

# Pixley Public Utility District

## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: August 1, 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. Mike Camp/1021 South School Street APN #299-062-017/Declared Abandoned 10/02/2009**

**6. Free Leak Detection Surveys**

**7. White Pine Renewables**

- Means for the energy from a proposed solar farm on Junio property to get to the Southern Cal Edison line at Airport and Terra Bella
- 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.

**8. Provost & Pritchard**

1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ACTIVE ITEMS

a) Remaining Available Water Units -

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| • Will Serve Letters                     | <b><u>133 units</u></b> |
| • Elm St. – Medrano (5-16-19)            | <b>1</b>                |
| • 1575 N. Park (5-28-19)                 | <b>1</b>                |
| • 1224 E. Terra Bella Ave. (6-24-19)     | <b>1</b>                |
| • Walnut – Romero (09-17-19)             | <b>2</b>                |
| • 521 Walnut – Coronel (10-8-19)         | <b>1</b>                |
| • Mercado – Walnut (11-19-19)            | <b>1</b>                |
| • Orneles – 270 W. Court Ave. (12-20-19) | <b>3</b>                |
| • Mata – 1021 S. Walnut (2-4-20)         | <b>1</b>                |
| • Navarro – 637 W. Compton (6-29-20)     | <b>1</b>                |
| • Campos – Pine St                       | <b>2</b>                |

- 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 **94 units**
- 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.

## 2) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

- Well and Waterline Replacement Project
- Near term activity for August:
- Well 2A: The Division of Drinking Water has agreed with the direction of destroying Well 2A. The funding agencies have been informed of the change. USDA has requested video of Well 2A and one has been delivered to USDA. We are corresponding with USDA to close the matter.
- Well 5: unable to sound the well; recommendations listed in Section 6.
- Well 6: 80' of additional pipe installed (from 400' to 480'). Scheduled to be tested last week of July.

## 3) FUNDING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

- 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. The State has requested a budget forecast for the next two years.
- Recommended Action: Expand Scheduled Budget Forecast to Provide a Two-year Budget Forecast.
- a) 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
- b) 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.
  - Next courses of action will be to proceed with final Construction Documents as soon as the Contracts are received from DWR.
  - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
- c) 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.
  - Task Order 22-02 to proceed with design and environmental documentation for the TCP Mitigation Facilities for Wells 3A, 4 and 5 was authorized on July 11.
  - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
- d) 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.
  - Task Order 22-03 for Engineering Services for the Water Main project was authorized July 11, 2022. The contract was approved by the County on July 12.
  - Dedication exhibits and legal descriptions being prepared.
  - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
- 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
- 6) WELL 5 REHABILITATION
- Soundings have failed. Bakersfield Well and Pump has been contacted for a quote to inspect the pump (to be attached)
  - Recommended Action:
    - ❖ Declare Emergency Action
    - ❖ Pull and Inspect the Pump
    - ❖ Install New Sounding Tube
    - ❖ Determine Course of Action after Inspection Results

## 9. Tools & Maintenance

- 1) Electric Vehicles
  - Resolution #2202-06/Authorization of Individual to Make Application for and Administer the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Program Through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- 2) District Office/New Roof
  - Estimate from Smith's Roofing

## 10. Others Matters

- 1) BUDGET/2022-2023

- 2) EMPLOYEE INCREASES
- 3) INTERPRETER REQUEST
- 4) JOSE CARLOS RAMOS/TAIT SURPLUS PROPERTY PURCHASE
  - Notices went out May 25<sup>th</sup>/Appraisal has been done/No updated appraisal needed

#### **11. Board Member Communications**

#### **12. Adjournment**

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