

MEETING REPORT
REGIONAL SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the office of Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California, at 9:00 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Judy Selby	Jamestown Sanitary District
Stephen Willey	Jamestown Sanitary District
Ron Boyd-Snee	Jamestown Sanitary District
Bill Bryant	Twain Harte Community Services District
Scot Moody	Twain Harte Community Services District
Paul Krawchuk	Twain Harte Community Services District
Delbert Rotelli	Tuolumne Utilities District
Joseph Day	Tuolumne Utilities District
Pete Kampa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Tom Scesa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Casey Prunchak	Tuolumne Utilities District
David Boatright	Tuolumne Utilities District
Leonard Mauro	Tuolumne Utilities District
Ed Wyllie	City of Sonora
Gary Mendenhall	Columbia College
Tom Hofstra	Columbia College
Bob Behee	Tuolumne County resident

Self introductions started the meeting. Bill Bryant introduced Scot Moody, the new General Manager for the Twain Harte Community Services District.

Discussion of Developing an Incentive Program to Encourage Young People to Train in the Water and Wastewater Operator Fields

Ron Boyd-Snee introduced and welcomed Gary Mendenhall, instructor for Columbia College. Mr. Boyd-Snee indicated that a number of colleges are beginning to develop water and/or wastewater curriculum, suggesting that this group work with representatives from Columbia College to establish a program at the college.

Gary Mendenhall reported that approximately 18 -20 students would need to be interested in a water and/or wastewater course in order to make the program successful. Mr. Mendenhall indicated that if the budget was available and if there was an appropriate number of interested students, he would be able to build a curriculum and a program.

Discussion ensued on the consideration of placing the program on line for students to attend the course on the web.

Judy Selby expressed her concern the young adults are leaving Tuolumne County to better their education and seek work outside the County, suggesting that the group be proactive and provide alternative education in the water and wastewater fields.

David Boatright noted that certified operators always need continuing education courses to maintain their water and/or wastewater certification, noting that a program in the water and/or wastewater field would be very beneficial to all operators in the surrounding areas.

Mr. Mendenhall indicated that in order to meet the fall class schedule, the timeline to develop a program would need to have the preliminary program completed the first part of February 2009.

It was suggested that the group establish an advisory committee (workgroup) to develop water and/or wastewater curriculum for the college. It was determined that Ron Boyd-Snee, Scot Moody, Pete Kampa, and David Boatright join Gary Mendenhall and Tom Hofstra from Columbia College to develop the curriculum. Ron Boyd-Snee indicated that he would contact the above mentioned once he scheduled a meeting for December 2008.

Ed Wyllie indicated that the City of Sonora in conjunction with the police and fire departments have always had a great working relationship with Columbia College.

Pete Kampa indicated that at the December Mountain Counties Water Resources Association meeting, he would develop and distribute a survey to determine the interest in the surrounding areas regarding a water and/or wastewater program.

Jamestown Sanitary District Update of Activities

Ron Boyd-Snee reported that they have received inquiries for their effluent from a potential developer of the "Golden Pond" site, noting that this use would require tertiary level treatment. Mr. Boyd-Snee explained that JSD is renewing the offer from TUD to consider a joint plant expansion effort to provide water to lands west of the Jamestown plant.

Ron Boyd-Snee reported at the previous meeting he reported that JSD's tree project is scheduled to be decommissioned this winter. Mr. Boyd-Snee noted that it is their goal to collect as much information as possible on biomass created, clone selection and overall operation prior to the tree removal. They are hopeful that the log shaving plant would be able to use the logs for their operation; however the down turn of the economy has also hit that industry.

Twain Harte Community Services District Update of Activities

Paul Krawchuk indicated that the THCSO is continuing their preventative maintenance on the collection system, noting that they just put in place their "holiday routine" schedule, when additional residents come to Twain Harte for their winter vacations.

Paul Krawchuk reported that THCSO is moving forward with the investigation outlined in the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP).

Paul Krawchuk indicated that the THCSO is continuing to work on sewer laterals, noting that a couple of sewer mains around Twain Harte Lake are in need of replacement.

Tuolumne Utilities District Update of Activities

Pete Kampa distributed and reviewed a press release regarding preventive measures for sewer backups. Mr. Kampa explained that TUD in partnership with Waste Management/Cal Sierra and San Jose Tallow have setup a fat-oil-grease (fog) collection receptacle at the Waste Management transfer station in Sonora. Mr. Kampa noted that this service is free and open to the general public.

Discussion ensued on how to enforce restaurants to adhere to the fat-oil-grease (fog) program.

Tom Scesa reported in August 2005, the District applied for a renewal of its NPDES permit to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, noting that the District recently received a draft of the new permit. Mr. Scesa indicated that the District hired Stantec Consulting to assist the District in the NPDES permit process and to work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mr. Scesa distributed and reviewed a schedule of the required reports/studies that TUD must complete to be compliance of the NPDES permit.

Tom Scesa reported that TUD is moving forward with the investigation outlined in the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP).

Open Discussion on Other Regional Issues

There were no other items to be issued.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Jamestown Sanitary District office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.