

## RESOURCES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

### REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 11, 2023 - 2:00 PM  
1000 Main Street Cambria, CA 93428

### MINUTES

#### 1. OPENING

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

##### B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Committee members present: Karen Dean, Juli Amodei, James Webb, Steve Siebuhr, Mark Meeks, and Derrik Williams.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie (remotely), Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson (remotely), Program Manager Tristan Reaper, Wastewater Superintendent Toni Artho, and Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks.

##### C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Dean reported that Board Member Tom Gray was elected District Board President. Chairperson Dean will continue to serve on the Board until December 3, 2024.

The District passed the intent to serve motion for the bathroom on the East Ranch, as well as the amendment to the master park plan and a deed restriction needed to proceed with the East Ranch bathroom.

##### D. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Improvement Project Prioritization. Committee member Williams reported that the Capital Improvement Prioritization Ad Hoc committee met on November 27 with Utilities Department Manager Jim Green and a number of the program managers and superintendents. The next committee meeting is on January 3.

Infrastructure Grant Options. Chairperson Dean started reviewing the grant webinar, and will report out on it to the other committee members

##### E. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Committee member Amodei announced that the \$600,000 State grant appears to be approved for the Skate Park. This grant would be the final funding needed for the project. Hopefully the project will go out for construction bid in the latter part of 2024.

Committee member Williams attended the recent Association of California Water Agencies conference.

**F. UTILITIES DEPARTMENT MANAGER**

Wastewater Superintendent Toni Artho reported that his department is installing a new Coleman Gear Drive on clarifier #2, but found additional problems as the old drive was being disassembled. More new parts are needed. The quote for the new parts is over \$30,000.

The RWQCB will replace the District's specific waste discharge permit with a general waste discharge permit in April. Mr. Artho is reviewing differences between our current waste discharge permit and the general permit.

The SST program is currently adding smaller blowers to replace the current, larger blowers. The District is analyzing how to use the existing blowers for backups for the new one. The District may buy a smaller blower that can be used as a backup; this will appear in the next CIP.

Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks reported on a water leak on Wall Street. This pipe has leaked regularly, and the water department decided to replace a longer stretch of that line rather than repair the specific leak. This was done in house with District Staff.

Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks reported that a contractor recently replaced 35 feet of water line on private property off Manor Way.

Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks is working on lid inventory for the new AMI meters. The District will likely not need to buy all new lids for the meters, but will be able to refurbish existing lids.

Committee member Amodei asked about the bathroom repairs on Center Street. The problem appeared to be a clogged line, but the bathroom is now reopened.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Dean reported on two written comments:

- One from Elizabeth Simonds
- One from Lum Bryant

The subjects of the comments are not under the jurisdiction of R&I committee, and will be read at the PROS committee.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration to Approve the November 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Webb moved to approve the minutes.

Committee Member Amodei seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

Mr. Crosby Swartz noted on page 7 of the minutes that the sponsor of the Zero Liquid Discharge pilot project is Global Water Innovations, not Groundwater Innovations.

Committee Member Williams moved to approve the revised minutes.

Committee Member Amodei seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

#### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

##### **A. Discussion and Consideration of 2024 Resources & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Dates**

Chairperson Dean proposed that Committee meetings remain on the second Monday of each month. Chairperson Dean reviews each meeting date. The October and November meetings will be on the first Monday of the month to avoid holidays. Committee Vice Chair Siebuhr will chair the December meeting.

Committee Member Amodei moved to approve the 2024 meeting dates.

Committee Member Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

##### **B. Discussion and Consideration to Update the Resources & Infrastructure Standing Committee Ad Hoc Committees**

Chairperson Dean suggests reactivating the Climate Policy Committee. The committee will work with the District's new grant writer to look for funds for writing a Climate Action Plan. The climate policy committee will remain separate from the Infrastructure Grant Committee. Committee member Amodei asks General Manager McElhenie about a schedule for resubmitting the Climate Action Plan grant. General Manager McElhenie is trying to do as much grant writing internally as possible. He will start working on the grant with District staff.

The Brine Waste Disposal Options Committee report was presented to the Board of Directors on December 7. The Board decided to change the name of the report to the WRF Concentrate Disposal report. The committee may need to meet again after the Zero Liquid Discharge pilot program is complete.

The Long-Term Water Supply and Storage Option Committee report was submitted to the Board of Directors on November 9. That project is done.

Two new committees were formed on November 6: the Infrastructure Grant Options Committee and the Capital Improvement Project Prioritization Committee. Both committees will remain ongoing

Recently the District learned of supplemental water supply possibilities. One is using a drone to look for water bearing sediments. The second is working with ranchers with riparian rights on Santa Rosa Creek. The third idea is solar hydro panels that

condense water from the air. Chairperson Dean proposes a Supplemental Water Supply Committee to look into these three options. The committee consists of Mr. Webb, Mr. Meeks, and Mr. Williams

Chairperson Dean asks if an asset management/asset inventory committee is necessary. This committee is put on hold until after the CIP/budget cycle.

Committee Member Amodei moved to adopt the new ad-hoc committee structure.

Committee Member Webb seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

C. Receive Update on Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation

Mr. Reaper presents a presentation on the clean fleet regulation.

Mr. Reaper says there are penalties for non-compliance, but California Air Resources Board has not said what the penalties are.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairperson Dean asked for any future agenda items.

The Capital Improvement Project Prioritization Ad-Hoc Committee will present an update at the next R&I Committee meeting.

The Committee should will review bylaws once per year. The Committee will do this in the January meeting.

**5. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Dean adjourned the meeting at 2:52 pm.