

Approved

**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 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
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services-
Zoom
Homer Arredondo , Engineering Mgr
Sean Hanley, WWS Superintendent
Pam Cook, Senior Accountant-Zoom
Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt Asst.

GUESTS: Israel Rodriguez
Kathy Janowski

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1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2023, MEETING
Mike Mishler moved for the approval. Mike Morgan seconded.
Nay 0, Yea 5.
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 Replaced one meter angle stop and fire hydrant on Palomino Drive
 - o Two Fire Flow Tests
 - o Installed 50% Somis Farm Worker Meters (Phase 1)
 - o Well 2 is pumping at a 58% rate, Well 3 and 4 are at 24% and lower
 - o Water usage is lower than average due to the rain.
 - o Local production was good, hardly used state water.

- Well flow rate is keeping with the trend. Rain flow will show up quickly in the flow rate.
- Looking Forward Somis Farm Worker Housing is working to build infrastructure to our standards.

5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

- Well 2 trying to close out Grant Funding
- 571 Reservoir Pump Station-paused for now, due to Engineer vacancy percent. Limiting us to certain projects.
- LA Ave Caltrans Pipe Relocation-Finalizing Design for replacement of water main.

B. WATER QUALITY REPORT

- 9 Quality/Color and 3 pressure complaints since October 2023.

C. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- Not in a drought anymore.
- Snow rate is doing good.

D. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

- Post adjudication process, we operate under the Watermaster. The Watermaster is the Groundwater Management Agency. Joe is the representative on the Policy Advisory Committee for the Water Works District. Scott Meckstroth is on the Policy Advisory Committee for the Commercial Users. We are engaged and involved and looking out for the Districts best interest.

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

- They had their 6% rate increase that went up in January. They are working with Metropolitan to shift their strategic planning to actively increase local supplies and interconnection projects.

F. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- ean Fontayne discussed the new look of the billing with a sample version, indicating what has changed with A, B, C views. Removing the water chart, which can be obtained on AMI. Look is cleaner. Shows past due and current charge. Any questions, please give us feedback.

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

- We are updating Rules and Regulations.

G. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

- 7.5% went through in January. Revenue should account for it.
- Projects are not happening so the O&M Beginning Balance should remain the same for a while.
- Mid-year review with no major concerns or elevated balances.
- Reserve Analysis we are staying above our targets.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Were we affected by the fire this past fall. We were not.
- We were going to establish a future water market. Joe brought up this subject at the last staff meeting and we are leaving 700 AF on the table. We will discuss this at another meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is April 11, 2024.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:28 PM