

MEETING REPORT
REGIONAL SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010
9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the office of Jamestown Sanitary District, 18351 Main Street, Jamestown, California, at 9:00 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Judy Selby	Jamestown Sanitary District
Ron Boyd-Snee	Jamestown Sanitary District
Stephen Willey	Jamestown Sanitary District
Scot Moody	Twain Harte Community Services District
Joseph Day	Tuolumne Utilities District
Ralph Rethford	Tuolumne Utilities District
Pete Kampa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Melissa McMullen	Tuolumne Utilities District
Leonard Mauro	Tuolumne Utilities District
Greg Applegate	City of Sonora

Self introductions started the meeting.

Twain Harte Community Services District Update of Activities

Scot Moody reported that THCS D is currently working on their Sanitary Sewer Management Plan including Geographic Information System.

Scot Moody stated that THCS D just purchased a new lift station and they are working on getting it in place. The pumps that are currently in place are from the 1930's.

Scot Moody reported that THCS D is way ahead of schedule on their sewer cleaning, system debris removal and sewer video.

Tuolumne Utilities District Update of Activities

Leonard Mauro stated that the Quartz Reservoir is at approximately 35.8 feet today, last year's high was 36.1. The District is still on track for holding last year's level. Water balance is 35 acre feet of water. Amount to be made up due to loss of irrigation o JSD tree farm.

Leonard Mauro reported that TUD had a WDR inspection and one of the things that came from the Cease and Desist order was that we have accomplished everything but have not sufficiently addressed storage. So, we are going to try and start using the Quartz Reservoir minimum pool, which gives the District about 200 acre feet of storage.

Pete Kampa reported on the ACWA Legislative Committee and CSDA Legislative Committee. Mr. Kampa stated that there are a couple of pieces of legislation that are of concern. One in particular is fee proposals. Mr. Kampa noted that he is on a Legislative Task Force to monitor and participate in all proposals to increase fees in water and wastewater. Pete Kampa commented that we have already seen rates increase about twenty times. The Legislative Task Force is trying to keep rates under control and there is a push from all fronts that there has to be some factual evidence not on just some arbitrary number. The state is looking at operation, number of connections and some other type of basis for application fees.

Pete Kampa stated he does not believe the mandatory reasons for Sanitary Sewer Overflow's will make it this year in Legislation. Mr. Kampa feels that are too many unanswered questions.

Ralph Retherford presented the question about getting all agencies to come together to put a one page ad in the newspaper each year showing EPA, other regulations and what each agencies have spent and accomplished. Mr. Retherford indicated the rate payers will know where their money is being spent and why the need for rate increases, possibly starting with wastewater.

Jamestown Sanitary District Update of Activities

Ron Boyd-Snee reported that JSD put all their fees and regulations on line and that they recently raised rates by \$5.28 per month.

Ron Boyd-Snee stated the JSD is still looking for a grant writer. Ralph Retherford asked if he would be interested in possibly sharing the grant writer between Districts? Ron Boyd-Snee said that he had no problem with that.

Ron Boyd-Snee presented the following questions concerning the pump station located at Woods Creek and Highway 108. Does the JSD wastewater plant stay at existing site or does it need to be moved? If the pump station was to become a lift station who would pay for the work and does it really need to expand? Pete Kampa questioned if it was to become a lift station it would be pumping from where to where? Ron Boyd-Snee stated that it would be pumping from the existing plant to the new treatment plant at Quartz Reservoir.

Ron Boyd-Snee continued his discussion on the pump station and Ralph Retherford asked him to please clarify if he was asking for help? Ron Boyd-Snee stated that JSD cannot afford the cost alone and suggested all Districts in the regional system share in the cost and have equal access to the pump station. Pete Kampa stated that it would be added to the Regional Sewer's next agenda for discussion.

Ron Boyd-Snee stated that they have contracted with Sean Sinclair to do the removal of their trees at the recently decommissioned tree farm.

Judy Selby commented on the water conservation poster contest and wanted to know more about it. Pete Kampa explained about the contest and where the posters were displayed.

City of Sonora Update of Activities

Greg Applegate reported that the City of Sonora had commercial projects currently going on and that they are continuing to deal with unfunded mandates and budget issues.

Greg Applegate presented a petition for the Public Services Protection Act, stating that they needed one hundred and fifteen signatures. He asked that members in attendance sign the petition if they wanted to support the Public Services Protection Act.

Greg Applegate reported that County taxes were down 17.29% compared to last year and city taxes were down 10.18%, this was calculated on a rolling four quarters. He then continued to discuss layoffs facing the City of Sonora.

Open Discussion on Other Regional Issues

Greg Applegate passed around a Pension Reform information sheet concerning Voter Initiatives Call For Limitations On The Pension Benefits Of Future Public Employees.

Judy Selby stated that she had been following the stories on Channel 13 News concerning State, County and City level spending. She stated that the stories have been focused on the excess spending of these agencies and felt that Utility Districts would soon be addressed by the news under this topic.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2010 at Twain Harte Community Services District.