

Los Osos Community Services District
Committee Report

Committee: Water Advisory Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Linde Owen	Mitch Cooney, CSD General Manager
Chuck Snead	Maria M. Kelly, CSD Director
Lynette Tornatzky	
Dominic Roques	

Agenda Items:

Call to Order – 5:37 p.m.

A – Sub-Committee Report Presentation – Dominic Roques

Main Points:

- Meter Charge implemented based on AWWA standard multipliers
- Basic charges for first units of consumption
- Tiered structure: 1-6 – see pg.6 of report
- Revenue targets identified
- Concurrence with FCS study and funding of reserves to be met in 5 years vs. the 9 years currently set via adopted policy.
- Increase reserves to annually fund a line item for LOCSD conservation program: \$30,000.
- CPI to be considered annually but not necessarily implemented. To be reviewed concurrently with Fire CPI.
- Final tier of rate structure only applies to and would only ever apply to SLCUSD as they will always be the largest consumer as long as they stay a customer.

Recommendation of the WAC: Enthusiastically move report for presentation to the LOCSD Board.

B – ISJ Update – Mitch Cooney

2nd inter-tie project on hold as both were in the boosted zone. The development of a vault identified as being adequate and less capital required.

C – Brainstorming Results – Maria Kelly

Discussion: The committee and the community present weighed in on the applicability of the results that were generated from the brainstorming session held in August. The results of these efforts will be taken into consideration as a newly formed sub-committee is tasked with the preliminary scoping of a conservation plan. The goal is to develop a draft program that will be further developed with broad public participation and potential agency and county partnerships.

- From our "Challenges" list (11 items), there was a very wide range of priorities. Only one item showed up in the top 5 with a 60% agreement and that was: Getting sound information for baseline starting point.
- In the "Ideas" lists (16 items), there were more similar results with wide agreement on the need to "Encourage all residents to participate". How this can be achieved can be incorporated into a community/district wide conservation plan.
- From the "Desired Outcomes" list (9 items), there was broad agreement to; "Stop Seawater Intrusion" and a split between "Basin wide participation to address seawater intrusion" and "Improved/new infrastructure that supports conservation".

The WAC will continue to work towards the development and implementation of a conservation plan to compliment the work efforts of the updating of the Water Master Plan. All work efforts will have a positive impact on the County's updating and development of the county wide Water Master Plan.

Public Comment Received and Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Marja M. Kelly