



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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Agenda

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

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.
Location: Conference Call (559) 494-4226, Conference ID 946 565 128#

1. **Introductions**
 - CAC Members: Doug Avakian, Mike Rosvold, and Paul Lerro
 - County: Sebastian Artal, Richard Singleton and Elena Cotta
2. **Approve 2/14/2023 Minutes.**
 - Minutes approved.
3. **FY 2022-23 – 3rd Quarter Financials**
 - 3rd Quarter Expenditures- Elena Cotta shared that the end of the third quarter, appropriations are expended at 99%.
 - Doug Avakian requested a comparison of the cost to have Central Cal Waterworks provide weekend coverage and field staff costs compared to field staff costs providing coverage seven days a week.
 - Paul Lerro asked what the monthly costs are to have Central Cal Waterworks to provide weekend coverage.
 - 3rd Quarter Revenues – Elena reported that at the end of the third quarter, the district collected 49% of their expected revenues. The Special Assessments are showing 50% have been collected. The revenue from the April assessment will appear on the 4th quarter financial report. Elena shared that as of June 15, 2023, the district collected 78% of their expected revenue. The Special Assignments are 95% collected.
4. **Project Updates**
 - A. **Reclaim Tank (PLC/SCADA Compatibility)**
 - Sebastian Artal reported that the reclaim system has been working for 2-3 weeks. The transition to reclaim has been gradual. During the testing, the system was able to reclaim 80,000 gallons in one week.
 - The irrigation schedule is currently every other day, but there is a need to water for a small period on their non-watering days to empty the tank. The

landscaping irrigation schedule was aligned with the resident's watering schedule. Sebastian suggested that a letter be sent out to the residents informing them that the community will be watering the green space daily with reclaim water, not potable water.

- Doug shared that he has been working with Chris, from the irrigation company, on programming the reclaim watering schedule. It's very difficult or impossible to maintain their greenbelt, which takes a lot of water to maintain, with the use of the water in the reclaim tank (which is less water than what is needed).
- Sebastian asked if they could request the irrigation company to run their irrigation cycles as it is currently scheduled on their watering days, and then on their non-watering days set an irrigation cycle to only water enough to empty the tanks (est, 20,000 or 30,000 gallons). Doug said that they can use 40,000 gallons in 45 minutes. Sebastian recommended they run the stations for 20 minutes.
- Doug said that he will update the HOA committee that they will need to water daily in order to maximize the use of reclaim water, to reduce the use of potable water from the well.
- Elena said that we'll need to install reclaim signs. Monte Verdi installed signs at each opening of the green belt, but they are very worn and need replacing.

5. **PG&E Rates/Solar**

- Before moving forward with any more solar discussions, Doug and Paul will walk through CSA 44D to identify areas where solar panels can be placed.

6. **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.

7. **Comments/Other Items**

- **E.Coli in Well Update-** Doug asked if the source of the E.Coli has been identified. Elena reported that the water system is on constant chlorination until the source of the E. Coli is found. The water system was issued a citation due to the E.Coli. A directive from the Division of Drinking Water is to make arrangements for a shutdown test to determine whether interconnections exist between the recycled water system and the domestic water system and then submit their findings to the Division of Drinking Water. The goal is to rule out any type of reclaim water leaking into the potable water system. Sebastian believes the air gap would prevent the systems from leaking into each other. There shouldn't be any cross contamination, but the field staff will check. Doug asked if CSA 44D has ever had E.Coli before this. Elena will look and report back.

- Shutdown Test- June 26th the water will be shut off from 10pm to 6am. The plan is to post on the doors, email the residents, and have posters at the entrance and exit of Monte Verdi two to three days in advance. In addition to our efforts, we will ask Unity to send an email out to their email list.

8. Next Meeting Date- August 8, 2023, at 2:00pm

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