

Gualala Community Services District
Regular Meeting 2/29/2024 5:00 p.m.

Location: Coast Life Support, Ocean Ave., Gualala, CA

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by De Denten At 5:03 pm
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.
- III. ROLL CALL: J. Denten X R. Burke X B. Jones X D. Denten X G. Abel X
- IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA -- Randy Burke moved that the agenda be adopted and John Denten 2nd, all voted Aye.
- V. MINUTES of Regular Board Meeting 11/23/2024 - Bruce Jones moved approval of the minutes of the 11/23/24 meeting, John Denten 2nd, all voted Aye.
- VI. STAFF REPORTS
 - a) General Manager [Chris Troyan]

Anchor Bay -- Chris reported that operations are running well, except that with so much rain discharge needs to be pumped twice a week, and there is lots of I&I.

Tri-Party – There was no Tri-Party this month. Because of heavy rains, we had to discharge about 4.1 MG into the perc pond. This was done through the formal permission process with the State and 16 additional samples were required, costing between \$500 and \$800/month.

Operations – It was a very busy month and one generator stopped functioning at lift station 2. Chris priced some alternative generators in Santa Rosa – see Action items. A new brine pump was required for the chlorine generator. The generator is now working most of the time, and we have some backup supplies, just in case we need them. Mike and Rigo installed a new low-flow pump in lift station 4 and it is working well.

Unfortunately, lift station 3 is having big problems with corroded discharge pipes. Piazza is fixing them for about \$5000. Mike Benson will be going to the Calif, Rural Water conference this year, and Chris will go to the General Managers conference.
 - b) District Counsel [Andy Turner] – no significant issues.
 - c) Administrator’s Report [Geraldine LiaBraaten] – Geraldine reported that income was up due to the 2% increase in property taxes, us processing commercial customers’ taxes rather than the county, Sonoma Water paying \$60,000 more, and the golf course paying regularly again. Several expenses

have increased a lot, however, so money is still tight. Its good we have the RCAC line of credit to draw on when we need it. Susannah Cuesta is working out well and learning fast, plus doing some file clean-up for Anchor Bay – they are pleased with her work.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- a) Randy Burke moved pproval to purchase a used 25KV portable generator and Bruce Jones 2nd, all voted Aye.
- b) Discussion and possible approval of budget committee members – Gary Abel and Bruce Jones both wanted to do it again, which was accepted.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Discussion of the electrical system problems on lift station #3. (Chris Troyan) Aqua Sierra will try to rewire it next week.
- b) Update on Ordinance committee. (John, Randy, and Chris) We had a long discussion on flushable wipes, how they foul up wastewater processing, and how this can be communicated to businesses and the public. Also restaurants without grease traps, like the Black Door, are a problem. This committee is trying to get the word out and start enforcement of the necessary rules. Apparently a district in Stanislaus County has some good ordinance language enabling enforcement of these issues.
- c) Discussion on hiring a new OIT or Operator. Bruce agreed to table this issue until the Budget committee has evaluated the financial possibilities.

IX. IX. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

We will continue trying to improve the road to the plant. Apparently the logging company is going to start logging again in a couple of months and will therefore grade the road. We will then need to gravel it.

X. X. ADJOURNMENT – De Denten adjourned the meeting at 6:10.