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**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 08, 2024, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair
David Hutter-Vice Chair (late),
Keith Huss

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Cobb, Michael Morgan

STAFF: David Fleisch, Assistant Director
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services
Sean Hanley, WWS Superintendent
Pam Cook, Senior Accountant-Zoom
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services Manager II

GUESTS:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM.

The committee was waiting for David Hutter to show up, otherwise we have no quorum.

- Questions the members had at the last meeting:
Monitoring wells, David Fleisch wanted to show Michael Mishler and Keith Huss wells that were drilled for monitoring purposes only. They do not belong to us. The other wells shown are production wells.
- Mike Morgan also asked about settling areas along Calleguas Creek. David said he spoke with Watershed staff and there have been several studies in several areas. Nothing has come from the studies yet.
- The Volunteer Technical Position with the GMA has been filled (which was a question at the last meeting). The GMA Watermaster is continuing to move slowly.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024, MEETING

One change to the minutes. #6 it says Volunteer representative for WWD17 should be WWD19. Mike Mishler moved for approval of the minutes. Dave Hutter approved, and Mike Morgan seconded.
Vote: Nay 0, Yea 3. Minutes adopted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

AMI REPORT

- We are continuing to see slow growth, which is good. Continue to

encouraging people to sign up.

O&M REVIEW

- One Main line leak on 8" Steel, site maintenance for summer brush clearing and weed abatement. 1 fire flow test.
- Projection is coming up. Better than last year, but still low on Source Water. Water Quality is consistent.
Feb was Second lowest water sales in the last 15 years. Doing better sales wise, than last year. Still tracking low.
- Well levels are all trending the same.
- Looking forward, we will be doing some valve maintenance and Somis Farm Worker Housing, people moving in and finishing up some construction. Mike Mishler asked if a new line was going into the Somis Farm Worker Housing. Sean said, we will feed into an existing line.

5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

- Well 4 Rehabilitation, In the process of hiring a consultant to assist with developing a well rehabilitation strategy.
- 571 Reservoir Pump Station: No new change
- LA Ave Caltrans Pipe Sand Canyon to Balcom: Cal Trans is currently working on their design process.

B. WATER QUALITY REPORT

- 3 complaints, 2 color flushed hydrants, 1 pressure we went out and looked but we believe it was irrigation that was causing the issue.

C. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- Nothing has changed since the last meeting.

D. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

- A Budget meeting was held last week, they are trying to produce a budget.
- The Technical Committee within GMA is being searched; Michael Mishler asked if they have completed their hiring? He is interested.

E. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER

- Calleguas is going to pass through rates reflecting 9.5% increase.
- We have a meeting next week with Finance to view the rates from last year and determine what a stable rate should be.
- Next meeting is in October, which is going to be tight.
- It was decided to move the next meeting up to October 1st from October 10th.

- F. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH
 - We are getting ready to send out an email blast to tell everyone about our water quality report.

- G. BOARD LETTER TRACKER – AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT
 - Rules and Regulations Board Letter 09/10/2024. We need to have a driver's license and date of birth for customers in case we must go to collections. We are currently trying to hire a new collections agency.

- H. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW
 - Period ending 4/30/24. Michael Mishler wanted to Thank the staff for keeping business running and keeping up with the finances.

- 6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
 - David Hutter agrees with having a normal meeting to discuss the rates. Moving the next meeting from October 10 to October 1st
 - Options will be reviewed to discuss the rates.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is October 1, 2024.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:30 PM