



MARIPOSA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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YOSEMITE WEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

March 14, 2024

1. 10:05 am Called to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tom Lambert	Chair	Present
Debra Kroon	Member	Phone
Malcolm Neal	Member	Present
Art Cormier	Member	Present
John Mock	Member	Present
Ted Williams	Member	Present
John Luthey	Plant Ops Manager	Present
Matt Hespenheide	County Engineer	Present
Rosemarie Smallcombe	Supervisor District I	Present

2. Introductions

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Approve minutes of December 14, 2023, John Mock as amended (S) Art Cormier. Clarify Blackwater full company name. Remove reference to Nature Bridge and Scenic Wonders. Clarify pursuing other options (Luthey).

5. Discussion and Action Items

a. Elect Chair

Tom Volunteers to continue to Chair the committee (M) Art Cormier (S) Malcolm Neal.

b. Elect Vice Chair

Debra agrees to remain the Vice Chair (M) John Mock (S) Art Cormier

c. Approve Annual Report to Supervisors

(M) Malcolm Neal (S) Ted Williams

d. Approve updated By-Laws

John Mock has made comments on the By-Laws that Supervisor Smallcombe will review. This item is tabled until the next meeting. (M) John Mock (S) Ted Williams

6. Updates and Reports

a. Fiscal Update, including normal reporting of status of account with a summary historical comparison if available

County Engineer Matt Hespenheide advises the committee there is no fiscal update for today's meeting. The County is in the process of doing mid-year adjustments. There will be an update available at the next meeting.

Rate studies should be on every agenda. There will be an update from Bartle Wells over the next several months as they take capital improvement numbers that were updated in the 2015/16 study and will reflect 2024 numbers. Public Works has put together a new capital improvement plan for Yosemite West for the next five years that is still in draft form. Matt Hespenheide can provide a draft for committee review at the next meeting.

b. Grant Updated – IRWM and USDA grants

Black Water Engineering is conducting preliminary engineering to evaluate the leach fields system. 80 acres was purchased around the existing plants through ARPA Grant Funding. They will evaluate what improvements need to be made to increase permitting from the Water Board to increase the volume from 60,000 gallons to 100,000 gallons with the additional 80 acres by expanding the spray field during the summer and adding an additional leach field for the winter. The IRWM Grant is \$436,000. Matt will have a Black Water Engineering report for review by the next meeting.

c. Operations Update – flow rates, maintenance issues

Plant Operations Manager John Luthey reported there were no major issues, there was a flow meter issue and heating issue that were resolved. Clarifier is ready as soon as the weather warms up. There is a continued effort to replace old meters. There was a 99% read rate last month. A discussion of wells ensued including measuring at the wellhead and spoke of gpm and future water needs.

d. Update on WWTP Capacity Limits (how and by whom plant capacity is determined)

The original Engineering report has an inflow limit of 60,000 gallons, the district will have to go under a new permit within the next two years.

7. Next Meeting

All future agendas should have prop 218 as an item.
Next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2024 at 10:00 am

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am by Tom Lambert

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Dordan
Executive Assistant