

Approved

**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair
David Hutter-Vice Chair,
Keith Huss

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Cobb, Michael Morgan

STAFF: David Fleisch, Assistant Director
June Kim, Engineering Manager
Sean Hanley, WWS Superintendent
Pam Cook, Senior Accountant-Zoom
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services Manager II
Art Aseo, Deputy Director
Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr. II
Brendan Gonzalez- Admin Asst III- Zoom
Maryann Ranallo Mgmt. Asst III

GUESTS: Kathy Janowski
Lynette Buchanan-Roth – Zoom
Terry Wall
Walt Brand
Walt Janowski
Israel Rodriguez

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Mishler called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM. 3 of 5 Committee Members is present. Michael told the Committee Members that Michael Morgan passed away, driving with his wife, just before Thanksgiving. They got into a car accident, which killed Michael Morgan in Nevada. Mr. Mishler expressed his sympathy for anyone who knew Michael Morgan well. He expressed to Israel that we will need to look for a committee replacement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2024, MEETING

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Michael Mishler.
Vote: Nay 0, Yea 3. Minutes adopted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time, reserved for a later topic in the Agenda.

4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW –

- provides Well 4 Rehabilitation in design phase. January 28 is the bid date. Furnished pump
- 571 Reservoir Pump Station hired a consultant. 50% in design.
- No update on Caltrans Project.

B. WATER QUALITY REPORT

- 10 complaints: 3 pressure, the remaining were color and odor complaints. Adjustment or filter replaced.

C. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- Remains the same, not in drought and all reservoirs are full.

D. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

- Introduction of Art Aseo as Deputy Director, taking a position that Scott Meckstroth held previously. Art will be attending these CAC Meetings as well.
- The Policy Advisory committee has met. We provided our input to the 5-year update of the sustainability plan.

E. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER

- The Delta Convenance Project. Calleguas and Metropolitan signed an Agreement. The Board of Supervisors approved. Rightsizing the project to one tunnel to better support both environmental and water supply needs.

F. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Nothing going on.

G. BOARD LETTER TRACKER – AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT

- 12/10 The Board approved all four of the Water Districts rate increases. For WWD19 the increase was 5% for one year.

H. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Budget and Financial review is in a summary rather than this lengthy report.
- This is County period 4 ending Oct 2024

I. AMI

- Continue to grow 12.4%
- On the back of the bill is a QR Code you can click and get to the AMI Portal

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- We are working to move all Water Districts to Quarterly Meetings. We would like to make an adjustment on what we are providing and how we are providing.

The idea is to focus on more direct information pertaining to the topic.
Cost savings of 5,200 per meeting.

- Michael Michler had a question about a possibility of a Subcommittee Meeting to investigate and review our expenses in detail. Need to add to the February Meeting agenda.
- Add to the next meeting: Other water agencies, comparing rates and increases for the last couple of years.
- At some point, it would be good to go on a field trip to see the water structure of WWD19, so that customers, CAC Members can see all the improvements. Put on agenda for the next meeting (suggested dates). Board of Supervisor may be interested in attending a field trip.
- David has percentages Residential/Commercial/Agricultural by volume. In general Jan-June 34% etc. Michael Michler would like to see a handout to see how we break out, how much is going to Ag, Residential, etc. (sent email 12/16/2024)
- Kathy Janowski is particularly interested in the fence line that surrounded the water reservoir. Greentree residence. Sean spoke about how the fire has impacted our infrastructure. Nothing significant that will cost us.
- Kathy thanked Sean for his guys helping to save their house. How the O&M guys made the fire department aware the fire was approaching Kathy's home.
- Opening on the CAC Members, Kathy has someone who is interested.
- David let everyone know Feb 14th is his last day, as he is retiring. They are actively looking for someone to replace him.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is February 13, 2025.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:12 PM