

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Facilities and Operations Committee
Thursday, April, 27, 2017

Call to Order

Director Schild called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Neil Schild and Dave Jones.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Rob Roscoe, Assistant General Manager Dan York, Amy Bullock, Mitch Dion, John Valdes, Wayne Scherffius and Lynne Yost.

Public Present: William Eubanks.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

None.

Consent Items

1. Minutes of the February 16, 2017 Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting

Director Schild moved to approve Item 1; Director Jones seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Schild and Jones.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

Items for Discussion and Action

2. McClellan Park Reservoir Tank Property

Mitch Dion (Mr. Dion) presented the staff report.

Director Jones inquired if the road way along the south property line, in the center of the road if that is the property line that defines it as a county road.

Mr. Dion stated that the property line is not designated on the county road system.

Director Jones inquired if the land use of the property prohibits the use of a water tank.

General Manager Rob Roscoe (GM Roscoe) stated that the property is industrial use and exempt from zonings but not from health and safety codes.

GM Roscoe stated that should the Board of Directors want to proceed to move to the new site, all the items will come back to the full board for discussion and action. Staff will have conditions and title information at that time. The question that was before the Facilities and Operations Committee is did this committee find it acceptable to peruse moving from the present site to across the street at the new site.

Director Schild stated that at least right now the new proposed site is clear but has concerns on how long it will be clear for. The new site would be an asset to the District and rate payers but it will cost the District money with title fees, a fence around the property and routine yard maintenance. Director Schild requested to know if there are any title restrictions and stated that he has a lot of unanswered questions that he needs answers on to agree to move forward with moving to the new property.

Director Jones stated he thinks staff should move forward with further discussions with McClellan Business Park to get some questions answered so that the concerns they have are addressed and they can make a decision on whether or not it's a good idea to move to the new property.

Director Schild stated he would be willing to write down his questions and provide them to staff.

GM Roscoe expressed that he sees value in moving across the street because the District is offered fee title to move across the street, but the District does not have fee title on the current site they are on.

Director Jones made a motion for staff to move forward and get more information from Mr. Hersh and McClellan Business Park to pursue the empty lot and to get clarification of fee title.

Director Schild seconds the motion.

Informational Items

3. Main Line Replacement and Miscellaneous Projects Update

Mr. Dion presented the staff report.

Director Schild inquired how many meter in Parkland Estates.

Mr. Dion stated there are about 600 meters in Parkland Estates.

Director Schild inquired on the quantity of meters in area 48.

Mr. Dion stated that there are approximately 420 meters in area 48.

Mr. Dion stated that the District is getting in the position where by year 2022 the District will be within 1,000 meters of completion.

Director Jones noted that it will take closer coordination as the District gets closer to year 2022.

GM Roscoe stated that the meter retrofit program will be installing meters in backyards.

Director Jones expressed that it will require coordination of all of the District's assets to complete the meter retrofit program efficiently.

GM Roscoe stated that the District has always known that they do not have enough money to move all the backyard mains to the front yards by the time the District has to be in compliance and fully metered. The goal is to minimize the number of backyard meters.

4. Water Transmission Main Asset Management Plan Update

Mr. Dion introduced John Valdes (Mr. Valdes) who presented the staff report.

Director Schild inquired about the loop around McClellan.

Director Jones inquired if the loop around McClellan was anticipated to be paid by private development.

Director Jones inquired if the overall goal of the transmission line is to be like the south service area, where the District is able to run them with minimal amount of wells. If so, wouldn't it be prudent to get the wells in place prior to running lines around it considering that well sites are not easy to come by.

Mr. Valdes answered that it's best to work on both at the same time.

Director Schild inquired if staff has run a hydraulic model on this.

Mr. Valdes stated that they have not yet run a hydraulic model and have requested that Brown & Caldwell give the District a proposal.

Public comment from Mr. Eubanks. Mr. Eubanks stated that he has listened to the Board for 8 years and has concerns regarding the fluoridation issue. Stated that he does not see the District having enough money at the current rate the District is expanding it to fluoridate the north service area of the District.

GM Roscoe commented on the fluoridation on the south verses the north service area.

Director Jones stated his suggested solution is to keep fluoridation in the south right now and keep the north un-fluorinated but needs to know what First Five has to offer.

5. Succession Planning

Assistant General Manager Dan York (AGM York) presented the staff report.

AGM York stated that a recent retirement announcement of a Production Operator will occur in November of 2017 as well as our Engineering Manager; John Valdes is tentatively entertaining retiring in October of 2017.

Director Jones stated that the industry is changing and feels the District should recognize the changes between the baby boomers to the millennials and if the District wants to keep employees here for five years or longer then they need to make some changes.

GM Roscoe stated that it's an industry wide problem and attracting and retaining employees is an issue that our District is facing. The newer generation is looking for a more flexible schedule and higher pay.

Director Schild stated that he sees other District's employees operating from their homes with a more flexible schedule.

GM Roscoe stated that other Districts have more flexible work schedules, 10 hour days, 4 days a week and 9/80 schedules are becoming more common in the industry.

Director Jones stated that he thinks that staff needs to really make it a priority to reanalyze how to attract and retain employees.

GM Roscoe stated that the District needs to look at more of a flexible work schedule.

Adjournment

Director Schild adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Robert S. Roscoe
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District