



City of Santa Rosa

Laguna Treatment Plant
4300 Llano Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Subregional Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2019

8:00 AM

8:00 A.M. - Estuary Conference Room - Laguna Treatment Plant

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jennifer Burke, Interim Director Santa Rosa Water, called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Members Present:

Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park

Mike Thompson, SCWA

Craig Scott, City of Cotati

Henry Mikus, City of Sebastopol

City of Santa Rosa Staff Present:

Kimberly Zunino, Deputy Director - Utilities Administration

Sean McNeil, Acting Deputy Director Environmental Services

Joe Schwall, Acting Deputy Director Subregional Operations

Emma Walton, Deputy Director Engineering Resources

John Stinson, Administrative Analyst

Tanya Mokvyts, Water Reuse Engineer

Martin St. George, Environmental Compliance Supervisor

Roberta Atha, Administrative Analyst

Nick Harvey, Administrative Analyst

Public Present:

Brenda Adelman

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public Comment will be limited to the items listed on the Special Meeting Agenda)

Brenda Adelman - Q: Will there be a written report regarding the discharge during the flood?

Jennifer Burke - A: Report was presented to BPU and is public record.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3.1 DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Jennifer Burke, Acting Director Santa Rosa Water gave a brief department update to the Committee. The recruitment for a new Director of Santa Rosa Water will close on March 24th. The two open recruitments for Deputy Director positions will also be closing soon. Burke also gave clarification on the recent Press Democrat headline. There was no untreated water discharged from the plant, only treated water.

3.2 BUDGET UPDATE

Kimberly Zunino, Deputy Director Water Administration provided the committee with an update on the upcoming budget. Currently staff is only seeking an approval on the first year of the budget, but will be looking forward at the next five years. The presentation included updates on contribution information, the diversion project, misc. revenues, waste hauler revenues, and provided conservative estimates given the forthcoming opening of the Petaluma treatment plant. 19/20 contributions and debt services savings were estimated. CIP up to six million and O+M up 0.9%. Retained contributions were discussed in detail and further information will be presented to the committee at next months meeting.

Next Steps: SubTAC approval. Long term financial plan. Ag Fee process.
Continue to pursue FEMA grant funding. Bring back budget to committee on 4/4.

3.3 REGULATORY UPDATE

Sean McNeil, Acting Deputy Director Environmental Services provided the SubTAC an update on the NPDES process. Current agreement expired 1/31 and we are still working under the terms of the prior permit. First draft of the new permit is expected this Fall. Martin St. George provided the committee an update on changes to the Local Limits process. It's been 20 years since the last change. Flows have changed from industrial to more Beer and Wine production and testing and limits should be altered accordingly. These changes are awaiting the approval of the Regional Board.

3.4 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Joe Schwall, Acting Deputy Director Subregional Operations updated the SubTAC on the recent storm and plant operations. The heavy two day downpour resulted in a 50 year flood event. The resulting flow stressed operations, but no untreated water was discharged from the plant. Additional storage areas were put to use to preserve water quality. The discharged water was fully treated and was release to create storage for upcoming flows. The plant is in good shape for the upcoming wet weather. Microgrid Project update given. Renewable Sonoma won the bid for the solid waste composting project. They recommend taking over the compost facility currently run by the City, which would push our operations elsewhere. Options are still being explored. SubTAC offered their compliments to the City's continuity and performance through the recent change in leadership.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Subregional Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee, Jennifer Burke, Interim Director of Santa Rosa Water, adjourned the meeting at 9:20am.

The next meeting will occur Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 8:00am.

Approved on:

Chair: Jennifer Burke

Attest:

Fred Sarra, Recording Secretary

