

WATER DISTRICT NO. 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2009

REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Water District 19 was held at the District Office. Those in attendance were Commissioner **Steve Haworth**, General Manager **Jeff Lakin**, Operations Lead **Armin Wahanik** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder**. Commissioner **Jackson** first participated by phone, then in person. Commissioner **Richard Bard** participated by telephone. Visitors present were David Schweinler, Jonah Loeb and commissioner candidate Robert Powell.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

1. VISITOR BUSINESS

- David and Elizabeth Schweinler request for connection – The Schweinler’s paid for an ULID assessment in 1988 and they contend the language in the agreement they signed gives them the right to a water service connection. They have made a formal request to be connected immediately. **Commissioner Haworth** asked if he was presently on a well. Mr. Schweinler answered yes. **Commissioner Haworth** asked if he recalls ever receiving service from WD19. Mr. Schweinler said he didn’t recall ever paying for water service. Staff research did not produce any documents indicating the Schweinlers ever applied for water or purchased a water service unit. **Commissioner Haworth’s** concern is the time frame. The ULID occurred in 1988, we went into a moratorium in 1994, and offered available water units in 1996 because of the new treatment plant, and created a new waiting list after that. We haven’t been able to provide additional water units since 1996. **Commissioner Jackson** stated his recollection of the 1988 requests by the Schweinlers, as reflected in 1988 minutes, was first that they not be included in the ULID because they were on a well, and then their request to avoid multiple assessments for two lots by signing the standard “Agreement Restricting Development”. At the time, the District allowed people with multiple lots, who signed the agreement, to avoid assessment charges for parcels that were not to be developed. **The Board** would like to receive input from **Commissioner Bard** and District Counsel before any decision can be reached.

2. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Paul Hixson property – a piece of property has been offered for sale to the District that is contained in the Ellisport Creek watershed. The Board concurred that there is little hope of ever acquiring a water right in this creek and hence did not look favorably on the option to purchase the parcel.
- ADUs – The Board has agreed to wait until September (after peak season) and review status of Beall Well and the Morgan Hill well change application before making a decision. **Commissioner Haworth** has suggested circulating a copy of a draft resolution/policy statement for the public to review by the August meeting. **Commissioner Bard** voiced his concerns about the ADU policy and how to maintain fairness to the people on the waiting list.
- Conservation – One Clothes Washer rebate issued in June. **Commissioner Haworth** stated he will make contact with the facilities manager at the Vashon School District to discuss water saving measures for their sprinklers.
- Morgan Hill Well Change Application – District counsel Loren Dunn requested more information which **General Manager Lakin** provided. DOE is threatening to put it into Hold status if the District doesn’t make a decision soon. The Board discussed potential

ramifications of selecting DOE's "option 2", made calculations of current annual pumpage, noted the relative importance of Qi (instantaneous) over Qa (annual), and began to prefer "option 3". The Board tentatively agreed to a special meeting on July 28th, with an executive session to consult with District counsel.

- Approval of minutes – Tuesday, June 9, 2009 – **Commissioner Haworth** made a Motion to accept the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Jackson** seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously. Monday, June 22, 2009 – **Commissioner Haworth** made a Motion to accept the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Jackson** seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously. Tuesday, July 7, 2009 – **Commissioner Jackson** has not had enough time to review the draft minutes and requested that they be sent to him electronically.

3. OPERATIONS REPORT

- July 4th weekend, didn't exceed the peak day for June 2009. Pumping 75 gpm at the well site. **Commissioner Haworth** commented on the Ellis creek flow – it appears there has been a 10% decline. **Commissioner Jackson** requested information regarding the discrepancy between treatment plant influent and effluent flows. Water quality is good. DBPs back to below the MCLs. **The Board** would like to know what caused the recent spike. Seasonal production is good – full flow production at the plant.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Beall Well update – material delivered, planning logistics. Staffing issues at the moment --- may need to hire Frank Zellerhoff Construction for additional project assistance.
- Sunflower Developer Extension – Contractor is done with the water line; they've passed our pressure and disinfection test. We have not accepted the water line yet. Construction should begin soon on the housing.
- Financials - Depreciation fund down a bit to pay for the May 2009 Ridge Road repair. Residential and Commercial usage down. Pump station repair for \$8,000.00 this month. Possible change to the control system may have caused the failure.
- Main replacement plan – **General Manager Lakin** provided the Board with an updated priority list for main replacement. He will draft a suggested schedule by the August meeting. Estimates are being drafted using \$150.00 per foot. **Commissioner Jackson** noted that most of the capital expenditures in the past many years, averaging about \$250,000 to \$300,000 per year, have been for projects to increase capacity, and that main replacement and other infrastructure needs are growing.

5. APPROVE VOUCHERS

6. SIGN APPROVED MINUTES IN BOOK

ADJOURNED AT 9:50 PM