

FRAZIER PARK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
4020 Park Drive, P.O. Box 1525, Frazier Park, CA. 93225
STATE UPDATE MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, March 19, 2020
10:00 AM

Kelling/Schoenberg 4/0/1 - Director Garcia abstain
Minutes Approved on March 26, 2020

Conference Attendees:

- **Frazier Park Public Utility District** - Brahma Neyman, Lisa Schoenberg, and Tiffany Matte.
- **Self-Help Enterprises** - Dave Warner, Oscar Cisneros, and Juan Ramirez.
- **Dee Jaspar & Associates** - Dee Jaspar.
- **State Water Resources Control Board:**
 - **Division of Financial Assistance**
 - **Division of Drinking Water** - Jesse Dhaliwal.

Jonnie Allison and Ryan Icenhower were not on the call because they were out in the field conducting the annual sanitary survey required by the State.

Planning and Well #5 Replacement Projects:

Dee Jaspar began the meeting by updating attendees on the test well progress. He received the results of the gravity surveys that mapped the alluvium at the possible test well sites, and the area around Well #5.

Well #5 and SEA Locations (profile 1) : All of the profiles taken around Well #5 are around 600 ft deep. This depth extends more than 900 ft to the east, through the SEA property. Dee consulted Ken Schmidt, and they both believe that the area near the entrance to the SEA property would be an ideal location for the first test well. At that distance it won't interfere with Well #5 or its replacement. The cross section taken to the west of Well #5 also has a depth of about 600 ft, so it would be suitable for the replacement well. Ideally, Dee would like a 200 x 200 ft sized area to allow enough room to drill, and put storage and/or treatment facilities, but it can be reduced to 150 x 150 ft if needed. It will be placed toward the front of the property line to minimize encroachment.

Hikmat Property (profile 3): The alluvium in this area measures around 250 ft deep at the proposed well site. That depth is typical for the surrounding area going east, until it drops down at the area around Well #5. This property will be considered as the third test well site, and only used if there is a water quality or yield issue at one of the other two sites.

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Wainwright Property (profile 7): The alluvium at this location is approximately 150 - 200 ft deep. The test well will be drilled on the south side of this property, as close to Cuddy Creek as possible. Wells that are already in the ground, just to the west of this location, show really good water quality. Ken Schmidt recommends this property for the site of the second test well.

Jesse Dhaliwal explained that Kern County is requiring that wells be at least 150ft from any septic tank, to reduce the potential for nitrate contamination. Dee believes this won't be an issue on the SEA property, but will look into any potential violations of that requirement for the Well #5 replacement.

Dee explained the plan going forward. The first priority is to drill the replacement for Well #5 as soon as possible. Ideally at the same time, or as soon as plans and specifications are ready, a test well will be drilled at the SEA property. Following that will be the test well at the Wainwright site. The water quality and yield would be evaluated for the first two sites, to determine if the third site will be needed. Dee will read through the complete report on the gravity surveys and send copies out to the FPPUD, Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), and the State. Jesse asked that Dee and Ken include a memo with the report explaining the results and recommendations. As soon as that is done, Dee will send out for appraisals on the three properties. He will contact the owners to see if they have a preferred appraiser they use, or would like to use one of Dee's recommendations. Alan Doud will draft the license agreements between the FPPUD and the property owners, and Dee will send him previous versions he has used in Weldon for reference.

Dave Warner spoke to Tom Dodson about environmental work. Tom said the Notice of Exemption (NOE) is site specific, so he would need a map of the test well locations in order to move forward with his evaluations of the three sites. Dee will get this information together and send it to Dave.

The Planning Project is moving forward, but it took some time to get the property owners to agree and give signed permission to conduct the surveys. Dee estimates the project is about two to three months behind schedule. It is possible the COVID-19 situation could cause some unexpected delays, but SHE and Dee Jaspar & Associates are still working as they are able to with the restrictions.

Jesse Dhaliwal asked about the Well #5 replacement project, and where the funding was coming from. Although he has not spoken to the financial side of the State, he knows that they are reserving funds for emergency projects where wells have already failed, and there is reduced or no water supply.

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Dave explained that Oscar is working on the USDA application online, Dee has put together the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the plans and specs, and the environmental work has been completed. Jesse would like the PER, well design, and CEQA documents sent to his office for approval, since the State is required to sign off on well projects before they are drilled.

Claim #3 will be submitted for approval at the March Planning Meeting, which will include work done in December, January, and February. It will also cover the reimbursement to the District for the \$1,000 paid to SEA for access to their property to conduct the gravity survey. Jesse was unsure if there will be any delays in processing claims at this time.

Pipeline Replacement Project:

Last month, Lawrence Sanchez talked about his idea of incorporating the Pipeline Project into the Regional Project. There is a request pending with the State for Technical Assistance funding, but based on Dee's estimate of \$140,000 for potholing and mapping, it may be too much for SHE to pay. There is additional money coming in, but Dave would have to reach out to the financial division of the State to see if it could be used for this project. The Board was not willing to use contingency funds from the Planning project to get a head start, as originally suggested. Jesse agreed with that decision, and recommended keeping the projects separate for now, but look at the possibility again during the construction phase of the regional project. Dee estimates there to be around 20 to 30 miles of pipeline, which based on rough estimates, would equal a \$20 to \$30 million dollar project. The District is concerned that pressure changes with a new regional system could cause stress on the existing system and blow out old, aging steel pipes. Dee and Jesse agreed that systematically replacing the water lines in stages, starting with the worst, would be the best approach to a project this size.

The next update meeting will take place on April 16, 2020.



Tiffany Matte, Clerk of the Board



Attest: Terry Kelling, Secretary

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