



**Wastewater Public Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

55439 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Tuffley, Anne Sholtz, Art Miller, Jr, Bryan Heveron, Cynthia Kraemer, Debra Hidalgo, Don Elwood Amos, Doug Severns, James Petersen, Joanne Keiter, John Babrowski, Michael McBride, Michael Moon, Richard Harlan, Richard Quinlan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:

Fred Chiappetta, Lois Johnson, Ronald Reitenauer, Philip Schaffer

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Cusack, Ed Muzik, Joe Glowitz

CALL TO ORDER:

Cynthia Kraemer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Art Miller Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

John Babrowski motioned to accept the agenda and Richard Harlan seconded. Agenda unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 11-10-09 MINUTES:

John Babrowski motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Anne Sholtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cynthia Kraemer commented that there was no meeting in December, therefore the 11-10-09 minutes had yet to be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Horne, of Yucca Valley, read a letter (dated 1/5/09) addressed to the District from Montgomery Watson.

STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Cusack announced that Frank Luckino would not be able to attend this meeting; therefore, there would be no report on the Assessment District Formation this evening.

Jennifer presented a draft Frequently Asked Question pamphlet about Assessment District Formation and Prop 218 for the committee's input. A member of the audience, Paul Thompson, a potential consultant well versed in this subject, also provided feedback. She encouraged the members to add questions. *Cynthia Kraemer suggested that the FAQ be discussed during the breakout sessions so Jennifer could have a quicker response than waiting until next month's meeting.*

Joe Glowitz gave an overview of the various activities/events that are planned for 2010 such as the RFP submittals beginning in January and the LAFCO Board meeting on February 17th.

STEP/STEG WASTEWATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Joe Glowitz gave a presentation of the current and alternative treatment proposals, including a discussion of the costs to construct, advantages and disadvantages of each type being considered.

The Committee questions:

- Constructing in phases – possible
- Satellite plants - possible
- Timelines for studies – won't vary much between types (permitting similar)
- Cost comparisons

Public Comments:

Bill Horne – small lot sizes create construction issues and asked about tank monitoring program.

Bill Warner commented that he believes there may be a significant capital cost savings with the STEP/STEG system (roughly 30 million) and noted failures often due to pump motor (modern technology improves reliability). Joseph Glowitz said staff is still working on the cost analysis to validate the numbers.

SUBCOMMITTEES BREAKOUT SESSION

15 Minutes

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Technical and Finance – Jim Petersen

- Topics: one phase assessment, voting process (majority rules)

Public Relations – John Babrowski

- Topics: FAQ sheet (suggested one for STEP/STEG also)

Building / Land

- Nothing to report

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date 2/9/10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Revisions to FAQ Sheet

STEP/STEG system update.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:04 p.m.

Prepared by: Joanne L. Keiter, WPAC Secretary