

SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2004

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Bruce Daniels, President
Thomas LaHue, Vice President
Dan Kriege
Jack Beebe
Bruce Jaffe

Staff Members Present:

Laura Brown, General Manager
Robert Stevens, Assistant General Manager
Bob Bosso, District Counsel
Jeff Gailey, Engineering Manager
Gary Lamprecht, Operations & Maintenance Manager
Ron Duncan, Conservation Coordinator
Denise Alexander, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

Others Present:

District Consultants Nick Johnson, Gus Yates, Derrik Williams, Gordon Thrupp and 11 members of the public

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The draft minutes of October 5, 2004 were presented for approval. On page 2, revise the third motion to read as follows: To grant the variance, subject to the stipulated special conditions as modified ***replacing extraterritorial service with annexation and*** to include severing the water connection to the private well.

MOTION: Director Kriege, Director Jaffe: To approve the minutes of October 5, 2004 as modified. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
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3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Positive comments were expressed by the Board on the October 11th meeting/tour they attended with Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) & the City of Watsonville to exchange information and discuss a possible joint water supply. Director Kriege thanked PVWMA's General Manager Charlie McNiesh and staff for the tour.

President Daniels distributed a copy of a letter he wrote to the editor of the Mid-County Post, attached as **Exhibit A**. He reported that the County of Santa Cruz was in the process of drafting an Integrated Water Plan, and also that the District should pay close attention to the outcome of a request water well drillers have made to the County to revise the well ordinance.

Director Kriege and General Manager Laura Brown stated that District employee Paul Bargetto and three members of his family were reported missing in the Sierra's and a search to locate the missing hikers is underway.

4. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5.1 Variance Application from Requirement of Individual Meters for Each Unit, Mike & Jennifer Kelley, 2108 Huntington Drive, Aptos, APN 041-322-21

Director Beebe recused himself from this item.

Engineering Manager Jeff Gailey distributed photographs depicting the new construction to build a second unit on the applicant's property, attached as **Exhibit B**.

President Daniels opened the public hearing.

The applicant Jennifer Kelley explained the need to construct a second unit and why she does not wish to have another meter on site.

MOTION: Director LaHue, Director Kriege: To close the public hearing. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

District policy of requiring a separate meter for each individual unit was explained and Board members stated that granting the variance would go against established policy and would not be consistent with established precedents. Several Board members stated they sympathized with the circumstances expressed by the applicant.

MOTION: Director LaHue, Director Kriege: To deny the variance based upon the findings under Resolution No. 74-55, Section 1.03. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote with Director Beebe recused.

MOTION: Director Jaffe, Director LaHue: To direct staff to research the number of master meters for multiple users including the associated water and number of units, and to recommend how the water usage could be individually tracked. The motion passed by unanimous vote. By consensus, the Board stated that the amount of time expended by staff to research this request should be limited.

MOTION: Director Kriege, Director Jaffe: To direct staff to evaluate a possible policy modification to not require separate meters for granny units, if this is consistent with the City of Santa Cruz practice. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

As clarification to the Board discussion about existing master meters, L. Brown stated that the individual metering requirement is about three years old and that no master meters have been approved since its adoption.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

6.1 Presentation by Groundwater Consultants of Technical Memorandum 2: Hydrogeological Conceptual Model of the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Basin

The District's groundwater consultants, Nick Johnson, Derrik Williams, Gus Yates and Gordon Thrupp responded to Board inquiries throughout the presentation given by N. Johnson, attached as Exhibit C.

President Daniels called for a break at 9:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:40 p.m.

At the conclusion of N. Johnson's presentation, Board members discussed with the consultant, how this information should be used. D. Williams stated that the District has already started to implement measures to address many of the issues noted in the report and can use the information when decisions are being made about where to redistribute pumping.

For the record, Director Kriege stated that efforts to redistribute pumping have been tried, and well sites such as Polo Grounds have potential along with the O'Neill well site at Soquel Drive by the High School. He noted that the report provides confirmation that the impact to Soquel Creek would not be measurable and stated the bottom line is – this Board has been looking for a way to solve the groundwater

management problem for a long time and there is nothing the District can really do in terms of supplementing groundwater pumping, without the help of a third party such as PVWMA or the City of Santa Cruz; however, in the interim, the District needs to look very seriously at this situation and begin the process to find new well sites and get public acceptance to drill wells to enable redistribution of pumping.

