

MEETING REPORT  
WATER COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009  
1:00 P.M.

Directors: Ralph Retherford  
Delbert Rotelli

Public: Luis Ramirez  
Albert Ramirez  
Tony Mittry

Staff: Pete Kampa  
Kelly Klyn  
Casey Prunchak

**Review Request for a Variance from Water Rules and Regulations 6.02 Regarding Service to a Parcel through a Non-adjacent Water Meter – Mittry / Ramirez**

Kelly Klyn reported that Tony Mittry owns a parcel on Dog Patch Lane in Camp Sunshine; currently there are two active water service accounts and meters for his parcel which has a residence and a commercial shop building. Mr. Mittry has been using only one of the meters for his two buildings and allowing his neighbor, Luis Ramirez to use the other meter for his parcel, whereas Mr. Ramirez's parcel is not adjacent to the District's water mains. Mr. Klyn explained that they are requesting that this arrangement be officially approved by the District. There are other parcels beyond theirs that are not adjacent to water mains and that could need water service, however, because the existing service line to these two meters is only 1.5" in diameter, it cannot be extended to other parcels. Mr. Klyn noted 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. It would also require approval of the General Manager for Mr. Mittry to continue serving both of the buildings on his property through a single meter.

Tony Mittry acknowledged that in the future he will not be able to have another meter installed on the 1.5" diameter line for his other parcel located to the south of the meters.

Luis Ramirez, Albert Ramirez and Tony Mittry were in the audience and responded to questions from the Committee and District staff.

***Staff recommendation: Approval of request.***

***Committee recommendation: Approval of a variance from Water Rules and Regulations 6.02 regarding service to a parcel through a non-adjacent water meter for Mittry / Ramirez and place on the consent calendar for Board review and consideration at a future Board meeting.***

**Discussion of Water Supply Reliability for Communities Served by Pressurized Systems**

Pete Kampa reported that there are a number of areas of the District's water distribution system, which are located at an elevation about the water tanks that are served by hydro pneumatic pressure systems. Mr. Kampa explained that there are approximately 26 hydro systems in operations, some serving only one or two customers, with other servings hundreds. Mr. Kampa indicated that when the power goes out, these systems lose water pressure very quickly, and due to the high cost, TUD does not routinely install backup electrical power to the hydro systems. Mr. Kampa questioned the Committee if the installation of backup power as a standard TUD practice, who should pay the cost. Mr. Kampa explained that a self starting generator could cost up to \$50,000.

Director Retherford requested that District staff explore all backup power alternatives with a less expensive solution.

Director Retherford express his concern that District staff not spend too much of their time developing a project.

***Follow-up tasks for Pete Kampa:***

- ***Develop a map***
- ***Identify customers***
- ***Installation estimate***
- ***Customer's share of cost***

***Committee recommendation: Subsequent to District staff completing the above mention tasks, and prior to the District sending letters to the customer determining whether there is an interest, item will be brought***

***back to the Water Committee for further review and recommendation to the entire Board.***