



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

MEETING MINUTES

SHAVER LAKE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 14, 2018

Members Present: Alice Knapp
Darryl Moore
Jerry Sandstrom
Eric Tallberg
Peter Van Vleet

County Staff Present: Jennifer Cavalla
Joanna Flores
Daniel Vang
Mitch Wright

Call to Order: Meeting started at approximately 2:00 pm

Agenda Item 1: Review and Approve Minutes from the December 6, 2017 Meeting and May 5, 2018 CAC Meeting (41W, 41S, 31, 31B)

The minutes from December 6, 2017 and May 5, 2018 were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Review Current CAC Positions and Associated Duties

There are currently 5 members and 2 vacant seats on the citizen's advisory committee for the Shaver Lake area. Peter Van Vleet - Chairman, Jerry Sandstrom – Vice Chair, and Alice Knapp, Darryl Moore, Eric Tallberg are the current General Members. A Secretary and an additional General Member are the current vacancies.

So far, three residents have expressed interest in filling the vacancies on the committee. The current candidates are John Douglas, Steve McQuillan, and Brian Thoburn. If any other resident would like to be on the ballot as a potential candidate they must send in their information to Jennifer Cavalla before Friday, September 21. An election to determine the candidates will be held at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 3: WWD 41W Asbestos Project Update

The Zinc Ortho Phosphate treatment, for the reduction of Asbestos levels, started July 17, 2018 in the Timberwine and Granite Ridge lines. The second quarter Asbestos levels were 126.9 MFL, the maximum containment level (MCL) for Asbestos is 7 MFL. Asbestos levels are checked weekly. The latest results for Asbestos were received today: Station 1 result was <0.2 MFL and Station 2 was 4.4 MFL, both of which are below the MCL of 7 MFL.

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Residents expressed their concerns about the Asbestos levels in the water. They had many questions about what this meant for the area, and how this issue could be resolved. The current solution is to treat the water with Zinc Ortho Phosphate. The treatment is currently reducing the Asbestos levels, but the treatment is still in the testing phase and does not guarantee the elimination of Asbestos or completely prevent the possibility of reoccurrence.

The fire department and the community also expressed concerns about how the asbestos pipes are affecting the testing of some fire hydrants. When high pressure flows through the water lines, such as when a fire hydrant is open, it can rip off asbestos fibers from the lining of the pipes and cause a spike in Asbestos levels. Because of this, certain fire hydrants have been marked and are not to be used unless there is a fire. The Zinc Ortho Phosphate lines the pipes to keep the Asbestos fiber from coming loose. This lining has remained intact under high pressure in other water systems, but still needs to be tested in WWD 41W.

Another option for remediation is to move forward with the Pipeline Replacement Project, which will replace the deterioration sections of the Asbestos Cement Pipe (ACP). The plans for the project have been completed and the engineer's estimate for the Project is currently two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The District currently has two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in reserves, a portion of which can be used for the project. However, the District needs to approve an increase in fees and/or assessments to replace the reserves before the project begins. This would require a Proposition 218 (Prop 218).

The Community expressed their interest to move forward with the Pipeline Replacement Project, even though it will mean an increase in fees and/or a special assessment. Mrs. Alice Knapp made a motion to move forward on the Pipeline Replacement Project to proceed in FY 18-19. The CAC unanimously agreed. The County noted that in order to proceed with the project this summer, the project would need to go out to bid by January and it is unlikely that a Prop 218 could be completed in time.

Agenda Item 4: Review FY 18-19 Budget and Prospective Infrastructure Improvements

Due to the length of time spent on Agenda item 3, this item was not reviewed at the meeting. The Budget is available to view on the County website.

Agenda Item 5: Comments/Other Items

No comments made.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting to elect new CAC members, is tentatively scheduled for **October 25, 2018**
Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.