

Pixley Public Utility District

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: April 5, 2021

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

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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. Tulare County Tax Assessment on 589 W. Compton

- Discussion, consideration and action to submit to Tulare County Assessor to Cancel Tax Assessment on 589 W. Compton Avenue Pixley, California, APN: 298-060-027-000.

6. 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)

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- 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

- Remaining Available Water Units

119 units

2) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

a) Well and Waterline Replacement Project

- Near term activity for April:

- Work will focus on final water service connections, modification of Wells 2A and 3A, continued progress on Well 6, and water line improvements in the alley behind the elevated tank.
- b) Water Supply Permit
 - An Application to Amend the Water Supply Permit has been submitted to DDW.
- 3) FUNDING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
 - a) Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding
 - The District has submitted an Application to the State on June 30, 2020 for interim emergency drinking water facilities. The State has requested a detailed breakdown of the proposed budget as they review the application.
- 4) TCP PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
 - a) Well 5
 - The Application has been submitted to the State for processing on June 23, 2020.
 - b) Well 3A
 - The Application has been submitted to the State for processing on June 23, 2020.
 - c) Well 2A and 4
 - The Application has been submitted to the State for processing on June 23, 2020.
- 5) IRWM GRANT TO EVALUATE IMPROVING THE WATER LINE NORTH OF COURT ALONG PARK.
 - The authorized design work is complete.
 - A draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been published with the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2021030616) for review and comment.
 - An encroachment application to cross State Route 99 is being prepared.
 - Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure.
- 6) WATER RECLAMATION AGREEMENT
 - Junio Farms has requested that the District consider an early termination to the existing Reclamation Agreement. A memorandum regarding the subject with recommendations was sent to the District earlier in June for consideration.
 - A review of the pond percolation results indicate that the disposal capacity of the existing ponds is sufficient to meet the treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. It is recommended that a Report of Waste Discharge is submitted to the RWQCB that would update the Waste Discharge Requirements consistent with the recommendations included in the June memorandum.
 - Recommended Action: Authorize submittal of the Report of Waste Discharge and preparation of a response to Junio Farms.
- 7) CVSALTS – salinity
 - The Pixley Public Utility District received a Notice to Comply dated January 5, 2021.
 - The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requires dischargers to choose between new salinity permitting options established under the new Salt Control Program. The two choices for the District are as follows:
 - ❖ The Conservative Salinity Permitting Approach
 - ❖ The groundwater designations for the facility location includes both municipal (MUN) and agricultural (AGR). Therefore, this approach option would

require the District facilities to discharge an effluent of less than 700 micromhos/cm. This is not possible to accomplish without extra ordinary treatment and disposal facility capital costs and operation costs.

- ❖ The Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach
- ❖ This approach option would require the District to participate (financially) in a Prioritization and Optimization Study (P&O Study) led by the Central Valley Salinity Coalition. The Central Valley Salinity Coalition has notified me that the cost to Malaga County Water District for the participation would be \$500.00 per year.

- It is recommended that the District proceed with completing the Notice of Intent and choosing the Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach. The Notice of Intent is due by July 15, 2021. However, it is recommended to submit the Notice of Intent as soon as possible. A Certificate of Participation showing that payment has been made to the Central Valley Salinity Coalition, must be submitted with the Notice of Intent.
- Recommended Action: Authorize submittal of the Notice of Intent and choosing the Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach. Authorize payment of \$500.00 to the Central Valley Salinity Coalition.

8) 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.
- An exhibit has been submitted for review. An example agreement has been submitted for comment and consideration. The specifics of the proposed water fill station have been changing. It is anticipated that an updated description of the proposed fill station will be received for review soon.
- Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition submit a formal updated written request to the Pixley PUD for consideration.

7. Tools & Maintenance

8. Other Matters

1) New District Trucks

- Discussion, consideration and possible action on getting new District pickups

9. Board Member Communications

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

10. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)).

- NAME OF CASE: PIXLEY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT V. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, et al., SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NUMBER CGC-18-569745.

CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

11. Adjournment

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