

Approved

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Marcy Nunn
Lynette Buchanan-Roth
Margaret Tolberg

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1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17 AND SEPTEMBER 13, 2023,
SPECIAL MEETING
Keith Huss moved the approval. Mike Morgan seconded.
Vote: No objections.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None
4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - o AMI Report
District 19 has uptick 6 additional customers.
4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT
 - A. O&M Infrastructure-QUARTERLY
 - o Last Quarter in September Air/Vac leak/repair Donlon/Somis.
 - o Installed Well 3 PLC Panel

- Installed AMI meters at Well 2, 3, and 4
- Quarterly Source: Well 2 was 46% production, Well 3, 28% and Well 4, 25%
- Chart of Demand over the year. Water is down now.
- Water Supply Historically: Allocation of the year 2,305.185-acre feet
- Well 2 hydrograph showing flow rate. Pumping consistently. Well 3, similar. Well 4 fluctuation, pumping consistent. Specific capacity looks good.
- Customer Service Meter Reading: replaced 40 meters. Lead inventory finished 80%. Have not found any lead pipes.
- Looking forward: Wrap up lead line and continuing CIP and development of the Somis Farmworker Housing

5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. ACTION: 2024 Water Rates Presentation

- Assumptions: Mr. Pope reviewed the rate model assumptions.
 - If we have high water sales bringing in extra revenue, we can work discretionary projects.
 - Cash Reserve Forecast with no rate increase or surcharges chart, shows how much we need to bring in. If we did nothing, it shows you that we would have to carry over a negative cash balance.
 - Surcharge Scenario 5.7% Rate Increase & Project surcharges. If we do this, there is a slight surplus and keeping your balance funding your projects with the surcharges. Surcharges don't cover expenditures. Just funding the debt. Every year at 5.7% increase per year 2024-2028.
 - Next scenario, 5% Commodity with 35% fixed rate. Critical Capital Projects only and 100% debt Financed.
 - Another option, 6% Commodity and 20% Fixed Meter increase.
 - 7.5%/year Commodity & Fixed. Most equitable across ratepayers.
 - Somis Farmworker Housing Revenue Analysis. Has 28 revenue meters.
- Motion for 7.5% rate increase of Commodity rates and Fixed charges for 2024. All approve. None disapprove.

B. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

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

C. WATER QUALITY REPORT

- 1 water pressure complaint, 5 water quality issue complaints.

D. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- Current drought status.
- State Water Reservoirs. Reservoirs in good shape.

E. FOX CANYON GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

- Policy Advisory Committee will be key to moving forward. Two new seats commercial-Scott will be representing, and Water Works Districts Joe will be representing. We had our first meeting this morning. Biggest goal, max pumping allocation. Other priority is that making sure we have a water market to benefit from. Thirdly, any projects that is align with Regional Projects

F. AN UPDATE OF THE LOS POSAS VALLEY WATER RIGHTS

No timeframe on appeal.

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

H. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- A 7th Grader from Moorpark submitted for the Calendar Contest, and they won.

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

- To be determined either Dec 19th or Jan 9th for the Rate Increases to go to the Board.

J. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Budget period ending September 30th. Revenues came in at 611K for the Quarter. Expenditures were 735K.
- 314K we have for Capital Reserve

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is December 21. It will probably be cancelled. The meeting is scheduled so close to the holidays. Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.