

MEETING REPORT  
WATER COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021  
9:00 A.M.

Chair: Director Balen  
Member: Director Ringen

Staff: Ed Pattison  
Erik Johnson  
Glen Nunnelley  
Gaddiel DeMattei  
Eric Hall  
Makayla Dillon  
Steve Sheffield  
Melissa McMullen

**The Committee moved to hear Item #10 after Item #2 due to public participation on this item.**

**1. Water Committee Purpose**

Director Balen stated that she felt the purpose of the Committee was as follows; As a public utility the Board of Directors are the Stewards of the ratepayer's money, the Board provides public oversight and developing Board, staff and General Manager communication and information sharing. Also, the Committee is a recommending body only. Director Ringen was in agreement with this statement.

**Committee Recommendation:** Review only, no Committee recommendation.

**2. Discussion Regarding the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project**

The Committee discussed the background, project description, current status and future options of the Phoenix Lake Preservations and Restoration Project.

Public comment was received.

**Committee Recommendation:** The Watershed Committee will review this item at the next Watershed Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The Committee will continue discussion on future options and possible future grant opportunities for the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration project.

**10. Irrigation Water Rate Structure and Policy – Initial Discussion with Agriculture Community**

Nathan Rosasco, President of Tuolumne County Farm Bureau, addressed the Committee concerning Agriculture water rates, raw water contracts, amount of raw water sold and revenues from the sale. Staff responded to Mr. Rosasco questions.

Public comment was received.

**Committee Recommendation:** This item will be brought back to the Water Committee to continue discussion on agriculture water rates and possible policy updates. This item will be the only item for discussion on the agenda to allow time for an in-depth discussion.

**3. Phoenix Dam Rehabilitation Project**

Glen Nunnelley presented an informational PowerPoint presentation on the Phoenix Dam Spillway Rehabilitation and responded to questions.

**Committee Recommendation:** Committee supported presenting to the Board of Directors for review and approval at the March 23, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

**4. Urban Water Management Plan – What it is and What it isn't (Education)**

Glen Nunnelley presented an informational PowerPoint presentation on the Urban Water Management Plan and responded to questions.

**Committee Recommendation:** Staff to do a press release, list on the District's website, and include in the District's On Tap Newsletter that the District will be soliciting the public's input on the Urban Water Management plan.

**5. Review of the Treated Water System Optimization Plan (TWSOP) Transmission Mains and Regional Water Treatment Facility Sites**

Erik Johnson and Don Perkins gave a summarization on the TWSOP transmission mains and regional water treatment facility sites and responded to questions.

**Committee Recommendation:** To present this item before the Board of Directors for a full Board discussion.

**6. Sierra Pines Water Treatment Facility – Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**

The Committee did not hold discussion however made a recommendation to present this item to the Board of Directors for a full Board discussion.

**Committee Recommendation:** To present this item before the Board of Directors for a full Board discussion.

**7. Uncertainty Regarding Water Supply due to Climate Change**

Ed Pattison stated that this item was brought forward due to the Water Availability Informational presentation to the Board of Directors. The Board expressed concerns regarding climate change and potential future well failures.

Ed Pattison asked for the Committee's recommendation on:

- Scope of Work by Jeff Meyer, Western Hydrologics - Climate Change Modeling
- Study to Obtain Data on Well Failures

**Committee Recommendation:** The Committee does not recommend moving forward with the Scope of Work by Jeff Meyer regarding Climate Change Modeling and the study to obtain data on well failures.

**8. Number of Potential Well Failures that would request TUD Potable Water Service**

Item #7 and Item #8 were combinedly discussed by the Committee.

**Committee Recommendation:** The Committee does not recommend proceeding with the study to obtain data on potential future well failures. The Committee cited TUD has mechanisms in place and is responsive to requests from potential customers whose wells have failed within TUD service area.

**9. Water Needs Assessment County-Wide Action Plan Discussion**

Ed Pattison gave a summarization on the Water Needs Assessment County-Wide Action Plan and responded to questions.

**Committee Recommendation:** Review item only, no Committee recommendation.