

Pixley Public Utility District

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

Contact: (559)757-3878

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONFERENCE CALL INTO THE MEETING THE NUMBER IS: (701)802-5228 AND THE ACCESS CODE IS: 173772

Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Minutes**
- 3. Bills to be Paid**
- 4. Public Comments**
 - Members of the public may address the Board during public comments regarding any matter which is under the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person with thirty minutes overall for the entire comments period, unless otherwise indicated by the Board President.
- 5. Pedro Mata/1021 South Walnut – APN #299-061-044/Declared Abandoned 10/05/2009**
 - Discussion, consideration and possible action on above noted abandonment and updated will serve letter
- 6. Alfonso Ayon/585 ½ Walnut**
 - Discussion, consideration and possible action on a will serve letter for 585 ½ Walnut Street
- 7. T-Mobile**
 - Discussion, consideration and possible action on T-Mobile placing equipment on Water Tower
- 8. White Pine Renewables/Update**
 - Review of Energy use at WWTP and anticipated energy use from Well 6 to evaluate whether solar would be viable to Pixley PUD at the WWTP.
- 9. Provost & Pritchard**
 - 1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ACTIVE ITEMS
 - a) Remaining Available Water Units - **133 units**
 - Will Serve Letters
 - Elm St. – Medrano (5-16-19) **1**
 - 1575 N. Park (5-28-19) **1**
 - 1224 E. Terra Bella Ave. (6-24-19) **1**
 - Walnut – Romero (09-17-19) **2**
 - 521 Walnut – Coronel (10-8-19) **1**

• Mercado – Walnut (11-19-19)	1
• Orneles – 270 W. Court Ave. (12-20-19)	3
• Mata – 1021 S. Walnut (2-4-20)	1
• Navarro – 637 W. Compton (6-29-20)	1
• Campos – Pine St	2
• N&S Truck Stop (11-2-21)	22
• Palma-Quiroz (7-11-22)	1
• Correa (7-11-22)	1
• Camp (8-1-22)	1
• Remaining Available Water Units	<u>94 units</u>

- Other:
- It is noted that a couple of developers have approached the District with questions regarding water and sewer capacity to support additional development. General information has been provided. It is recommended that developers be required to submit written requests to the District to determine what level of effort is appropriate and what costs the developers would be required to cover.
- Thandi – need input from the developer on the proposed configuration for sewer relocation. The developer’s engineer has been contacted and given utility plans.

2) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

- Well and Waterline Replacement Project
- Near term activity for September:
- Well 2A: The well has been destroyed. Some finalization remains.
- Well 5: unable to sound the well; emergency work progressing as approved.
- Well 6: Well has been started; awaiting Title 22 results. DDW is writing the use permit.

3) FUNDING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

- a) Planning Grant and Construction Grant Applications to the State
 - The Planning Grant Application has been finalized and submitted to the State for consideration. The improvements would include the following:
 - Relocation of wastewater collection system improvements in the vicinity of Court and Main Streets
 - Construction of a self-cleaning screen prior to the influent lift station at the WWTF
 - Construction on pumps in the aeration tanks to allow for dewatering of the aeration tanks when maintenance is required
 - Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the WWTF
 - Grit removal equipment at the WWTF
 - Sludge Drying Bed improvements at the WWTF
 - The State has assigned a Project Manager to the project application. The Project Manager has requested some additional information, which was submitted. PPUD sent the State the two-year budget.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure
- b) Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding

- The Project is pending receipt of the final Grant Contract from the State after a meeting with the State discussing the project.
- Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
- c) Drought Relief Grant Applications to the Department of Water Resources
 - A Contract for the funding is expected from the Department of Water Resources has been received.
 - Well 4 Rehabilitation
 - This project would rehabilitate the Well 4 well casing in a manner similar to the work performed on Well 3A. An initial site visit may offer an option of a new well on the site as the rehabilitation effort rather than pulling the existing pump – due the recent experience of Well 2A. Communications with DWR and DDW will be initiated soon. The project would include a standby generator for Well 4. Funding has been approved for this project by DWR.
 - Water main in Elm and loops to School Street
 - This project would provide a 10 inch main extension in Elm from Joanne to Ellsworth. In addition, this project would loop the waterlines in Carol, Holste, Sarah, and Diane to School Street. Funding has been approved for this project by DWR.
 - The next course of action will be to approach DWR to revise scope to drilling a new well on site rather than attempting a rehabilitation. Construction Documents have been started for the water main.
 - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
- d) TCP PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD – WELL 5, WELL 3A, WELL 2A AND 4
 - The Applications were submitted to the State for processing on June 23, 2020.
 - The State has submitted a request for a Technical Assistance Grant on behalf of the Pixley PUD to perform design and environmental tasks for the project. The State has communicated back to the District on March 18, 2022 that the contract is under review by DFA Management Staff.
 - The State has authorized Self Help Enterprises with a Technical Assistance Grant for the project.
 - Design and environmental work have begun.
 - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
- e) IRWM GRANT TO EVALUATE IMPROVING THE WATER LINE NORTH OF COURT ALONG PARK.
 - The County of Tulare has authorized additional work to be performed on this project. The work involves defining the necessary easements that should be existing for the existing water and sewer mains in the vicinity of the project. In addition, modifications to the existing Caltrans encroachment permit are in process. The encroachment permit modifications include clauses to allow for the temporary closure of tow off ramps from State Route 99.
 - Water Main Loop Across State Route 99
 - This project would provide for a 12-inch main across State Route 99 north of Howard. The project would extend a 12-inch main north in Park Drive. The

water main would loop from Main to Howard. Funding has been received from the County of Tulare for this project.

- The County of Tulare has notified the District that Pixley PUD will receive \$2,000,000 of grant funds to compete the construction of the water project. The Grant authorization is on the Tulare County Board of Supervisors agenda of July 12.
 - We have sent letters to and also met with the property owners impacted by the water project. All property owners have agreed to the easements, but we will wait to finalize the documents until funds are received.
 - The County has approved the insurance information submitted. A contract is expected from the County for the work in the immediate future.
 - Dedication exhibits and legal descriptions are finalized and ready for signatures, potentially by the time of this meeting.
 - Recommended Action: Accept Easements.
- 4) TULE BASIN WATER QUALITY COALITION – WATER FILL STATION
- The Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition is requesting to enter into an agreement with the Pixley PUD for the installation and operation of a water fill station. The proposed location is the southeast corner of the tank site on School Street north of Terra Bella.
 - Updated information has been received and reviewed. Comments have been returned to the applicant. It is expected that an updated draft contract will be submitted to the Board for review in the near future.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure.
- 5) POINT OF USE (POU) AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY PERMIT
- Information has been sent to DDW regarding the potential amendment to the Water Supply Permit to incorporate Point of Use (POU) devices at the Pixley Elementary School and Middle School. Comments were provided to the School and Self Help Enterprises. Self Help Enterprises is updating the Operation Plan for Pixley PUD and DDW review.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure

10. Tools & Maintenance

- 1) Blain Shelton/Maintenance Supervisor
- 2) District Office/New Roof
 - Estimate from Smith’s Roofing/Visalia Roofing & Construction

11. Other Matters

- 1) LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)
- 2) JOSE CARLOS RAMOS/TAIT SURPLUS PROPERTY PURCHASE
 - Offer with terms in writing

12. Board Member Communications

13. Adjournment

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