

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Facilities and Operations Committee
Friday, April 1, 2016

Call to Order

Director Locke called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Craig Locke and Neil Schild.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: Assistant General Manager Dan York, Heather Hernandez-Fort, Dave Jones, John Valdes, Mitch Dion, David Espinoza and James Arenz.

Public Present: William Eubanks, Paul Selsky and Melanie Holton.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Items

1. Minutes of the February 12, 2016 Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting

Director Schild moved to approve Item 1; Director Locke seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Schild and Locke.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

Items for Discussion and Action

2. 3305 Edison Avenue – Service Line Installation and Material Dispute

Assistant General Manager Dan York (AGM York) introduced the staff report noting that Jennifer Hagemann (Ms. Hagemann) was unable to attend the meeting.

Director Schild inquired when the service line was installed. AGM York stated that it was originally installed in 2013. Director Locke noted that there was a one year warranty which had expired.

Director Locke inquired if the contractor documented any attempts of contact with the owner. Staff replied that there were attempts to contact the property owner, and that the contractor did contact a person at the property who stated that they were the property manager.

Director Schild inquired about the District's liability if this were to go to court. AGM York stated that the District has followed all procedures and regulations.

AGM York expressed that it is a state requirement for the backflow device to be installed and that Ms. Hagemann is responsible for installing it.

Director Locke commented that one option that could go before the Board is if the District installed the backflow device.

Director Locke stated that the contractor needed to make a field call at the time and that he supported the contractor's decision.

Director Schild expressed that he was not in favor of the customer's request.

The Committee recommended leaving the service line the way it was installed.

3. Water System Master Plan and 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update

AGM York introduced Melanie Holton (Ms. Holton) and Paul Selsky (Mr. Selsky) from Brown and Caldwell.

Ms. Holton presented the PowerPoint Presentation on the Water System Master Plan (WSMP) and 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

Director Locke requested to be notified of the second day notification from Brown and Caldwell.

Director Schild noted that he preferred that the focus be on the UWMP first, which is due by April 29, 2016, and then present the WSMP separately. He noted that this would allow customers a period of time to review and comment on the two separate draft documents. He also commented that combining the two documents is confusing.

AGM York suggested having separate items, one the WSMP and the other the UWMP. Director Schild supported that suggestion.

Director Schild commented that the buildout water demand graph did not give much credit to the money that was put into conservation efforts.

Ms. Holton introduced Mr. Selsky, who continued the presentation.

Mr. Selsky presented the water supply topics in the PowerPoint presentation.

Director Schild commented that decreasing the banked water would require an increase in the liability of water quality encroachment, thus leading to an increase in water treatment for the groundwater.

He further noted that the South Service Area could have the same issue noting that it would jeopardize water quality.

Director locked suggested including an analysis on whether or not the District is using its allowance, further commenting that from a cost perspective, we should price at the higher amount.

Director Schild commented that saving water now is more challenging.

Director Schild inquired who gave B&C the criteria on the export options. Mr. Selsky commented that B&C wanted to present all options on use of system capacities.

Director Schild commented that the District is not a water supplier for export purposes.

Director Schild commented that the phrase “neighboring partner agencies” should be changed to purveyors utilizing the same groundwater basin as we are.

Mr. Selsky further presented additional opportunities to maximize the District’s facility use.

Director Schild commented that he was not very interested in some of the options.

Director Locke requested further clarification on the timeframe.

Ms. Holton explained that there was a 14 day public comment period. She stated that the document would be available two weeks prior to the May regular Board meeting. She further noted that public comments can be accepted up to the end of the May regular Board meeting, and that the Board could choose to adopt the document at the May regular Board meeting, or at the June regular Board meeting, in order to submit the approved document by the July deadline.

William Eubanks (Mr. Eubanks) commented.

John Valdes (Mr. Valdes) clarified that the previous Committee members had requested an update to water management alternatives.

Director Schild commented that the Board should take a look at what needs to be examined in the WSMP.

Director Locke commented that he supported the analysis presented by B&C and that he was interested in seeing the options.

AGM York suggested that the Board appoint a separate Committee just for the WSMP and UWMP.

Director Locke stated that the WSMP and UWMP were initiated by Board members on the former F&O Committee. He further expressed his support for the analysis.

4. Drought Tolerant Garden - Fulton/El Camino Parks and Recreation District

AGM York presented the staff report expressing that it would cost roughly \$60,000 to install the garden, and then the Fulton/El Camino Parks and Recreation District (FEPRD) would maintain it.

Discussion ensued regarding different types of landscape options.

Jim Arenz (Mr. Arenz) expressed that Eco Landscaping offered to draw the plans at no cost.

Director Schild inquired who would be responsible for the water. AGM York stated that the District provides the water initially, and then FEPRD will take it over.

Director Schild commented that he thought it was an excellent idea.

Director Lock also expressed his support further noting that the District should consider partnering with Gibbons Park on a drought tolerant garden project with them [Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District] as well.

Mr. Eubanks commented.

5. McClellan Business Park Improvement Agreement Update

AGM York presented the staff report.

Director Locke commented that perhaps staff should revisit the connection fees for analysis.

Director Locke expressed his disapproval for the improvements.

6. Acquisition of Property at Bainbridge/Holmes Well (#59A) Site

John Valdes (Mr. Valdes) presented the staff report.

Director Schild inquired if are they willing to accept the \$6,000. Mr. Valdes answered that they are.

The Committee recommended taking this item to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

7. New Website - Update

AGM York presented the staff report.

Director Schild recommended bringing this item back to the Committee when it's complete.

Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Robert S. Roscoe
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District