



Meeting Minutes

County Service Area (CSA) 44D – Monte Verdi Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.

Location: Conference Call (559) 494-4226, Conference ID 677 672 069#

1. **Introductions**

- CAC Members: Doug Avakian, Mike Rosvold, Paul Lerro, Todd Pilosi
- County: Sebastian Artal, Richard Singleton and Elena Cotta

2. **Approve 11/08/2022 Minutes**

- Minutes approved.

3. **FY 2022-23 – 2nd Quarter Financials**

- 2nd Quarter Expenditures- Elena Cotta shared that the end of the second quarter, appropriations are expended at 79%. Account 7295 Professional and Specialized Services had some expenses this fiscal year that were higher than past years. Held charges for 2021 in the amount of \$36,444 were paid. Central Cal Waterworks, Inc. have been contracted to work the weekends. To date, \$9,000 in invoices have been paid. The district also saw an increase in time that Design staff worked with the reclaim system. The CAC members would like to know what tasks are being done by Central Cal Waterworks. What work is required on the weekends? CAC members are concerned that if Central Cal Waterworks continues providing weekend coverage, the cost will impact the District's budget significantly. Account 7430 Utilities – PG & E rates increased 22% from 2021 to 2022. Elena will provide 12-month bill history and information on the rates to the CAC members. Todd Pilosi asked if there are any water or wastewater plants that are running on solar. Paul Lerro stated that years ago they had looked at a space that could accommodate solar. What solar projects does the County have and could the District add onto it? Todd Pilosi asked if looking into solar worth looking into? Sebastian Artal informed the CAC members they would need to get an engineer to look into it. Todd Pilosi requested that solar- PG&E rates become a standing item.
- 2nd Quarter Revenues – Elena reported that at the end of the second quarter, the district collected 36% of their expected revenues. The Special Assessments are showing 50% have been collected. Other Charges and

Current Services, which is income from the water and sewer bills, is at 30% of the estimated revenue.

4. **Project Updates**

A. Reclaim Tank (PLC/SCADA Compatibility)

- Sebastian Artal reported that the State has inspected the system and a chlorine probe is needed. The probe is set to arrive on February 23, 2023. The County will then submit the final documents to the Division of Drinking Water for approval to proceed with using the reclaim water.
- Doug Avakian asked for a meeting by the tennis courts. Doug would like to see the system tested by turning on the sprinklers when the tank is full to see how long it takes to drain the tank. Doug requested to see the entire system work: turn on the sprinklers, watch the tank drain, then the valve switch over to begin refilling the tank.
- Sebastian recommended to have AC Electric present when the system is tested.

5. **Discussions for Future Meetings**

A. Walk Through of WWTP

- The walk through of the WWTP will be scheduled the same day that the CAC members will observe the reclaim system in observation.

6. **Comments/Other Items**

- Elena Cotta provided an update on the staff changes. Supervisor Mitch Wright left the County. The lead for the Water systems is Antonio Salinas and the lead for the Wastewater systems is Manuel Ceja-Lopez. Elena will email their contact information to the CAC members.
- Gleim Crown Pump will maintenance the pumps every six months.

7. **Next Meeting Date- May 9, 2023, at 2:00 pm.**

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