

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Facilities and Operations Committee
Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Call to Order

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Dave Jones.

Directors Absent: Robert Wichert (Arrived at 11:17 a.m.)

Staff Present: General Manager Dan York, Assistant General Manager Mike Huot, Amy Bullock, Matt Underwood, David Morrow, Dana Dean, Mitchell McCarthy, Jim Arenz, David Espinoza and David Armand.

Public Present: William Eubanks, Paul Selsky, Ken Loy, Ken Worster, Pete Delevalle, Jim Mulligan and Kelye McKinney.

Announcements

General Manager Dan York (GM York) announced that on August 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. the District will host a Public Outreach event on the main replacement program on Edison Meadows and Parkland Estates where Director McPherson and Director Thomas will attend to represent their division.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Items

1. Minutes of the May 30, 2018 Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting

Chair Jones moved to approve Consent Item 1; The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Jones.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:	Wichert.		

Items for Discussion and/or Action

2. Presentation on Well Site Selection Planning

Jim Arenz, Senior Project Manager (Mr. Arenz), introduced Ken Loy (Mr. Loy) with

West Yost, who introduced Pete Delevalle (Mr. Delevalle) who went through a PowerPoint Presentation.

Chair Jones inquired if West Yost considered putting any of the District wells outside the District boundaries, what they refer to as the buffer zone.

Mr. Delevalle stated in the specific study they did not look beyond the District's boundaries.

Mr. Arenz noted that for this study staff is looking for well sites inside the District's boundaries; however, should West Yost be unsuccessful in finding well sites that meet the criteria then the District can search outside the boundaries with this tool.

Chair Jones inquired in the 2,000 feet buffer zone does the District have any active wells there now.

Mr. Delevalle stated that in some cases the District does have active wells in the 2,000 feet buffer zone.

Chair Jones inquired if school sites and park sites are included in the figure of 170 sites.

Mr. Delevalle clarified that school and park sites are included in the 170 potential qualifying site figure.

Chair Jones inquired if high resolution aerial photography is available now.

Mr. Delevalle stated that the aerial photography is available and is already in the data set program.

Chair Jones inquired if Mr. Delevalle has looked at sites smaller than the criteria or RD5 sites.

Mr. Delevalle stated that at this time they have not looked at sites outside of the criteria because they have sites that meet the District's criteria. Mr. Delevalle further noted that if the data came back with no matching sites, then they could change the perimeter criteria to a smaller lot size to see what comes up.

GM York inquired if staff knew what DDW's minimum well site requirements are.

Mr. Arenz stated that DDW does not have a minimum lot size; however, they do have restrictions on proximity to sewer and storm drains.

Chair Jones inquired if any other districts have used this system or tool.

Mr. Delevalle stated that the City of Santa Rosa has used the tool for well site selection

and other property purchases.

Chair Jones inquired how hard it would be for other districts to use the system or tool once developed for the District.

Mr. Deleville stated that if the District had the data available, the data can be expanded and available for adjacent Districts.

Chair Jones stated for the record that Director Wichert is present for the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Chair Jones inquired how much the system or tool was going to cost.

Mr. Arenz stated the cost to develop the tool is \$68,000.00 and would be paid for out of this year's budget.

The Facilities and Operations Committee (F&O) recommended taking the item to the full board as a Consent Item with a recommendation of approval.

Public comment from William Eubanks (Mr. Eubanks) requested some clarification on why this item needs to go to the full Board as a Consent Item for approval if the money has already been budgeted.

Chair Jones stated that taking the item to the full Board as a Consent Item moves the discussions along and having the item as a Consent Item informs the other Board members that the F&O Committee has reviewed the item with a recommendation of approval.

GM York further noted that the reason the item should go to the full Board as a Consent Item is to allow staff utilize the tool that has already been approved by the Board for future property purchases.

Mr. Eubanks further voiced that it seems extremely simple and straight forward and does not think the item should have to go to the full Board for approval to utilize the tool in the future.

3. Distribution Main Asset Management Plan Update

Dana Dean (Mr. Dean) presented the staff report.

Director Wichert stated that he was not in a position to make a decision on the agenda item.

Chair Jones noted that he has a lot of questions and comments on the whole progress and process in which he recently met with GM York on.

Mr. Dean noted that he would like to meet with Chair Jones to answer and address his

questions and concerns.

GM York noted that October is the goal for recommendation of approval from the F&O Committee.

Director Wichert noted he would like a copy of Chair Jones comments and questions. The Committee did not have any recommendations at this time and is recommending the item be brought back to another F&O Committee meeting potentially in late August or early September.

4. 2017 Consumer Confidence Report Review

David Armand (Mr. Armand) presented the staff report.

Director Wichert inquired if there is clarification on the language that he was informed is required, but leaves the consumers in his view wondering what to do. Director Wichert further noted that he is suggesting staff has language on how the District's water has performed in the past and how it is performing in the future.

Mr. Armand expressed that he has never seen or heard of anyone inserting clarification text after the mandated language.

Director Wichert inquired if the District's water is safe for pregnant woman to drink.

Mr. Armand stated that he is not a physician so he cannot answer Director Wichert's question.

Director Jones inquired if there is anyone from the State that can provide a statement on the water that the District is serving.

Mr. Armand is not aware of anyone that could provide a statement.

GM Dan York clarified that for the next year's CCR the District can request that new or different language be added.

Mr. Armand noted that he has been working with other staff on language for next year's CCR regarding certain language on how the District's water stacks up against other districts.

Assistant General Manager Mike Huot (AGM Huot) stated that staff could provide Directors with the District's draft language for review and potentially take the draft language to the State for review and or approval.

Public comment from Mr. Eubanks. Mr. Eubanks stated that he would caution staff and Board members to be very careful on how specific you get if you modify language and not to single out groups and deviate from State mandated language. He further noted in doing so this could open up legality issues and would highly refrain from modifying any language at all.

GM York stated that whatever draft language is currently in the works from staff will be provided at the next F&O Committee meeting per Director Wichert's request.

Adjournment

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

Dan York
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District