

SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

4:30 PM Sewer Committee Meeting
Thursday March 20, 2025
District Conference Room
3179 35th Street West
Rosamond, CA 93560

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by President Ben Stewart

ROLL CALL

Chair -President Ben Stewart Present
Director Greg Wood Present

General Manager Kim Domingo	Present
Board Secretary/Dir. of Administration Sherri Timm	Present
Director of Public Works John Houghton	Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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None.

DISCUSSION

D 1. SSMP Item Status (Kim Domingo, Presenter)

The annual report was submitted in February. Task statuses were in compliance on most items. A by-pass drill was planned but was not completed and will be rescheduled.

D 2. Sewer and Wastewater Plant Capital Project Status (Kim Domingo, Presenter)

- A pre-bid meeting for the Sludge Storage Slab project took place on March 20th. Eight contractors participated.
- The grit chamber issue was discussed. The district selected the process and the study provided a few recommendations which were discussed with the committee.
Also discussed:
- The re-coat of the wet well.
- A sludge dewatering design is underway.
- Concerns regarding overflow, sludge build-up, the denitrification process and sludge inventory was also discussed.

D 3. Item Updates from February 10, 2025 Meeting (Kim Domingo, Presenter)

- Director Wood had expressed concerns about air toxins and PFAS. GM Domingo expressed that these issues should stay top of mind but do not require action now.
- Chiquita Canyon tour recap – GM Domingo felt this was a productive site visit. The Chiquita Canyon staff were very professional and explained their issues well. The lab reports have not yet been received. They will need to be reviewed and once done the next step for the committee is to make a recommendation to the board.
- An asset condition analysis needs to be conducted as soon as possible. Consider outsourcing this project.

D 4. Other Items by Committee Members (Kim Domingo, Presenter)

Director Wood discussed a possible capital improvement project at the waste water treatment plant in the event of a catastrophic failure where the plant would be standing alone for a 30 day period without electricity. One of the large ponds could have the flow diverted to it until the plant comes back online.

GM Domingo expressed that improvements, such as a liner, would be needed. In addition, according to Title 22, there are options for long term emergencies; one is long term storage and alternatively, long term storage plus stand-by power. That's the approach that has been taken.

GM Domingo also conveyed that one of the things that was initially selected about the plant is that it was designed as an extended aeration plant. The sludge age is 30 plus days and the process is difficult to upset. Putting in extra safety nets are good but the likelihood of this type of event is about 1%. Right now it is not one of our highest priorities.

Director Wood also spoke about an option from Lahontan for sludge removal. The method involves placing all sludge in one pond, placing a layer of dirt on top and then covering all with asphalt. GM Domingo stated that this project would require a pond to be lined then move a large amount of dirt on site and then cap it. It would probably need to be monitored for gas.

This scenario would then be treated as a landfill and would require a permit as such. Even though this method would save the cost of hauling the sludge off-site, risk is best mitigated by doing so.

Director Wood also discussed recycled water from District 14 being pumped from Lancaster to our waste water plant.

New percolation ponds would need to be constructed on our property.

This would possibly allow both RCSD and District 14 to each get water credits.

GM Domingo said he would need the direction of our board to research the viability of this project as there are many variables to consider. Director Wood stated he would not pursue this project further. It was also noted that President Stewart did not initiate nor contribute to this conversation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM

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Respectfully submitted:



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