



County of Fresno

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

MEETING MINUTES

SHAVER LAKE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 25, 2019

Members Present: John Douglas
Alice Knapp
Steve McQuillan
Darryl Moore
Jerry Sandstrom
Eric Tallberg
Peter Van Vleet

County Staff Present: Jennifer Cavalla
Daniel Vang

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

Agenda Item 1: Review and Approve Minutes from the September 14, 2018 Meeting (41W, 41S, 31, 31B)

The minutes from September 14, 2018 were approved. John Douglas abstained.

Agenda Item 2: WWD 41W Asbestos Project Update

The Asbestos level for the fourth quarter of 2018 was 4.12, which is under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 7. County staff received phone call from residents in the beginning of January who were having trouble with Asbestos fibers clogging their pipes. Another resident called in to inform County Staff that an unknown entity had opened a fire hydrant, full force, in an area nearby. Asbestos samples are pulled weekly, but the results from after the hydrant was opened have not been received yet.

Rod Strahm explained how the Zinc Ortho Phosphate Chemical treatment worked. The chemical is placed into the system at 5ppm. The farthest part of the water line is also tested for the residual coming out the other end. At first, the residual numbers will be lower than what is being dosed into the system. This means that the pipe is still absorbing the chemical. When the residual at the end of the line is almost equal to what is being dosed the pipes are solidly coated and the system just needs to maintain a maintenance dose to keep the pipes lined. The Zinc Ortho Phosphate coats the pipe and acts as a barrier, preventing new Asbestos fibers from being released into the water supply.

Peter Van Vleet asked the Community Members in attendance, if the chemical treatment continued to work, would they still want to move forward with the pipeline replacement. The consensus from those present was that they still would want to move forward with the

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replacement of the pipe. Residents were informed that this would require a Prop 218 process to raise the funds.

John Douglas brought up a concern that the Prop 218 vote to raise fee's might not pass because residents in areas that are not affected by the Asbestos fibers feel that they should not have to pay the same amount for the pipeline replacement as homeowners who live in affected areas. He also mentioned that Prop 218 law requires that the assessment be proportional to the benefit received, which is why community members not in areas with fibers feel that their share should be less. He suggested that to increase the chances that the Prop 218 would be successful, a group of representatives from all neighborhoods within the assessment area should be convened to seek consensus on a fair assessment formula, which would not require County staff to attend. County Staff informed him and the residents that Counsel and the Engineer will set the assessment based off Prop 218 law, but that the "special benefit" that is provided by WWD 41W is water. Therefore, anyone who receives water from the district would receive an equal assessment.

A resident mentioned how even though certain homes might not be seeing Asbestos fibers in their pipes, any home in the district that is up for sale has to disclose to potential buyers that the home is served by a system that has asbestos contamination. This can affect the property values for the entire district, not just the homes that are experiencing fibers in their pipes. Numerous residents from non-affected areas also supported the idea that we are all one water district and costs are shared equally among all users.

The CAC stressed the importance of every individual reaching out to their neighbors and community to educate them about the Prop 218 process, to ensure that the vote will pass. Eric Tallberg requested that the County do a survey to see if the district would support moving forward with the project. The specifics of the Prop 218 and the cost to the residents are not known at this time. The County will send out a general survey to all residents asking if the community would be in support of replacing the Asbestos pipes. Once more detailed information about the Prop 218 is known a survey with potential funding options will be presented to the community.

Agenda Item 3: Fresno County General Plan Updates – Effects on the Shaver Area (41W, 41S, 31, 31B) Presentation by John Douglas (Presentation represents speakers own views, and was not reviewed by the County of Fresno)

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Comments/Other Items

A resident mentioned a culvert on Bretz that needs fixing (the lid is broken and the culvert is clogged and causes water to puddle in the roadway). Issue will be sent to the Roads Department for repair.

A resident brought up the issue of sunken areas of asphalt in the road throughout the Bretz Condos. WWD 41 had previously dug up the areas for testing of the Asbestos Pipelines. After the testing the road was patched and returned to its original condition, but the patches have since sunk into the ground. The residents in the area would like to have the holes repaired. The County expressed that it is unable to spend water District funds for private road repairs but will look into the issue further.

A member of the Civic League inquired about the funds for requested for improvements to the parking lot, a request for a new generator and the purchase of a used truck for the Fire Department. The parking lot improvement was put on hold until a CASP evaluation on the building has been made. The generator has been put on hold until next meeting when the Civic League will provide an additional quote before moving forward with the project. The CAC voted to move forward with the purchase of an additional vehicle.

Residents also brought up their concerns about fire hydrant testing. They would like to see a plan put in place where all fire hydrants will be tested each year or every few years, whichever is feasible, to ensure that the hydrants are working and would be able to supply water during a fire. The County along with the help of the Fire Department will work on putting together a plan to test all the hydrants, replace any broken hydrants and put together a schedule to exercises the valves on the hydrants regularly sometime in the future. Currently, the main propriety for the District is to address the Asbestos issue.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **April 26, 2019**.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.