

FRAZIER PARK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
4020 Park Drive, P.O. Box 1525, Frazier Park, CA. 93225
STATE UPDATE MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020
10:00 AM

Schoenberg/Kelling 4/0/0 - Director Gipson absent
Minutes Approved on April 23, 2020

Conference Attendees:

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

FP/LOW Consolidation Planning Project.

Property Appraisals for the Test Well Sites: Dee Jaspar began the meeting by updating the group on the appraisals for the test well sites. He received a quote from two appraisal firms. Valbridge was about \$1,000 cheaper than the other, and came in at \$11,700. The Board approved moving forward with the less expensive quote at the last regular meeting. A letter will be sent out to the property owners with the date and time of the appraisal, as soon as it's been determined.

It was originally estimated that the appraisals would cost around \$6,000 for all three properties, so Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) does not have enough money in their Technical Assistance (TA) Funds to cover this cost. An amended work plan can be sent to the State to get more money for this in the budget, but it would take around two months to be approved. Everyone agreed the appraisals need to be done as soon as possible so that these amounts can be included in the License Agreements. This helps to avoid any price disputes once the test well sites are confirmed. Lawrence Sanchez suggested using the amount allocated in the TA Work Plan for the appraisals, then taking the balance still owed out of the Planning Agreement line item for licensing work. That line item will also be used to pay each landowner \$5,000 for reserving use of their property for the possible test wells (a stand-by fee). Later in the project if that money runs out, then the contingency budget can cover what's needed.

Geophysical Survey Report: Dee Jaspar sent out a draft report that is an appendix to the geophysical survey report. It details out the test well site locations and descriptions, and how it relates to the results of the survey. In his discussion, Dee was able to confirm that the SEA property will be a great location for a test well. GM Jonnie Allison and Dee met with the current owners of the property along with the buyers, and discussed what was marked as the two best possibilities for the location of the well.

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The buyers seemed very cooperative, and expressed their interest in building a small commercial center, which will need water provided by the FPPUD.

The geophysical report also provided information on the part of the aquifer located just west of Well #5. It shows a very steep drop off of the granite that slowly rises heading east toward the SEA property. This confirms that the property west of Well #5 will be an ideal location for the replacement well.

Dee also believes that the Wainwright property is a promising location for a well. Although it is a shallow part of the aquifer, previous samples from nearby wells have shown good water quality. In mapping that property, Dee noted that only a portion of the land is usable because most of it is located within a floodplain. This is something the appraisers will need to take into consideration when assessing a value.

The third site is a residential lot located on Arroyo trail. It looks to be within 100 ft of the septic systems from the homes around it. Dee spoke with Jesse Dhaliwal and decided if the site was needed for a test well, they could put some markers around that will show if the septic systems are an issue. The final well will also have a very deep seal to help protect the water quality.

License Agreement for the Test Wells: Director Neyman reported that the attorney provided a draft of the license agreement that was reviewed by the ad hoc, and approved by the Board with a minor change. The ad hoc will speak with the attorney to have the amendment added and a final copy produced.

SHE Test Well Preconstruction Balances: SHE has a very limited amount of Prop 1 TA funds available. The State has additional money coming out, known as SAFER funds, that may be available to SHE, but they do not have a signed contract yet. Any work that can be put off for later, could be eligible to be billed under the SAFER funds. After Dee Jaspar is paid for the Geophysical survey, there will only be \$60 left in the engineering fund. There is a balance of \$4,819 in legal, and \$5,000 for environmental work. SHE needs more TA funds in order to complete engineering work, and keep costs within the budget for the planning funding agreement.

On the call, the group determined that the \$1,000 paid for access to the SEA property, the \$5,000 licence fees that will be paid to each property owner, and the appraisals can be charged against the \$30,000 allocated as license fees under the Planning budget. Dave will send a request to the State for \$33,000 in additional TA funds to cover the engineering work, surveying and mapping, plans and specs, and legal services.

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Lake of the Woods Mobile Home Park: The State was asked whether or not it is feasible to provide water to the mobile home park. Mr. Conner believes it would be necessary to run a line from the master meter, though his property, to connect to his 4" distribution line. Lawrence Sanchez asked for a map of the park's water system. The State would look at that map to find a way to connect his system for the least cost, and Mr. Conner would be responsible for the maintenance of everything on his side of the meter. If there is more than enough pressure provided by the FPPUD, a pressure reducing valve can be added so there is no damage to Mr Conner's system. Because of the nitrate violations and compliance order, the State still wants to see the mobile home park join into the project. The old, leaking water tank would not be part of the system unless it was repaired. The FPPUD will contact Mr. Conner to see if he has a map of his distribution system, and the State will look to see if they have anything in their files.

Pipeline Replacement Project.

Dee Jaspar has been working on providing a more accurate estimate for potholing and mapping the Frazier Park system. Based on his calculations he believes it would cost about \$250,000 to locate and map every steel pipe in the ground. GM Allison and Dee discussed ways to bring the cost down to a more reasonable amount. One way to do that is to locate water lines with the pipeline locator the District already owns, before paying to have a crew come in. Another option is to find out what a pipeline location company would charge to do the work, and compare that to Dee's estimates. In the meantime GM Allison will work on plotting the mainline leaks the District has been fixing, to mark out the areas with the greatest need for replacement. Once the steel lines are located and mapped, Dee would be able to calculate the cost of replacement.

Water Meter Replacement Project.

Oscar Cisneros reported he has completed the application, but when he went online to submit it, the system was down. The State's IT is working on the problem. As soon as it's resolved, the application will be submitted.

Well #5 Replacement Project.

Oscar is continuing to gather the information he needs for the application. Tiffany Matte has been working with Kelli from Dee Jaspar's office to separate out and total the amounts that were costs for repair, and costs for the engineering report. There is one final outstanding invoice for \$416.18, that will close out the total PER cost. Kelli asked that if the FPPUD is willing, to cut the final check, and then they will submit the total to Tulare County for reimbursement. The total amount paid to date for the PER by the FPPUD is \$4,924.61.

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With the final invoice, the total is \$5,340.79. Dee will get together with Kelli, and cut a check for the full amount to the District, then send the total claim to Tulare County. Approval of the final invoice for \$416.18 will be added to the next agenda for approval.

The next update meeting will take place on May 21, 2020.



Tiffany Matte, Clerk of the Board



Attest: Terry Kelling, Secretary

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