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YOSEMITE WEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 10, 2022

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

BOS Ex-Officio Present: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Supervisor District I

County Staff Present: Shannon Hansen, Director, Jean Dordan (phone), Larry Harris, Deputy Director

Guests/Public: Ted Williams (phone) Katie Weber (phone)

1. Call to Order and Introductions: 2:12 pm

Chair Tom Lambert confirmed a meeting quorum

2. Public Comment.

Mr. Mock comments that construction workers have no place to park or receive deliveries, he suggests they use cones. Guest Ted Williams asks if there is any news of new water sources in Henness Ridge Area and asks if the county is still seeking a new water source. Supervisor Smallcombe will follow up with Joe Meyer of NPS regarding the Water Resources Control Board (WRCB).

3. Approval of Minutes.

September 9, 2021 minutes approved with corrections. (M) Art Cormier (S) Malcolm Neal.

4. Updates and Reports.

- a. Neal Misener resignation: Chair Tom Lambert advised the committee that Mr. Neal Misener has resigned from the committee.
- b. Lowery status: Some residents have noticed green/copper residue, which is usually a PH issue, and is usually a Lowry issue. Both pumps went out, and repairs were made. Deputy Director Harris announces his acceptance of the position of Deputy Director of Public Works on a permanent basis. The water outage was due to a storm which was reported to the state and a boil water notice went into effect. Member John Mock asked when the last time a diver went into the tanks to do an inspection. Deputy Director Harris stated that he was not sure as to the date but noted that it had not been done in a long time.
- c. Update on the repair of hydrant #16. No new updates. The county is still looking for a contractor. Guest Katie Weber asked if the hydrants will be inspected and flushed. Deputy Director Harris states that hydrant flushing has not been done in any of the districts in a long period of time.
- d. Operations updates.
- e. Financial update. Deputy Director Harris reviewed reports on flow rates. Financial reports will be sent in advance of meetings in the future. The land purchase is moving forward. PW staff were not able to provide the total acreage of the lot for the land acquisition.
- f. An update on the rate study and Prop 218 process was provided by Deputy Director Harris.
- g. An update on possible grant funds for wastewater treatment system repairs was provided by Deputy Director Harris, noting funding may be available through the Mariposa Resource Conservation District (RCD) per Melinda Barrett. Deputy Director Harris also stated that Public Works Department is working on an additional staffing request to the Board of Supervisors for the Utility Division.
- h. The status of the tree-felling and removal project on the well-access road was provided by Deputy Director Harris. It was noted that there may be trees around the water storage tank site that need to be removed.
- i. Update on any long-standing issues.
 - 1. Spray-field land purchase (PW Staff) and use of Fund 755: The County Administrative Officer and County Counsel discussed the use of USDA funds that is subject to approval by the USDA. Supervisor Smallcombe advised that the county is still negotiating on the price of the property and has advised the committee that a survey and lot line adjustment will need to be done.
 - 2. YW bond refinancing initiative (Smallcombe). Shane Spicer will no longer be the reassessment analysis. Financial adviser, Joey McLiney & Associates will now be assisting in locating state funds and grant fund opportunities. The \$22,000 for Spicer's services will have to be paid by the district or the county. It may not be feasible to refinance. Supervisor Smallcombe will follow up with the Treasurer's office.

3. Water rationing ordinances: Supervisor Smallcombe advises that the County does not currently have the staff to work on an ordinance. Wawona & Fish Camp are now in a different district (Supervisor Smallcombe's District) Some of the residents are connected to NPS water with some privately owned systems. There are limits on water usage.

5. Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Election of Officers .There was a motion for Tom Lambert to continue as Chair (M) Art Cormier (S) Malcolm Neal. Motion for Debra Kroon to continue as Vice-Chair (M) Art Cormier (S) Jeff Webb. John Mock offers to be the secretary (M) Debra Kroon (S) Art Cormier.
- b. Discuss the use of District funds for better conference phone and call-in lines. Deputy Director Harris will talk with Director Shannon Hansen about a better audio system. Tom has a unit price of \$148.00.

6. Next Meeting: June 9, 2022

7. Meeting Adjournment: 3:44 pm