

Tahoe City Public Utility District
SEWER & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

June 13, 2013

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Dan Wilkins, Erik Henrikson

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Gustafson, General Manager
Matt Homolka, District Engineer/Assistant General Manager
Tony Laliotis, Director of Utilities
Kelli Twomey, Director of Resource Dev. and Community Relations
Coral Taylor, Technical Services Supervisor
Dan Lewis, Utilities Superintendent
Carol Hackbarth, Utilities Coordinator

PUBLIC PRESENT: None present

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Director Henrikson.

1. Combined Fire Service Billing – Updated

Director Henrikson asked for what does the fire connection fee pay. Ms. Taylor said it buys into the infrastructure. It does not pay for any physical connection. There was discussion on the justification of the monthly service fee and the connection fee. Our structure for fire service is consistent with the industry. Director Henrikson thinks the connection fees should be higher. Mr. Homolka said that the customer also pays for the physical connection. We bring this to the committee again to refresh the committee about this before bringing this to the board. The philosophy of the rates for domestic and fire service and our rate structure was discussed. To change how we bill this the District will have to go through another Proposition 218 process. Directors Wilkins and Henrikson are ok with what is suggested currently. They would like this to be included as a topic when the District goes through another Proposition 218 process.

2. West Lake Tahoe Reg. Water Treatment Plant – DRAFT Technical Memorandum – Regional Supply Source and Demand Evaluation

Mr. Homolka said there is one correction in his memo; under *A number of key assumptions...* the second bullet should say Tahoe Cedars Water System. Mr. Homolka summarized the DRAFT Technical Memorandum prepared by Kennedy/Jenks. The goal of this is to determine what size to make the water treatment plant. The size is driven by many variables; a few are sources, hydraulics, and pressures as well as the desires of the water companies. Director Henrikson asked Mr. Homolka what he wanted from the committee today. Mr. Homolka wants confirmation of the size of the water treatment plant. Mr. Homolka explained why Glenridge and Rubicon are not included in the calculations. Director Wilkins said long-term the treatment plant makes sense; short-term we may have a temporary solution. He asks what is our priority? He said based on this information the plant sizing and geographical area outlined makes sense. Beyond that, decisions will be made as time goes by. Director Henrikson wants the building to be oversized. Mr. Laliotis talked about the modular systems and how relatively easy they are to add in the future. Ms. Gustafson added that in the future Homewood Fire Department might be interested in sharing the site, costs and emergency power as they have to renovate/rebuild their facilities.

3. Director of Utilities Report

Director Henrikson asked Mr. Laliotis if there was anything he needed to point out. Mr. Laliotis informed the committee that we recently found Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) coming into a manhole just upstream of the Sunnyside pump station. The manhole was built in 1968 and has a custom bend. It is a 36" line and about 15' deep. They are looking for a solution and will wait till late September to October timeframe to repair this when the sewer flows and ground water decreases.

Mr. Laliotis also updated the committee on the Julie/Beach Lane paving project required by TRPA's BMPs. Our sewer station is accessed via a parcel owned by the Rubicon Tahoe Owners Association (RTO) through an easement. RTO asked the users, including various homeowners, for payment. The District asked the RTO to for pay 40% of the costs. There was discussion about prevailing wages and a possible termed maintenance agreement. As the issue seems to be escalating we wanted to inform the committee in case they hear about it.

4. District Engineer's Report

No comments nor questions.

5. Project Activity Report

No comments nor questions.

6. Technical Services Report

Ms. Taylor updated the committee on the backflow program. This year we have a 4 notice system. The third notice said you need to have your backflow tested or your water *may* be shut off. This alarmed some customers. She quickly reminded them on the process we take before shutting off anyone's water. As usual there will be certified letters sent and the board members will be notified first. And there is still more notification after the certified letters. Currently there are 150 customers that are left to comply.

7. GIS & Information Management Report

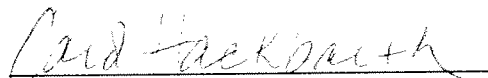
No comments nor questions.

8. Public Forum

No public comment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.


Carol Hackbarth, Utilities Coordinator

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