MOTION: Director Kriege, Director Jaffe: To accept the report titled Groundwater Assessment of Alternative Conjunctive Use Scenarios, Technical Memorandum 2: Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model prepared by Nicholas Johnson, Derrick Williams, Eugene (Gus) Yates, and Gordon Thrupp. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6.2 Presentation by Gordon Thrupp on the Update and Evaluation of the District's IGSM Groundwater Model – For Information Only, No Action Required

A presentation was given by District Consultant Gordon Thrupp, attached as Exhibit D.

By consensus, the Board agreed not to have the District's consultant continue in his efforts to convert the District's IGSM Groundwater Model to public domain DWR IGSM II.

6.3 Consideration and Possible Acceptance of a Proposal from Derrick Williams, Hydrogeologist, to Pursue AB303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Funding to Update the District's Groundwater Model and Groundwater Management Plan

D. Williams provided an overview of his proposal, the solicitation package and requirements for the AB303 grant. Mr. Williams' proposal is to complete the grant application at no cost to the District with the proviso that the District would agree in advance that any grant award realized from this effort would be used to fund a sole-source contract for Mr. Williams and his project team. He responded to Board inquiries.

In response to an inquiry from Director Kriege, D. Williams stated that an updated, operating groundwater model as proposed would most importantly provide the following:

- Information on effective water levels to prevent seawater

intrusion

- A beginning at a groundwater management tool
- An asset for updating the groundwater management plan.

MOTION: Director LaHue, Director Kriege: To accept the proposal by Derrick Williams to secure funding from the 2004-2005 AB303 local groundwater assistance grant for updating the District's groundwater model and groundwater management plan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. Williams stated that a formal Resolution by the Board supporting the application to obtain grant funding would be needed. He further stated he would submit a copy of a sample contract with the state for District Counsel to review, before moving forward with the application process.

- 6.4 New Water Service Connection Application – Eugene Krum & Cara DeSimone, 198 Shoreview Drive, Aptos, APN 042-202-01

MOTION: Director LaHue, Director Beebe: To authorize the District's standard water connection to be installed for Eugene Krum & Cara DeSimone, 198 Shoreview Drive, Aptos, APN 042-202-01 The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 6.5 Ratification of General Manager's Purchase in Excess of \$5,000 for the Replacement of the Estates Well Submersible Pump/Motor

Operations & Maintenance Manager Gary Lamprecht explained that the submersible pump/motor on the Estates Well failed, and it was essential to proceed with repairs on an emergency basis. The cost for a new motor and pump totaled \$23,162.

MOTION: Director Kriege, Director Jaffe: To ratify the General Manager's actions and approve an expenditure of \$23,162 plus shipping for a replacement motor and pump for Estates Well, CWO 05-400. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 6.6 Crestline Tank No. 2 & Mar Vista Tank No. 2 Recoat and Repair Project, Bid Award

MOTION: Director Beebe, Director Kriege: To adopt **Resolution No. 04-32** for award of contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Crestline Tank No. 2 & Mar Vista Tank No. 2 Recoat and Repair Project, CWO 05-104.

6.7 Resolution Authorizing Destruction of Listed Records

MOTION: Director Jaffe, Director LaHue: To approve **Resolution No. 04-33** authorizing the destruction of listed records pursuant to the District's Record Retention Schedule. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 November/December *What's On Tap* Newsletter

Recommended changes to the newsletter were noted by the Board.

8. **STATUS REPORTS**

1. Engineering - Nothing further to report.
2. Income/Investment Report - Nothing further to report.
3. District Counsel - Nothing to report.
4. General Manager

L. Brown provided an update on the emergency that was declared as a result of the District's wells being out last week. She stated that sufficient cut-back on demand had been achieved and the wells are in the process of being repaired and should be back on line soon. A press release and a letter to the editor to thank District customers for their efforts to conserve water would be drafted. She commended the Conservation and Operations staff for their efforts putting together the emergency plan and the media outreach informing the public of the emergency situation and how to conserve water.

9. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

10. **REPORT OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

August & September Warrants and Credit Card Analysis

MOTION: Director Kriege, Director Jaffe: To accept the August & September Warrants and Credit Card Analysis as paid. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Daniels adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 p.m. to the next Board meeting on November 2, 2004.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Denise Alexander, Board Clerk

Bruce Daniels, President