

Meeting Notes

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Water Quality Committee
Monday, December 18, 2017

Call to Order

Chair Wichert called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wichert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Bob Wichert and Dave Jones.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Rob Roscoe, Amy Bullock, David Armand, Hannah Dunrud, Matt Underwood, Dana Dean and Doug Cater.

Public Present: None.

Public Comment

David Armand (Mr. Armand) commented that staff is doing a great job. Chair Wichert concurred.

Announcements

None.

Consent Items

1. Meeting Notes of the October 16, 2017 Water Quality Committee Meeting

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

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

Items for Discussion and Action

2. Update on the Regulation and Monitoring of 1,2,3 – Trichloropropane

Mr. Armand presented the staff report.

Director Jones inquired how reliable the lab results are at five parts per trillion.

Mr. Armand stated that it's one of the few regulated compounds that the MCL equals the DLR, which is the lowest level the lab reports to and the lab results are reliable.

General Manager Rob Roscoe (GM Roscoe) stated that the lab is a certified lab that report certified results.

Mr. Armand stated that the lab results are accurate enough to get you in trouble or keep the District out of it.

Chair Wichert inquired if the District went through with switching labs.

Mr. Armand stated that the District did in fact move forward with switching labs.

3. Water Quality Test Reports From Third and Fourth Quarter 2017

Hannah Dunrud (Ms. Dunrud) presented the staff report and went through Exhibits 1 through 9 on the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Wichert inquired if the District has received any chlorine taste or odor complaints.

Ms. Dunrud stated that there have been no reports of chlorine or taste and odor complaints associated with any reported high levels of MCL.

Chair Wichert inquired what CU stands for.

GM Roscoe stated the CU stands for color units.

Chair Wichert inquired what the MCL is for lead.

Mr. Armand stated that there is no MCL for lead. The MCL for lead was rescinded when they established the action level for lead and copper at an action level of fifteen parts per billion.

Chair Wichert requested that the action limit level be listed in future reports.

Chair Wichert inquired what the District has to do if a well received a Nitrate detection.

GM Roscoe stated that the well would get shut off.

Chair Wichert inquired how often is the VOC monitoring done.

Ms. Dunrud stated that the VOC monitoring is done quarterly.

4. Customer Taste & Odor Complaints – 2017 Year To Date

Mr. Armand presented the staff report.

Chair Wichert inquired if Mr. Armand knew the exact number of taste and odor verified complaints.

Mr. Armand stated he does know the number of verified complaints, however, the number was not reported in the staff report.

Chair Wichert inquired if the complaints of taste and odor have reduced or stopped since the District stopped taking city water.

Mr. Armand confirmed that as soon as the District stopped taking city water, there have been no complaints.

Director Jones inquired what the District's response to the concerns and complaints.

Mr. Armand stated that he followed up on the complaints and confirmed that although unpleasant, is harmless.

Chair Wichert inquired what is the treatment for Geosmin.

Mr. Roscoe stated that he's never had to treat for Geosmin.

5. District Efforts Toward Complying with SB 427 (Lead User Service Lines)

Mr. Armand presented the staff report.

Chair Wichert inquired if staff feels the District is confident that the District does not have lead in service lines.

Mr. Armand stated that he feels confident that the District does not have lead in the service lines, however, there is a lot of unknown at McClellan.

GM Roscoe stated that the unknown at McClellan is a concern. The new regulation is going to cost the District some money to investigate.

Chair Wichert stated that if you were going to dig up the service line that he would imagine that staff would dig up a sample that would be indicative of the time period lead lines were used and installed.

6. Update on the District's Lead Monitoring in K-12 Schools

Ms. Dunrud presented the staff report.

Chair Wichert inquired when the school states that they removed the faucet, what part of the fixture or the unit does that pertain to.

Ms. Dunrud stated that once the sample is reported to the school, it's up to the school to decide the correct action. The school removed the faucet or took it out of service and it's the schools responsibly on the extent of the corrective action.

Director Jones inquired if the school has to re-test after a lead detect and corrective action.

Ms. Dunrud stated that if a school removes the faucet, then they are not required to be re-sampled, however, if the school replaces the faucet then check sampling can be done.

Chair Wichert stated that the oral report was really good, but suggested in the future if staff can include more of the oral presentation in the staff report.

Chair Wichert inquired if the District does the inspections and sampling in house or are the samples sent out to the lab.

Ms. Dunrud stated that the schools are sampled by District staff before the children are at school and then the samples are sent out to the lab.

Mr. Roscoe noted that there is a bit of overtime that goes into this testing.

Chair Wichert expressed that having a quarterly Water Quality Committee is the kind of stuff that goes a long way to making people understand that the District's water is the best it can be and that the District is doing the best it can.

Director Jones stated that he thinks these reports can go into the regular Board meeting on an as needed basis. If something comes up, then it can be included in the regular Board meeting.

Adjournment

Director Wichert adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Dan York
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District