

MEETING REPORT  
WATER COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009  
3:00 P.M.

Directors:	Delbert Rotelli Barbara Balen, Alternate	Public:	Jim Beaty John Pendley Jim McCown
Staff:	Pete Kampa Tom Scesa Kelly Klyn Casey Prunchak		

**Review Request for a Variance from Water Rules and Regulations 6.02 Regarding Service to a Parcel on Tuolumne Road through a Non-adjacent Water Meter – Sonora Church of Christ**

Kelly Klyn reported that the Sonora Church of Christ is requesting domestic water service at 14054 Tuolumne Road, noting that they wish to have a 2" meter installed on an existing TUD water main located approximately 130 feet from their property within the rear portion of an adjacent parcel. There is no water main adjacent to the church property. There is a water main located in Tuolumne Road approximately 180 feet from the property, but an extension from this location would be difficult due to the proximity of a sewer main. Mr. Klyn explained that there are six parcels beyond the church property that are not adjacent to a public water main and therefore could benefit from an extension of a public water main. Approval of this request would require a variance from Section 6.02 of the Water Rules which states that a water main must be fronting the property and opposite the proposed location of the meter.

John Pendley, Jim McCown and Jim Beaty were in the audience and responded to questions from the Committee and District staff.

Kelly Klyn reported that the District Engineer recommends allowing this variance on the condition that the church enters into an agreement with the District stating that in the event that the church eventually needs water service for fire protection, that they will extend a water main along Tuolumne Road to the front of their parcel.

Committee consensus was to approve the request on the condition that the Sonora Church of Christ enters into an agreement with the District specifying that they would extend a water main along Tuolumne Road to the front of their parcel if fire flow is eventually required.

**Review Request for Water Conservation Rate – Motherlode Mobile Estates**

Kelly Klyn reported that this request can be handled administratively by billing the Motherlode Mobile Estates as a 2" meter with multiple units on a master meter, similar to another mobile home park. Mr. Klyn explained that this would show a decrease in their water bill by approximately \$120/month.

Committee consensus was for District staff to handle Mr. Jim Beaty's request administratively.

**Review Force Account Reimbursement Agreement with Del Oro Water Company**

Tom Scesa reported that the Strawberry District of Del Oro Water Company provides potable water service to approximately 378 residential and commercial water connections and up to 50 additional residential units in the community of Strawberry may be added. Del Oro receives its water supply through a surface water diversion from Herring Creek (TUD's free supplemental water), a tributary to the South Fork Stanislaus River, located near the Highway 108 Bridge. Mr. Scesa explained that Del Oro believes that it has adequate water rights in place for operation of its diversion in Herring Creek; however research with the State Water Resources Control Board has neither confirmed nor discounted the possibility of a water right.

Tom Scesa indicated that in August, 2008, the Board approved an agreement to sell an emergency supply of water to the Del Oro Water Company on the condition that Del Oro provides TUD and PG&E its long term water supply development plans, as well as prove its water rights in Herring Creek. Mr. Scesa explained that on August 28, 2008 Pete Kampa met with representatives from Del Oro and Robertson Bryan, Inc (RBI), noting at that time Del Oro detailed its difficulty in locating adequate groundwater supplies despite multiple drilling attempts. As a proposed long term water supply solution, Del Oro expressed interest in pursuing a water supply from TUD from the Stanislaus River. Mr. Scesa explained that his scope of work shall be interpreted to address the emergency water supply agreement, as well as the conditions of the soon to be issued FERC #2130, in the development of a proposed long term water supply contract.

District staff responded to questions from the Committee members.

Committee members and District staff reviewed the Force Account Reimbursement Agreement and a cost estimate submitted by RBI regarding the CEQA and permitting assistance for the TUD long term water supply agreement with Del Oro Water Company.

Consensus of the Committee was for District staff to move forward with developing the Force Account Reimbursement Agreement with Del Oro Water Company to be presented to the Board for review and consideration at a future meeting.

#### **Review How the Strategic Plan fits into the Water Committee Structure**

Pete Kampa inquired on the level of review and input that the Water Committee would like to see and be involved as District staff begins developing some of the components of the Strategic Plan, noting that he wants to assure that the Committee structure has a good understanding of each of the items.

Tom Scesa reported that the Water Committee will be directly involved in the Water Master Plan; and general administrative management policies as they relate to water. Mr. Scesa assured the Committee that District staff will be presenting updates to the Committee on each of the components, and prior to Board review and consideration for approval.

Pete Kampa indicated that he will be presenting a quarterly report to the Board on the Strategic Plan process.

Consensus of the Committee was to meet if and when District staff has additional information to address on the various infrastructure components