



MARIPOSA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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YOSEMITE WEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES September 12, 2024

10:05 am Called to Order

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

1. Introductions

None

2. Public Comment

Tom Lambert asks for patching to be done on the roads before the winter weather arrives.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approve minutes of June 13, 2024 (M) Debra Kroon (S) Art Cormier

4. Discussion and Action Items

1. Approve updated By-laws

Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe and John Mock had been discussing discrepancies in the By-laws regarding minutes. Deputy Director Sam Cervený states that Public Works

will continue to complete the minutes, provided Public Works staff are available. Member Debra Kroon states that Article 4 Section C regarding a quorum needs clarification from the Clerk of the Board. John Mock suggests tabling the By-laws for now to clarify the quorum requirements. Sam explains that sections A & B, articles 1 & 2 are committee specific. A conversation ensues regarding the secretary and the responsibility for minutes. Motion to go back to the Board and the Clerk of the Board for clarification and to change Section C articles 3 & 4 (M) John Mock (S) Debra Kroon. Tom Lamber & Ted Williams abstain, balance of members aye.

5. Updates and Reports

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

- i. Fund 3535
- ii. Fund 3322

The fund balances are not completed; Sam Cerveney states they will be available on September 30, 2024. Chair Tom Lambert requests that the distribution of the fund balances be sent to the committee members as soon as they are available. Member Ted Williams would like to know the cumulative fund balance of account 3322 and believes it should be a standard presentation to the committee; he would also like to see all the bond account balances. John Mock would like to see the Yosemite West Renewal and Extension fund, which County Counsel and the Treasurer's Office can provide which accounts are used for equipment and expectations of when the sewer plant has reached its lifetime usage and needs for replacement. This is important information for the bondholders.

- b. IRWM - Black Water Engineering Update

County Engineer Matt Hespenheide presented a draft report of making modifications to the leach field, Matt requested Black Water to give an estimate on a hypothetical permitted amount of 100,000 gallons. The estimated cost would be two million dollars, Matt conveyed to the firm that the grant was only for \$436,000. Matt then asked for them to develop a plan for half of a million-dollar project.

Matt would like to explore other opportunities, such as a fuel reduction project on the 80 acres that were purchased that would coincide with leach field improvements. A project will need to be created in order not to lose the grant. Matt would like to see a road cut through the property that was purchased from the existing plant to the plateau area where there is a higher infiltration rate. The full build-out has been determined to be 293 parcels.

Matt will provide bid and spec documents to spend a portion of the money. The contract awarded will be for the next construction season.

c. Operations Update

i. Flow Rates

Utilities Manager John Luthey reports that the flow rates have been consistent. There were hits on the BOD and TSS due to not being able to waste the solids as intended. The clarifier is operational again. Repairs are needed on the wasting valve to move solids out of the clarifier and send it to the tank.

John is working to get the flushing program for the hydrants reinstated. The hydrants have not been consistently flushed in many years.

Spray fields and sprinklers are currently being used.

John is currently doing a lead pipe survey in all the districts as required by the EPA. A work plan will be established to submit to the state. John will look at the oldest homes first for the pipe survey.

ii. Maintenance Issues

Discussion of Proposition 218

Sam Cervený is still waiting for the fund balances from the Auditor's Office.

d. Rate Study Update

Sam Cervený states that a new study will not need to be done; the county engineer will have to review and update the values from the old studies. The rate increase will include water, sewer, and roads, with roads done separately. Ted Williams asked if there is a proposed set of rates that can be submitted to the committee prior to the December meeting. Sam doesn't expect those rates until early next year.

e. New Capital Improvement Plan

John Mock asked for clarification on the additional water line to the wastewater plant. John Luthey explains that a water line needs to be installed, currently, there is no source of fresh water for washing or cleaning of anything.

g. Chair's Report on Yosemite West Property and Homeowners Community Meeting

Discussed above.

G. Next Meeting

a. Suggested Agenda items

Ted Williams asks for an update on the second well.

b. Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2024

H. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Dordan
Executive Assistant