that he and the Davis City Council may be near agreement on a proposed settlement of the issue of charges for wastewater services for El Macero. Dendy said he would put the issue on the agenda for the April 11 Special Meeting in case there is significant progress to report.

STREETS: Kokkas submitted a proposed in-street speed limit sign location summary. He explained that the County uses a “burn down” process rather than paint for such signage because it is more reflective and lasts longer. Dendy pointed out that the Committee had previously recommended installing the signs pending final locations being developed by the County.

Dendy reminded the Committee that there is significant pressure from several El Macero residents to perform major street maintenance immediately rather than wait to see whether or not installation of a separate irrigation water distribution system or internet cables are approved by the property owners in El Macero.

PLANNING COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda Format

NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: July 3, 2013

On a motion by Uhrhammer, seconded by Lien, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Roxie J. Weaver