

MEETING REPORT
REGIONAL SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the office of Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California, at 9:00 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Judy Selby	Jamestown Sanitary District
Ron Boyd-Snee	Jamestown Sanitary District
Scott Hastings	Twain Harte Community Services District
Joseph Day	Tuolumne Utilities District
Delbert Rotelli	Tuolumne Utilities District
Pete Kampa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Casey Prunchak	Tuolumne Utilities District
Tom Scesa	Tuolumne Utilities District
Ed Wyllie	City of Sonora

Self introductions started the meeting. Bob Behee, Tuolumne Utilities District attended as an observer.

Jamestown Sanitary District Update of Activities

Ron Boyd-Snee reported that they are continuing to work on their Sanitary Sewer Management Plan.

Ron Boyd-Snee indicated that Pacific Ultra power needed water if they were close enough to serve with reclaimed water.

Ron Boyd-Snee reported that JSD is currently working on various projects for the proposed funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Judy Selby reported that Ron Boyd-Snee is retiring in March 2010.

Twain Harte Community Services District Update of Activities

Scott Hastings reported that THCS D is currently working on their Sanitary Sewer Management Plan.

Scott Hastings indicated that the District recently hired two new replacement employees for positions that were already established at THCS D.

Scott Hasting reported that THCS D will be moving forward on a lift station replacement project, indicating that the funding is in place to begin construction and possible additional funding available in spring 2010 for a second lift station.

City of Sonora Update of Activities

Ed Wyllie reported that building and planning activities are currently pretty slow, noting that besides the pending Lowes, Wal-Mart expansion, and the new McDonalds restaurant, the City of Sonora is doing business as usual.

Tuolumne Utilities District Update of Activities

Pete Kampa reported that TUD is developing a policy that would enable TUD the ability to respond to private sewer lateral problems and make the necessary emergency repairs to the lateral, and then bill the customer for the repairs. Mr. Kampa noted that the policy will be included in the District's Wastewater Ordinance revisions in the future.

Tom Scesa reported that Quartz Reservoir decreased to 96 acre feet of recycled water, noting that the District predicts that the Reservoir will fill approximately May 2010.

Tom Scesa reported that TUD held a workshop in which a presentation by Kennedy/Jenks of the Draft Small Community Wastewater Grant TUD Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and Disposal System Feasibility Report was held on October 28, 2009. Mr. Scesa indicated that the TUD Board along with representatives from JSD and THCS D reviewed the report and the various wastewater system improvement alternatives. Mr. Scesa reported that presentations were also made to the Board of Directors for JSD and THCS D, whereas they were requested to make their own wastewater system improvement selection.

Tom Scesa explained that a workshop will be scheduled with all three Boards for sometime in January 2010 to address all the improvement alternatives and possibly make a selection.

Scott Hasting requested that Tom Scesa provide THCS D with an update on the inflows to the Twain Harte water treatment plant. Mr. Scesa indicated that he would provide Mr. Hasting with the requested information.

Special Regional Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting in February 2010 to Discuss Budgets for the New Fiscal Year

Pete Kampa reported that it has been suggested that a meeting be held in February 2010 to begin preliminary discussions regarding TUD's budget for FY 2010-2011, noting that the final TUD budget won't be considered by the TUD Board until June or July 2010.

It was determined that the meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Tuolumne Utilities District office.

Open Discussion on Other Regional Issues

Review Draft Agreement between JSD and TUD

Judy Selby distributed and reviewed a draft Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between JSD and TUD, indicating that JSD's legal counsel recommended the suggested revisions. The group reviewed the suggested revisions.

Discussion ensued on the two separate draft documents, the draft Agreement between JSD and TUD that had been conceptually approved by both Districts and the newly developed draft Amendment No. 1 to Agreement between JSD and TUD.

Pete Kampa requested that JSD's legal counsel review the current draft Agreement between JSD and TUD and make his suggested revisions using the universal red line method, that way the group can review his suggested changes in the format that was previously agreed upon.

Pete Kampa indicated that he would refer the draft Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between JSD and TUD, which was recently prepared by JSD's legal counsel, to TUD's legal counsel to determine if the document meets all TUD legal requirements.

Discussion of Common Billing Factors

Ron Boyd-Snee reported that recently a customer requesting wastewater service from JSD indicate that JSD charges more for the same service that TUD does, questioning why TUD doesn't adhere to their own Wastewater Ordinance when it comes to charges. Tom Scesa responded that if a customer has a water history with the District, and they have proven in the past that their water usage is less than the basis for determination of wastewater volume discharge then their demand factor would be less.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2010 at Jamestown Sanitary District office.