

Wild Wings County Service Area
Advisory Committee Meeting
July 21, 2008

Minutes

Members Present:

Tom Andringa
Georgia Cochran
Rick Fenaroli

Staff Present:

Regina Espinoza – CSA Manager

Yitzhak Gilon- California American Water

Call To Order

Meeting began @ 6:08 PM

Review Of Minutes

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 12, 2008 meeting without comment.

Motion – Andringa

Second – Cochran

Ayes – 3

Nays - 0

Supervisor Chamberlain's Office

No one from Supervisor Chamberlain's office was present

Public Comments

None

New Business

Water Quality

Groundwater – Mr. Gilon from California American Water (CAW) reported on the results of groundwater monitoring. CAW has contracted with a third party engineering firm to analyze the results obtained from the monitoring wells. Gilon discussed that Monitoring Well #3 along the 8th hole of the golf course continues to show the presence of coliforms. This well has shown coliforms from inception in 2003.

Espinoza stated that the WQCB has reviewed the information and accepts the ongoing situation with coliforms is a non-issue for Monitoring Well #3.

Lead & Copper - Gilon & Espinoza submitted a letter that would be sent to residents in August regarding Lead & Copper sampling in the fresh water system. A random sample of 30 homes will be tested to insure the system complies with State standards. The Committee requested the wording be changed to reflect the reasons for the testing and to reassure residents that there is nothing wrong with their water. Espinoza will send the letter out to residents on County letterhead with the August water meter readings.

WWTP - Gilon stated the treatment plant (WWTP) is operating smoothly and averaging 65,000 – 70,000 gal/day vs. design of 102,000 gal/day. He did report that as a result of

PG&E voltage fluctuations, that the WWTP had damaged 3 motors that were replaced. Espinoza & Gilon will contact PG&E to obtain compensation for the replacement equipment. No dollar value of the loss was provided.

Arsenic - Espinoza provided an update on the current Arsenic situation. The State was lowered the limits from 50 MCL to 10 MCL. Our current Arsenic levels are 8.4 – 9.8 MCL. It is anticipated that we may have to install equipment or process' to reduce the Arsenic levels if future testing shows we have exceeded the limits. CAW explained that many large cities (Modesto) have worse arsenic problems and face the same mitigation problems. CAW recently installed a system in a community for \$2,500,000. It is not anticipated our system would cost that amount, but the Advisory Committee expects to request the Board of Supervisors to establish a Capital Fund assessment in 2009 to begin saving for the eventual construction costs.

Water Balance Report – Gilon provided the 2nd quarter Water Balance Report. Distribution System balance is within 1% indicating we have no losses.

Residential consumption for the period was 42%, 12,275,000 gal/month, 36,721 gal/month/residence.

Lake Fill (golf course+ common areas) consumption was 33%, 7,900,000 gal/month

Lagoon Water (golf course irrigation) consumption was 25%, 7,500,000 gal/month

The Committee discussed at length the results of the residential water meter information. During April, 155 homes of 337 total exceeded the 20,000 gal/month limit. It was agreed that CAW would remove, test, recalibrate, and replace the 20 highest residential users of water to insure that the flow meter information is correct. If the flow meters are correct, some residents could expect to see \$200-400/month increase in water based on excessive consumption. CAW will provide a report of findings by August 15.

Capital Plan – CAW presented their initial proposal for Capital Spending. They believe that the sludge handling presents the greatest opportunity for cost reduction. Initial plans are for the installation of a screw press to remove water from the sludge. This would permit disposal at the Yolo County dump, rather than transporting to Sacramento County. Estimated cost is \$250,000, with savings approximately \$30,000 annually. Fenaroli asked Espinoza to review the funding in the Capital Improvement account prior to approving any new projects.

Andringa & Cochran asked for a more detailed proposal and review of other options prior to the next Advisory Committee meeting in September.

Budget – Espinoza reviewed the 2007-2008 budget which indicates that spending was on track and that we are able to fully fund the Reserve & Capital Equipment accounts. The Committee also reviewed the 2008-2009 budget.

Based on the expected increase in operating costs for 2008-2009, the Committee voted to request the Board of Supervisors increase the assessment by the Consumer Price Index (as permitted by statute). The expected increase is about 3.1% or \$45/residence. This would be the first increase in assessment in 4 years.

Motion to request the Board of Supervisors to increase the Wild Wings CSA assessment by the CPI for 2008-2009

Motion – Andringa

Second – Cochran

Ayes – 3

Nays - 0

Golf Course – Espinoza provided an update on the tax situation with the Wild wings golf course. Basically they still have not paid their November or April taxes. The issue is currently with the County Assessors Office who is responsible for collection.

Follow-Up Items –

Espinoza to send out final 2007-2008 spend when she receives it from the Auditor’s Office.

Expected by August 1.

Espinoza to e-mail the Advisory Committee the CPI for 2007-2008. Expected August 1.

Espinoza to e-mail the Ground Water report to members

Espinoza to report on the amount of funds in the Capital Improvement account

Gilon to provide Espinoza results of meter testing, who will forward to members August 15

Gilon to prepare a detailed “matrix” of options for Capital Improvements prior to Sept. 15

Next Meeting

September 15, 2008

Future Agenda Items

Budget

Proposed Capital Plan

Arsenic Update

Golf Course Update

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Motion – Fenaroli

Second – Cochran

Ayes – 3

Nays -0