



AGENDA

JOINT WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND CITY OF SOLVANG

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

4:00 p.m.

1070 Faraday St., Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Please be advised that, pursuant to State Law, any member of the public may address the Committee concerning any Item on the Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. JOINT WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING

- A. Approval of January 31, 2017 JWWC Meeting Minutes
- B. Status of WWTP Plant Upgrade
- C. Discussion and update on chemicals SYCSD is using for odor control
- D. Discussion and update on Solvang's current and future plans for capacity upgrade and odor mitigation efforts in the Fjord Drive Lift Station
- E. Discussion of Inflow and Infiltration (I and I) mitigation efforts
- F. Update on Solvang's future capital projects
- G. Discussion of SYCSD's need of WWTP additional capacity
- H. Set date for next Joint Wastewater Committee meeting

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SOLVANG JOINT WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

January 31, 2017
3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Joan Jamieson, Solvang City Council Member
Ryan Toussaint, Solvang City Council Member
Matt van der Linden, Solvang Public Works Director/City Engineer
Nathan Giacinto, Solvang Wastewater Division Supervisor
Paul Matsukas, Solvang Wastewater Lead Operator
David Higgins, SYCSD Director
David Seymour, SYCSD Director
Jeff Hodge, SYCSD General Manager
Shannon Stewart, SYCSD Operations Supervisor
Lisa S. Martin, Solvang City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Matt van der Linden

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Patarak, Property Owner in Los Olivos

- Presented a suggestion and vision for how we as Valley residents might deal with wastewater issues
- Would like the City of Solvang to take a leadership role in a collaboration relative to wastewater between the communities of Los Olivos, Ballard, Santa Ynez, Chumash Tribal Government, SYCSD and Solvang
- See public comment letter, attached

Winston Craven, Property Owner in Los Olivos

- Briefly discussed the advantages of a shared wastewater facility for Los Olivos, Ballard, and Santa Ynez
- See public comment letter, attached

III. JOINT WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING

- A. **Approval of June 24, 2015 JWWC Meeting Minutes**
Motion was made by Director Seymour, seconded by Director Higgins to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 meeting with a correction to the first paragraph in Item III to change the word “across” to “along.” **Motion carried** with verbal response of 4 ayes.
- B. **Status of WWTP Bank Stabilization Vegetation Maintenance**
Matt van der Linden described the bank stabilization project. Environmental permits required restoration at 3 to 1. A total of 1.5 acres was restored. The landscape company didn’t perform the installation of some of the additional area plantings correctly. In December 2016, the plantings were corrected, and the City has two more years of maintenance and annual reporting.
- C. **Update on Solvang’s Wastewater Discharge Permit**
Matt van der Linden indicated that we will be writing a letter to RWQCB in May as required by our permit disclosing any modifications to the WWTP and requesting any permit adjustments. We have been notified the RWQCB will be adding discharge limits for nitrogen and ammonia to our next permit.
- D. **Discussion of Solvang’s New Water Softener Restrictions**
Matt van der Linden discussed the City’s new residential water softener restrictions requiring high efficiency or portable exchange tank systems only and noted that the contract between the City and SYCSD requires that the district comply with the City’s regulations. The City’s ordinance requires compliance within 5 years. SYCSD indicated that they have an ordinance against commercial water softeners and will send a copy.
- E. **Discussion of Wellhead Water Softening Concept Study**
Matt van der Linden explained that this item was citizen driven. Implementation would be very expensive so we are only looking at the possibility of treatment facilities at three (3) of our wells. The consultant has started the study and a draft should be ready within 2-3 months.
- F. **Review of Work at Fjord Lift Station and Overflow Vault Project**
Nathan Giacinto described the damage to the lift station and the repair work. The liner clogged the pumps causing one of them to fail. A bypass line was used. A new pump has now installed. A new liner will be installed in a few months.

Jeff Hodge responded that he has had concerns about the condition of the lift station and wet well. They would like access to the metering manhole, as they are on the hook for 20% of the cost, and would like to see it cleaned more often.

Nathan Giacinto replied that the pumps have been adequately maintained and are serviced every 5 years.

Dave Seymour explained that the issue is that they are billed on the water level. After the City cleaned out the metering manhole the water level went way down, therefore SYCSD believes that the true condition, or level, was not being represented since the flow was higher than normal/necessary due to a lack of maintenance.

Matt van der Linden stated that the City will provide access to the manhole and move forward cooperatively. He added that he would be happy to meet anytime.

Matt van der Linden explained that the Overflow Vault project has been changed to a Lift Station Reliability project. The wet well does not currently have the desired level of capacity. He requested information on what SYCSD can do as far as their capability to divert flow in the event of an emergency.

G. Discussion of SYCSD Recycled Water Study

Jeff Hodge explained that the Feasibility Study they are working on identifies a few possible sites for a recycled water treatment facility. Some of the sites are near Solvang. One site is located east of Sunny Fields (and City Wells 22 & 23). The cost of the facility is estimated at \$20 million. The draft Study should be completed in March or April.

H. Update on West Santa Ynez Annexation

The annexation has gone through LAFCO and includes 383 properties. The Horizon and Skyline areas have been annexed, and property owners will now pay for the main line extensions. Joan Jamieson requested the number of parcels with an existing attached or detached second residential unit, and the number of potential second units with this annexation.

I. Discussion of Future Studies and Planned Plant Upgrades

Matt van der Linden indicated we have no planned studies at this time. We are currently having to use all 3 basins to achieve denitrification as informally requested by RWQCB. Jeff Hodge recommended converting to a fine air diffusion system.

J. Set date for next Joint Wastewater Committee Meeting

There was consensus to schedule the next JWWC meeting for June, 2017 to update on the annexation and discuss the draft Wellhead Water Softening and Recycled Water Studies.

Brief discussions ensued regarding a valley wide salt management plan and the possibility of a Wastewater Ad-Hoc Committee.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Joan Jamieson at 4:43 pm.