

MEETING REPORT
REGIONAL SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
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
Todd Ingalls	Jamestown Sanitary District
Stacy Billings	Jamestown Sanitary District
Steve Willey	Jamestown Sanitary District
Robb Perry	Twain Harte Community Services District
Richard Knudson	Twain Harte Community Services District
E. Wes Jordan	Twain Harte Community Services District
Bob Behee	Tuolumne Utilities District
Delbert Rotelli	Tuolumne Utilities District
Pete Kampa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Melissa McMullen	Tuolumne Utilities District
Tom Scesa	Tuolumne Utilities District

Self introductions started the meeting.

Twain Harte Community Services District Update of Activities

Robb Perry stated the THCS D has been working on their Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP). Mr. Perry stated that THCS D has also been doing cleaning and regular maintenance on the sewer lines, which has reduced the number of complaint calls from their customers. Mr. Perry commented that with the recent storms THCS D employees worked overtime but overall there were no major situations to deal with even with the four day loss of power.

Tuolumne Utilities District Update of Activities

Pete Kampa discussed the newly proposed revisions to the SSMP program. Mr. Kampa stated that there is an update coming from the State Board, where it has been decided that the regulations that were put in place in approximately 2006, that were adopted for waste discharge for sanitary sewers was not quite strong enough. So, the State Board is revising these regulations which will bring a greater cost to districts. With these new revisions districts will be much more involved in the maintenance of private laterals. Mr. Kampa stated that he is considering developing legislation next year that would clarify that districts that provide sewer service have the authority to regulate, control and inspect private laterals.

Tom Scesa stated that Quartz Reservoir has risen quite significantly but TUD still has its NPDES permit and has been utilizing it. Mr. Scesa also stated that TUD conducted a study looking at the regional system and the need to add more land under irrigation. TUD did add more land for irrigation last year and will be possibly adding another 10 acres this year.

Tom Scesa stated that TUD has been having problems with the Columbia Interceptor. The field crew did an inspection and found that their flushing nozzle was cutting the pipe in half. The crew is now replacing approximately 3000 lineal feet of pipe.

Tom Scesa stated that due to the possibility of TUD obtaining the Tuolumne City District (TCD) system, TUD is continuing to inspect TSD sewer system due to concerns of the design and strength of their system.

Pete Kampa stated that TUD is currently developing the budgets for water and wastewater services. TUD's Fiscal Committee is currently endorsing adding a cost to the water fund of \$300,000 per year, over twenty years to be transferred from the water fund to the sewer fund.

Mr. Kampa stated that the increase is due to the water fund being under-funded on a continual basis and relying on the sewer fund to subsidize. This will go before the TUD Board for consideration at the May 24th Board meeting.

Judy Selby stated that she thought the increase in water funds was something that JSD may possibly be able to write a letter of support for. However, Mrs. Selby asked Pete Kampa if he would be able to go before the JSD Board and explain the increase. Mr. Kampa agreed to do a presentation to the JSD Board at an upcoming meeting.

a. Request for Proposal for Review of Existing Studies of TUD and JSD

Tom Scesa stated that both JSD and TUD have had studies and reports developed that have shaped and influenced decisions by the Boards of each district. This request for proposal is intended to have the existing studies from each agency reviewed by a consultant and for the consultant to make recommendations to the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee and to each agency's Board of Directors, as to what is in the best interest of Regional System.

Tom Scesa stated that JSD has had studies prepared to determine what future improvements should be made to JSD treatment facilities and where the improvements should be. In March of 2006 Wastewater Treatment and Discharge Evaluation Report, it was recommended that new tertiary treatment facilities be constructed on the existing site and that a year round discharge be acquired from the State while continuing to use the outfall system.

Tom Scesa stated that in 2004 TUD staff prepared a Reclamation System Improvements Feasibility Study that recommended 1) increase the amount of acreage being irrigated with recycled water 2) maintain the NPDES permit to allow seasonal discharge into Woods Creek and 3) expand recycled water storage. After TUD purchased 140 acres of land to construct a new storage facility and applying for State funds to help construct the storage facility, the State required TUD to prepare an additional study. TUD received a grant to cover a portion of the cost of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and Disposal System Feasibility Report. This report reviewed alternatives for treatment and disposal and concluded that secondary treat and land disposal were the preferred alternatives. Mr. Scesa stated that although there is no cost estimate at this point, it is estimated that the cost of the study will be in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range. Although it is a Regional issue it has little benefit to THCS. Therefore, it is suggested that JSD and TUD split the cost of the study 50% each.

Judy Selby stated that the authority to participate in this study would have to come from the JSD Board of Directors. Mrs. Selby stated that she has not had the opportunity to share this information with the JSD Board and cannot make a commitment until this information is presented. Also, with today's economy Mrs. Selby believes that larger projects such as this are not feasible for JSD at this time.

Judy Selby stated that to her knowledge the JSD Board is not interested in merging with TUD on a regional plant.

Steve Willey commented that he was in disagreement with Judy Selby in the fact that the JSD Board has never really had discussion concerning merging with TUD on a regional plant. Mr. Willey stated that if it were shown that the merger clearly was the best direction then he would be in favor of merging with TUD.

Bob Behee stated that developing a plan should not be held to today's economy instead decide on the best direction, goal and plan for the community and then decided how to reach that goal.

Steve Willey stated that he was in agreement with conducting the study and thought it was a good idea before committing to a new regional plant. However, wondered if the study was relevant at this time, if the possibility of building a new plant is still several years out.

Stacey Billings commented that if Pete Kampa was going to do a presentation concerning the water rate increase, then possibly he could include discussion about the request for proposal. Judy Selby and Pete Kampa both agreed with the suggestion.

Jamestown Sanitary District Update of Activities

Stacey Billings stated that JSD has been working on maintenance and cleaning of the lines. Ms. Billings stated that currently they are working on putting their sewer laterals into the computer, GPS, measured and their location in preparation for the new State regulations. Ms. Billings also stated that with the recent storms JSD received large quantities of water, but was able to recover without any major issues.

Open Discussion on Other Regional Issues

- a. Review of the Tuolumne Regional Sewer System Sanitary Sewer Overflow Program Mutual Assistance Agreement (Res. #134-07)

The Tuolumne Regional Sewer System Sanitary Sewer Overflow Program Mutual Assistance Agreement was reviewed by the group and no revisions were suggest

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Twain Harte Community Services District.