

**Minutes for Wild Wings County Service Area Advisory Meeting  
Wednesday June 5, 6:30 PM  
Wild Wings Nest**

The meeting was called to order by Scott Picanso. Committee members present were Joan Kingery, Doug Williams, Mark Ullrich and Lachi Richards. Also present was Beth Gabor from the CSA Administrative Support Team, and members of the community.

**Introductions: Bruce Watts**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Community member comment about front pond being filled during water conservation period. Will be put on future Golf Sub-Advisory Committee meeting agenda. Comment about motorcycles riding on sidewalk around gates.

**UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR: None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 3, 2018 approved

**Discussion and Action Items**

**A. Report out from Golf Sub-Advisory Committee meeting (Ulrich)**

Buying new tractor backhoe loader – John Deere. Playing rounds down a bit. New ideas for marketing: banners on Hwy 16; discount for 18 holes; changing annual membership; ads in local papers; coupons at local hotel to rent golf clubs for \$1; ways of drawing non-residents to Wild Wings.

**B. Status of water & wastewater systems (SUSP)**

Monthly Utility Report handed out with water production quantities, efficiencies of wastewater treatment.

Wastewater System: plant up and running well; need to contract to empty final contents, clean and inspect emergency storage pond; new sludge press up and running well which assisted with lowering emergency storage pond; lift station pump repaired.

Water System: well pumps lowered and associated repairs made; SUSP starting bi-monthly meter read. Question about aquifer recharge from winter: we are up about 15 feet compared to last year, which was a static read by hand. Question about whether backup generator was reliable: there are 3 generators; one at each well and one at wastewater treatment plant. Canvas Back arsenic levels: current reading is at ~10 ppb. State regulators look at rolling annual average.

**C. Status of wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation (County)**

Remaining items are cleaning and inspection of emergency pond liner, which will soon be done, and completion of a new O&M manual.

**D. Lowering of the bowls in wells, water conservation and arsenic treatment (Richards)**

Canvas Back bowl near bottom of well at 340 feet, screen starts at 364 feet. Pintail bowl lowered 110 feet, to 380 feet. Repair work was done to Pintail well: new check valve, electrical work, all completed and operational. Pintail water now in Canvas Back storage tank to be used as emergency domestic water if needed (~306,000 gallons).

Discussion about adding arsenic treatment, needs to be compatible with pump characteristics. Two statements of qualification received from arsenic treatment Request for Qualifications. Will start with pilot treatment system, then will design and construct system. Canvas Back has the highest arsenic levels. The treatment plant may be built at the Pintail well site because it has more space for new facilities. Do not know cost yet. Residents are encouraged to continue conserving water because it is not unlimited, additional water drawn may increase arsenic levels and the State will soon have water use restrictions for individual homeowners.

**E. Watts airport connection.**

Mr. Watts discussed the desire for the Watts Airport to connect with the Wild Wings water system due to changes in the State requirements for public water system. The airport has 33 employees, 6 bathrooms and some drip irrigation landscape needs. The engineering and construction will be initiated and funded by Mr. Watts.

Question asked about a hook-up fee. County does not supply water outside CSAs which rarely have connections added. A study to determine an appropriate connection fee would cost more than any revenue generated. Mr. Watts would pay all costs related to the design and construction to connect to the Wild Wings system. With the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to support the connection, the CSA will produce a will-serve letter which will allow Mr. Watts to proceed with the LAFCo process. Ultimately, there will be a water service agreement with Mr. Watts, which will include a hook up fee.. The pertinent LAFCo question for these types of connection is, will the connection be growth-inducing? Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend the Watts Airport connection to the Wild Wings water system.

**F. 2018-19 third quarter financial report, and 2019-20 budget. (County)**

Transfer of funds (\$450,000) from water to wastewater related to rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant has and will occur as needed and will be repaid with interest over 5 years. During the 5-year repayment time frame when the portion of the fee related to replenishing the water fund is paid, the revenue is transferred back to the water fund. Explanation was provided about differences in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 budget, mostly related to shifting expenses from one category to another. The 2019-20 budget anticipates increasing the water fund balance by \$109,432 and the sewer fund balance by \$135,393. A question was asked about the cost of repairing wells and lowering bowls (~\$100,000 to 150,000) and whether the CSA had budgeted for these items (yes). There was an inquiry and discussion about the increasing cost of utilities (PG&E). It was noted that the sewer budget for professional and special services was at 187% due to costly wastewater treatment plant repairs. Sewer expenses expected to be less next year with essentially a brand new plant.

**G. Call for future agenda items: same as above.**

Watts connection plan update.

Rationale for filling front pond (will be on Golf Sub-Advisory Committee agenda)

County treasury interest rate (note: ~2.8%)

More information on energy costs and possibility of installing a solar to defray costs  
HVAC installation at The Nest (note: an HVAC system is already installed)

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: August 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes Submitted by Doug Williams