

**CSA7 Customer Advisory Committee
Dec. 30, 2023, 57th Meeting
By videoconference**

Meeting called to order at 11:09 am

Attendees:

Committee: Cyrus Yocum, Eric Black, Eva Knodt, Heather McAvoy, Joanne Lehner, Patricia O'Neal, Terry Adams.

Supervisor Mueller's Office: Kathleen Moazed

Announcements:

Ray Mueller's new chief of staff is Gina Quiney, effective 11-2023.

Ms. Van Tsang is the new Santa Clara district engineer for the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, effective 11-13-23.

Retired Supervisor Don Horsley passed away 11-24-23, after a lifetime of distinguished public service. As many of you recall, our Committee reconstituted in 2011, with Don working alongside us for the entire time until he termed out of office the first of this year. Don will be sorely missed.

Samantha van Breukelen is no longer working for the RCAC, effective 11-28-23.

1) September quarterly meeting minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Joanne moved to approve; Eric seconded. All in favor.

2) August, September, October budgets, 1st quarter capital improvement expense report, county funded capital expense report

- a. The status of the loan repayment was discussed.
- b. Budgets were reviewed. There were no questions.

3) Capital improvements, improvement schedule, compliance

- a. There is no change in the capital improvements
- b. Comparing the December capital improvement schedule to the prior quarter it appears that the cost of the flocculation chamber recoating, change of sand media, and looping water main went up by under \$57,000, while the cost of the northern area distribution system decreased by over \$23,000, resulting in a total increase of \$33,528 over all. The truck pump connection and the new electrical service should be completed in February.

c. No compliance issues were noted.

4) Capital improvement funding

- a. After the household income survey, the RCAC says that loans are the primary available funding source, since we are not disadvantaged and our water is not exceeding any primary chemical standards. Grants may be found at www.grants.ca.gov. The RCAC may be able to assist with applications for grants or loans if we find sources.
- b. Mark prepared a revised technical assistance (TA) request for the State Water Board regarding funding assistance and was turned down. The Board approved funding for the RCAC to conduct a rate study that includes CIP reserves for future capital projects. County staff will provide the necessary documents to the RCAC. New funding sources will need to be identified before the County can proceed with planning and design of the new intake, raw water tank, and water main replacement.
- c. Kathleen Moazed says that measure K funds are not currently available for water projects. She noted that it is the job of our representative to encourage DPW to represent our interests. Patricia will be sending materials to, and Heather and Terry will be communicating with, Kathleen so she may brief Ray Mueller further. He is aware of our situation and wants to meet with Ann Stillman.

5) Annual election of officers

- a. Chair: Heather moved that Patricia continue as chairperson. Eva seconded. All approved.
- b. Vice-Chair: Patricia moved that Heather continue as vice-chair. Joanne seconded. All approved.
- c. Secretary: Patricia moved that Cyrus continue as secretary. Heather seconded. All approved.
- d. Document custodian: Patricia moved that Joanne continue as document custodian. Heather seconded. All approved.

6) Public comment: None

Motion to adjourn by Cyrus, Heather seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM

Minutes by Cyrus Yocum