

Approved

**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2023, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair
David Hutter-Vice Chair,
Michael Morgan, Keith Huss

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Cobb

STAFF: Joseph Pope, Director
Scott Meckstroth, Deputy Director
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services
Manager Sean Hanley, Water
Superintendent Maryann Ranallo,
Management Asst
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services-Zoom
Vimie Alvarez, Principal Acct-Zoom
Tony Allen, Senior Accountant-Zoom
June Kim, Engineering Manager III
Pam Cook, Senior Accountant-Zoom

GUESTS: Marcy Nunn
Lynette Buchanan-Roth
Keith Huss
Kathy Janowski
Mark Scott Taylor – Zoom
Walt Brand - Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2022, MEETING

David Hutter moved the approval. Mike Mishler seconded.

Vote: No objections.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Janowski lives in Somis and was a previous member of the CAC. She is asking each member of the CAC, (so that she can assure the community that they are being fairly represented by the CAC Members). Each member of the CAC, please tell me if the city you live in you receive a water bill, and what your occupation is, and what made you want to become a member of the CAC. Mr. Pope said he is leaving it up to the committee to respond if they wish, but it is not part of the Agenda, per the Brown Act. Mr. Mishler asked if we can put the

video out there for public to view and anyone can see the introductions of the new CAC Members and answer all questions. Mr. Mishler backs up to the district. Mr. Huss introduced himself and explained. Mr. Morgan introduced himself and explained. Ms. Janowski thanked all the members.

4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- AMI Report
District 19 has uptick 80 customers.

4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-

- Proposed September Special Meeting for Setting Water Rates for 2024
Mr. Pope asked when the Committee would like to have the Special Meeting? It was decided Wednesday, September 13, 3:30.

5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. O&M Infrastructure-QUARTERLY

- Line Breaks were 8" Main at Double Arrow Ranch, 3 Service Leaks
- Periodic Maintenance, No valve maintenance or line flushing.
- Fire Flow, 1 at Dodson
- Other Activity, Reservoirs and Wells: Installed screen, replumbed analyzer and discharge, replaced Chlorine booster, New pump.
- Source Water, how much each well was producing and how much we used in Calleguas water.
- Water Demand Chart
- Water Supply Historically
- Meter Replacement, Activity, Service Orders, Line Locations. Most mechanical.
- Looking forward: Lead Service Line Inventory, Checking on Lead per new state law.
- Somis Farmworker Housing

B. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

- Well 2 FE and MN Treatment
- 571 Reservoir Pump Station
- LA Ave Caltrans Pipe Relocation

C. WATER QUALITY REPORT

- 2 Complaints, 1 water quality issue. 1 pressure issue.

D. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- Current drought status. We have been out of the drought since same time last year.

- State Water Reservoirs. Major water supplies are all in good shape.

E. FOX CANYON GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

F. AN UPDATE OF THE LOS POSAS VALLEY WATER RIGHTS

- Timeline. We finished all phases of the trial, No update on GMA. The law firm has filed an appeal. We will have representation on the commercial side. We budget appropriately for the fees.

G. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE

- Calleguas and MET update. Calleguas did approve a rate increase for next year, 6%.
- Calleguas does have a nice new website that we have linked to. They are trying to promote the conservation side. If homeowner got rid of the non-functional grass, the water would be enough to provide 900,000 homes with water for a year

H. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- MET calendar contest. We have two entries from our District, Mesa Verdi here in Moorpark. A sad earth and happy dog enjoying the rain. We will see if they end up on the calendar.

I. BOARD LETTER TRACKER – AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT

- None

J. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

- 1.6M in Reserves
- Before started the Financials there were questions to be answered:
 - Mr. Hutter had a question on line 15, Which is the Farmworkers housing project, inspection costs. On the revenue side.
 - Line 19, Other revenue is customer fees, late charges, and penalties.
 - Line 21, Needs to be corrected, error, will be discussed in September meeting.
 - Line 33, Fees to GMA per acre foot
 - Line 35, Edison, was asked what level are we on? Demand response KW? Will find out.
 - Line 41, Interest rates up
 - Line 63, Interest Earnings is cash reserve balance.
 - Line 74, Issues with wells, will print a breakout.
 - Line 77, Well 2 Treatment Facility is all project, maybe carry over expenses.
 - Line 91, Engineering Services, breakout for next meeting

- Debt Service -RCA line 5, Per Meter Charge
- Net result of Operation Comparison, Line 4, Farm Worker, Developer, Break out for Sept Meeting.
- Cash Reserve Analysis, Line 17, Why so low? What is this? Reserves we haven't received yet.
- Line 31, Well 2, Within Contingency.
- Discuss at the next meeting in September.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.