

WATER DISTRICT NO. 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2009

REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Water District 19 was held at the Vashon Island Fire & Rescue Building. Those in attendance were President **Frank Jackson**, Commissioner **Steve Haworth**, General Manager **Jeff Lakin**, Operations Lead **Armin Wahanik** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder**. **Commissioner Bard** was absent. Visitors present are indicated on the visitor sign in sheet, attached.

1. VISITOR BUSINESS

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) – The **Board** expressed their desire to take a fresh look at the District policy requiring a separate water service unit for an ADU. The goal is to reach a decision within the next two months.

Commissioner Haworth explained the impetus for considering this policy change – two years ago the Board committed to take a serious look at the possibility of revising this policy. With new sources coming on-line in the very near future along with reductions in historical peak demand, it is prudent to begin the discourse. There is a concern that the King County codes seem to be contradictory with regard to allowing kitchens. This issue will need clarification. Analysis of water use in other areas indicates ADUs will be using 40 – 60% less water than a single family residence. This new policy would support the goals of the Vashon Town Plan.

A lively discussion took place with input from visiting participants which included **Emma Amiad, Ken Hostetler, Mark Graham, Karen du Four des Champs, Jim Garrison, Len Lofland, Mike Dawson, Laurie Lyons, Marty Liebowitz, Michael Laurie, Susan Lofland, Nancy Vanderpool, Mike Masi, James Dam.**

Commissioner Haworth believes that the trending down of the District peak days through our customer's conservation efforts and that new sources will be coming online, the District could allow ADU's. In our 2008 comprehensive plan, the district projects about 7 new ADUs per year. This proposed ADU policy doesn't have to stay in effect forever, we can revoke the policy if conditions dictate. The current draft resolution is the core of what was spoken about tonight and we will put it out for public information when it is further refined.

Commissioner Jackson stated he appreciated the respectful discourse and thoughtful suggestions. We have to be careful that we have enough water to do this and be certain that we can do this legally and equitably.

2. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Conservation – **Commissioner Haworth** analyzed usage data for the previous year's washer and toilet rebates customers. We've saved 7000 gallons per year from the top loading washer customers and 5000 gallons per year from the toilet customers. **Jeff Lakin** reported that the Methodist Church expressed interest in an irrigation audit. The District will need to get an estimate from Michael Laurie. **The Board** supported the allocation of some of the conservation budget for this audit. **Armin Wahanik** also suggested an audit for Kathy's corner.
- Resolution Draft – Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – We are required to renew the participation in the plan every five years with Board approval. **Commissioner Haworth** made a Motion to adopt Resolution #1131 as drafted concerning the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Commissioner Jackson** seconded the Motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Resolution Draft– Authorizing the General Manager to sign the **WASHINGTON WATER/WASTEWATER RESPONSE NETWORK (WAWARN)** mutual aid agreement. Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts has endorsed this agreement and pressed

members to sign. **Commissioner Jackson** requested **Jeff Lakin** forward the documents to District Counsel for review. **Commissioner Haworth** is in favor of signing the agreement but agrees that District Counsel should review.

- Resolution Draft – Participating in the Retrospective Rating Program. The District could possibly receive a refund of L & I premiums through this group program sponsored by WASWD. **Commissioner Jackson** made a Motion to approve Resolution # 1132 on Retrospective Rating. **Commissioner Haworth** seconded the Motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - Morgan Hill Well Change Application - Communication from Doug Wood of DOE – historical records indicate the District maximum annual withdrawal for the wellfield water right has been 222 acre-feet. We are allowed 300 acre-feet. The District must choose one of four options for dealing with this issue to move the Morgan Hill change application off dead center. **Commissioner Jackson** suggested a special meeting regarding this issue to make sure Board counsel provides review.
 - Approval of minutes – Tuesday May 12, 2009 – **Commissioner Haworth** made a Motion to accept the minutes as amended. **Commissioner Jackson** seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **OPERATIONS REPORT** – scheduled re-start of wellfield pumping on Wednesday June 10th, 2009, which showed the same recovery that occurred in 2008 and 2007. Water quality unaffected. **Commissioner Jackson** requested the well sounder raw data. **Armin Wahanik** to forward the information.
4. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
- Beall Well update – **Commissioner Jackson** had a conversation with District Hydrogeologist Eric Weber about the presence of ammonia at the well site. According to **Commissioner Jackson**, Mr. Weber indicated that finding nitrogen compounds at that depth is unusual. The project has been delayed until the material is received for the chlorine contact chamber. Expecting delivery by the end of the month.
 - Sunflower Developer Extension – Construction has resumed. There is a service line leak on Bank Road and **Armin Wahanik** has been working with them to mitigate the issue.
 - Financials – Positive results continue. **Jeff Lakin** commented on account 62002 – Non productive field. Rick’s illness the cause of exceeding the budget.
 - Leak on 204th Street. A section of 1.5” pipe was repaired. Maps claim it is 2”. Pipe is badly deteriorated and should be replaced – perhaps move up the list in Comp Plan. **Commissioner Jackson** suggested that **Jeff Lakin** propose a main replacement plan and schedule to the Board.
5. **APPROVE VOUCHERS**
6. **SIGN APPROVED MINUTES IN BOOK**
7. **ADJOURNED @ 9:55 PM**