

MEETING REPORT
WATER COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009
2:15 P.M.

Directors: Ralph Retherford
Delbert Rotelli

Public: Bob Cowden
Jim Beaty

Staff: Pete Kampa
John Barnhart
Casey Prunchak

Tom Scesa
Kelly Klyn

Review Request for a Variance from Water Rules and Regulations 6.02 Regarding Service to Three Parcels through Non-adjacent Water Meters – Cowden / Overholtzer

Kelly Klyn reported that Bob Cowden owns two parcels at the east of Confidence Road and Lyndall and Cynthia Overholtzer owns a third parcel. Mr. Klyn explained that they are requesting water service through three private water lines within a public utility easement that would connect to meters installed at Confidence Road right-of-way. Mr. Klyn indicated that approval of this request would require a variance from Section 6.02 of the Water Rules and Regulations which states that a water main must be fronting the property and opposite the proposed location of the meter.

Bob Cowden was in the audience to respond to questions from the Committee.

Staff recommendation: Approval of request.

Committee recommendation: Approval of a variance from Water Rules and Regulations 6.02 regarding service to three parcels through non-adjacent water meters for Cowden / Overholtzer and place on the consent calendar for Board review and consideration at the May 12, 2009 Board meeting.

Review Request for Temporary Water Service for the Mother Lode Mobile Estates – Beaty

Kelly Klyn reported Jim Beaty owner of the Mother Lode Mobile Estates, is requesting installation of a 2" water meter as a backup source of water supply for his mobile home park. Mr. Klyn explained that the park consists of 58 mobile home units, 16 RV spaces, a laundry room with 3 washers, and one commercial building, and is currently supplied by a private well. Mr. Klyn noted that the draft agreement is similar to one used for the Tamarron Mobile Estates. The limit for the amount of water that can be used within a one year period was calculated by estimating the amount of water needed by the park for 10 days during peak (summer) conditions.

Jim Beaty was in the audience to respond to questions from the Committee.

Staff recommendation: Approval of request.

Committee recommendation: Approval of the request for temporary water service for the Mother Lode Mobile Estates for Jim Beaty and place on the consent calendar for Board review and consideration at the May 12, 2009 Board meeting.

Review Revised Water Supply Assessment for the Grand Yosemite National Golf and Wetland Preserve

Tom Scesa reported that on May 22, 2007, the District entered into an agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for the preparation of a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) pursuant to SB 610. Mr. Scesa indicated that all costs for the WSA, including staff time, were funded by the project proponents. On August 26, 2008, the Board approved the WSA and it was submitted to the County, in the Counties' review of the WSA it was discovered that there was an error in Table 3 and some wording in reference to Table 3. This was presented to and approved by the Board on January 13, 2009. Mr. Scesa explained that since that time another error was discovered in the information provided by the project proponent's engineer, noting that the original water demand was estimated at 135,000 gpd and is now estimated at 125,676 gpd.

Staff recommendation: Approval of request.

Committee recommendation: Approval of the revised Water Supply Assessment for the Grand Yosemite National Golf and Wetland Preserve and place on the consent calendar for Board review and consideration at the May 12, 2009 Board meeting.

Review in Detail a List of Projects Proposed in the Budget Projections, District Proposed Loans, and Continue to Review Concerns from Director Retherford

Director Retherford requested that District staff clarify several questions and concerns that he had regarding the consolidated budget for the water funds projections.

Committee members and District staff reviewed the budget summary for FY 2008-2009 and reviewed in detail the FY 2008-2009 TUD approved budget vs. expenses.

Director Retherford reported that the South Fork Stanislaus Water Supply Reliability Project was approved by the Board with the understanding that the first and foremost was for the development of an emergency response plan in conjunction with PG&E, and that when the Board considered the scope of work, they could stop the project if they wanted to. Director Retherford explained that he believes that the Board has not received any plan and very little information; however half of the funds have already been expended.

Director Retherford inquired when the emergency response plan for the Project will be complete. Tom Scesa responded that District staff is currently reviewing the emergency response component of the Project prepared by Stantec Consulting.

Tom Scesa reported that on July 22, 2008 the Board entered into an agreement with Stantec Consulting for the South Fork Stanislaus Water Supply Reliability Project, Task one. Mr. Scesa reviewed the following sections that are included in Task one: 1.A - emergency action plan; 1.B system mapping, physical aspects, and risk locations; 1.C public workshop #1 and PG&E coordination; 1.D risk based system assessment; 1.E technical memorandum #1. Mr. Scesa explained that preparing an emergency action plan is one of the four components that was identified within Task one, noting that the Board will receive a written report from Stantec once all components, in Task one, have been developed and completed.

Director Retherford requested that District staff present the Board with a status report on the scope of work for the South Fork Stanislaus Water Supply Reliability Project with Stantec Consulting, with a detailed accounting of the funds spent to date and for what purpose.

Committee recommendation: District staff to present a status report detailing accounting of the fund expended to date regarding the South Fork Stanislaus Water Supply Reliability Project at a near future Board meeting.