

Status Update on Wild Wings CSA Facilities and Fees

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- Wastewater facilities (WWTP) and operations evaluated by multiple consultants due to ongoing issues.
- Findings:
 - While discharge permit obtained from the State by developer indicates a redundant system, only a single system was built, thus making it difficult to properly maintain and address failures.
 - As a result, significant repair and replacement is needed at this time. There is also a need for significant investment in the monitoring system (SCADA) for both the water and wastewater systems (runs the plant; alerts operators to issues; provides data necessary for reporting).
 - Current operators have further failed to alert us to issues and perform adequate maintenance, and certain action they have taken violated the permit resulting in a Notice of Violation from the State.
 - Most notable violation was bypassing tertiary filter and discharging secondary waste into recycled water pond making it impossible to irrigate golf course and requiring expensive measures to empty/clean pond.
- Current Status:
 - Addressing WWTP failures, irrigating golf course and responding to Notice of Violation is requiring utilization of all sewer funds and will require a loan. Current costs to stabilize WWTP amount to \$627k, plus \$126k from water for SCADA improvements. A few additional costs still unknown.
 - Current operators (National) have been notified that payments are being withheld due to failure to adequately perform and increased costs to CSA as a result of their actions. County anticipating their departure, a need to hire temporary operators and proceed with another RFP for long-term operators.
 - Work being conducted now at WWTP will take several months and only get current system operating properly. Redundancy will still be required by the State.
- Fees:
 - Engineer's Fee Report update is near complete to identify ongoing costs to properly operate and maintain water and wastewater systems. Hasn't been updated since 2004, didn't include some facilities and was based on estimates. Engineer's Fee Report is basis for CSA fees.
 - Update includes cost to evaluate long-term solution for redundant wastewater system (i.e. additions to current system, connecting to Woodland); actual costs for system upgrade still to come.
 - Early indications are sewer fees were not appropriately raised in the past and will see a steep incline. Will also need to replenish reserve and pay back anticipated loan.
 - Next meeting will be dedicated to discussion of fee increases; Prop 218 proceedings expected in spring.