DATE: June 21st, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Community Center 175 Lum St, Weott, CA 95571

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS: Alan Aitken, Dave Sundberg, Callie Buck, Marge French

EMPLOYEES: Dan Arreguin, Bonnie Mullaney, Jamie Little

PUBLIC: Kathy Parrish, Frank Andersen, Adelle Andersen, Teresa Martin

**MEETING COMMENCE: 6:03 PM**

1. Two water rate options and one sewer rate option were discussed. Bonnie presented all of the rate options and explained all options. Dave asked if everyone was aware of the cost of the permit for the sewer collection system. Bonnie answered that the permit cost was shifted from the water budget to the wastewater budget. Dan asked if there is any way to get the permit cost reduced. Bonnie answered that she is in communication with the state going over any options and suggested that people contact CSDA about the permit cost.

 Callie arrived at 6:08 pm. Dan commented that the year 4 rate projection is average cost for our area. Kathy

 asked how much water the average household in our district uses. Bonnie answered by showing usage on the

 spreadsheet. Teresa asked if there is any allotment with the base rate in the 2 rate options. Alan answered that

 there is not, the base rate is based on the cost of water treatment and keeping the district running. Bonnie

 explained that fixed costs are 97% of the districts expenses and showed expenses on the budget spreadsheet.

 Bonnie explained that we did not go with the recommended rates in the rate study because they were not

 practical economically for our customers. Dave asked if it is possible to raise the base rate and lower the cost

 of usage if our customer base prefers that option. Alan responded that base rates are based on operating costs.

 Bonnie explained how much capital improvement reserves will be with each rate option. Teresa commented

 that the reserves would only be the projected amounts if it is not used. Bonnie comments that most districts are

 heavily grant reliant. Callie asked what the district is replacing with the grants we are applying for now and

 what will need to be replaced in the future. Bonnie answered that we are currently working on grants to replace

 transmission lines, the water treatment plant, water tanks, moving customer meters, spring heads, pumps, and

 leaks. We are also trying to apply for a wastewater grant and have applied for a grant to rebuild the community

 center. Bonnie says the average life of our systems is variable but we are estimating 50 years. Teresa asked

 about the cost for parcels that have 2 houses on 1 meter. Bonnie explained that currently those customers pay 2

 Base rates and any overages. Bonnie explained rates for customers with larger meters Frank asked about the

 trailer park usage and commented that land owners used to be responsible for bills, not tenants.

 Bonnie said that bills are the responsibility of the landowner. Frank asked about the payroll budget and

 requested that we email him the documents from the meeting. Teresa asked about tenants paying the bill

 and if they have to fill out paperwork. Bonnie responded that tenants do have to fill out paperwork and can

 only be added to accounts. The land owner still receives a copy of the bill and is ultimately responsible.

 Bonnie explained the tiered rates on the spreadsheet. Adelle asks Bonnie to clarify the rates. Dave gave

 permission to use his bill as an example to clarify the rate structure. Teresa asked if alot of customers

 had overages because they were not informed that there would not be a summer allotment. Bonnie replied that

 the usage on the spreadsheet was from 2021. Bonnie explained that wastewater charges will be based on usage

 under the 2 rate options. Frank left the meeting at 7:06pm. Dan asked Bonnie if she might be too conservative

 with the rates. She responded that she did try to keep them as low as possible for the community but that she is

 confident that the district can operate and add to our reserves with these rate options. Kathy asked when the

 rate change will take effect. Bonnie explained the process and said that it will probably not be until summer is

 over if the community votes to implement the new rates. Teresa asks if we can make changes with rates if or

 When things come up. Bonnie responds yes, these options are flexible.

1. **ACTION ITEMS:**
2. **Rate structure**

Motion to approve rate 1 with proposed wastewater rate structure (First, David Sundberg; Second, none, motion died)

Motion to approve rate 2 with proposed wastewater rate structure (First, Callie Buck; Second, Alan Aitken; David Sundberg, opposed; Alan Aitken, in favor; Marge French, in favor)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave asked Kathy which tier she would choose, she responded that she would choose tier 2

**9. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm