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YOSEMITE WEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 10, 2021

Members Present: Tom Lambert, John Mock, Art Cormier, Debra Kroon, Jeff Webb, Malcolm Neal

BOS Ex-Officio Present: Rosemarie Smallcombe

County Staff Present: Jean Dordan (phone)

Guests/Public: Ted Williams (phone)

1. Call to Order and Introductions 2:04 pm

2. Public Comment None

3. Approval of Minutes

a. November 5, 2020 with corrections to add “motion passes” to add consistently. Make note of live phone and/or web meeting. Note that this is a Special Meeting (M) Debra Kroon (S) Malcom Neal. Motion passes.

b. March 11, 2021 Several corrections on spelling of names.(M) Debra Kroon (S) John Mock to postpone approval of minutes until the next meeting. Motion passes.

4. Updates and Reports

a. Operations update – flow rates, maintenance issues (PW Staff). Darryl Nielsen will e-mail flow rates. (Called away for emergency)

b. Financial update (PW Staff). Ted Williams points out errors in year-to-date revenues are too low. Correct number needed. Page two the values are wrong. Report needs to be run again.

c. Status of Yosemite West Treatment Plant (WWTP) expansion via the leach-field land purchase (PW Staff). Supervisor Smallcombe reports that the County is still in

negotiation with the property owner. Ted Williams sees a need to expand the leach field. Supervisor Smallcombe explains that the amount of land is still under negotiation.

d. Status of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) grant to pay cost-share needed by CalOES for the tree-felling work on the well-access road (PW Staff). Supervisor Smallcombe spoke with Melinda Barrett about available grants. One grant is over \$4,00,00 with \$500,000 set aside for Yosemite West for tree removal for felling and hauling using OES funds as well. Ms. Barrett also applied for a Forest Health Grant for 4.4 million most will be used for forest service land \$300,000 for Yosemite West \$700,000 for Wawona for defensible space and prep work for controlled burns.

e. Update on pothole repairs on NPS portion of the road. Any conversation between DPW and NPS (PW Staff) County filled potholes. There has been an ongoing discussion on who is responsible for potholes on the NPS section of the road which is about $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a mile long. Supervisor Smallcombe will look into the progress of these discussions.

f. Update on digging out fire hydrants for the season. Fire hydrants will need to be maintained. John Mock questions the bag that is over one of the hydrants on Black Oak and Yosemite Parkway at the South end of the road and asks whether it is functional.

g. Status regarding whether Mariposa County is taking any steps toward selling water to NPS for the NESC campus. Update on any negotiations or discussions. Supervisor Smallcombe received a Letter from Joe Meyer with several options to determine what is feasible. (Letter attached) Discussion of private wells that might be able to supply water to Nature Bridge after studies and engineering are complete. The hauling of water is an issue due to SWRB concerns of water contamination that cannot be monitored.

h. Status regarding whether any SB1263 consolidation proposals have been received by YWMD from Scenic Wonders. Nothing new to report.

5. Discussion and Action Items

a. Update on county counsel and treasurer opinion on allowable uses of Fund 755 and discussion of projects that might fit the criteria outlined. John Mock talks of the letter from County Counsel capitol expenses can be used to replace equipment. Would the leach field fall under this fund. Life span of leach field is 20 years which is where they are today. Current balance of the fund is \$132,000. Ted Williams suggests an additional spray field project based on the rate study. Committee members concur.

- b. Discussion of rate study: update on progress in particular with respect to reports in items 4c and 4d. Discussed in previous paragraph. Discussion of current Leach Field and possibly a new Leach Field and the funding for it.
- c. Update on and discussion of response from county counsel on updates to ordinance 13.28.010 on water rationing. Sup Smallcombe shares response from County Counsel that she will send out to everyone and also reads statement from County Counsel. The ordinance has no force for effect because it was never actually implemented. Discussion continued about low water levels in the tanks and how to regulate the number of gallons being used per month. Water usage can be restricted with a regulator which is used in other areas. Questions were raised about the bond payments that were made by people who haven't built yet and people paying the stand-by fees. Whether it is possible to set up an ordinance that provides that landowners parcels and EDUs be put together. Debra Kroon suggested revising Ordinance 13.28.010.

a. Agenda Items None

b. December 9, 2021

6. Meeting Adjournment at 4:16 PM