

North Davis Meadows
County Service Area Advisory Committee #10
Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2019

Meeting attendees include: Advisory Committee members Kathy Greenhalgh, Francisca Johnson, Yashavant Kulkarni, Thomas Stevenson; and Deputy to Supervisor Saylor- Tara Thronson, CSA Manager- David Block and Manager of Natural Resources-Elisa Sabatini.

1. The meeting was called to order by Kathy Greenhalgh at 7:05pm.
2. The County Team and Advisory Committee were introduced. David Block replaced Beth Gabor, as CSA Manager, in September.
3. Tom moved and Yashavant seconded that the meeting agenda for October 29, 2019 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Tom moved and Yashavant seconded that the minutes from June 18, 2019 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Proposition 218 Update. David shared that the tax bills went out in September. They included the Lighting fee of \$119, the Landscape fee of \$442 and the Storm Drainage fee of \$144. Two of the charges on the tax bill have the same name. This will be fixed for future tax bills.

A neighbor noted that some street lights are out. It helps if neighbors report the outages, as county staff do not patrol the area. Outages can be reported by calling the County Administrative number or online.

6. SmartEasyPay Program. Neighbors have asked if they can pay their taxes on a monthly basis. This option is available by going to the CSA website at www.YoloCounty.org/North-Davis-Meadows/CSA. On the main page “Options” can be selected and then “Pay taxes.” There is a 3% service fee for paying taxes using this program.
7. Landscaping and Storm Water Update. New Image is now on board, providing landscape services. David explained the landscape services that are provided. Irrigation repairs are not included in the normal scope of service. New Image has provided an estimate for necessary repairs. It was noted that there is not money in the budget for all of the repairs to be completed in one year. Repairs will have to be prioritized. A neighbor recommended saving trees and shrubs. Concern about the age of the NDM 1 controller was expressed. David will follow up with New Image to determine the age of the controller and ask for recommendations.

David shared that vegetation from yards is extending outside of fences into drainage areas. Neighbors need to keep their landscaping trimmed to their fence line. Outreach will be done to address this issue. A neighbor mentioned that there is also a problem with neighbors keeping the ditches, that they are responsible for, clean. New neighbors are often unaware of this responsibility.

David will contact Jerry Lilliedoll, from the Municipal Golf Course, to discuss the status of the perimeter ditch for NDM 1 and problem areas for overgrowth of neighbors' vegetation. The perimeter ditch that drains NDM 1 is shared with golf course and has been maintained by them.

A neighbor shared concerns about cattails in an area of the drainage system by "F" Street and the box culvert just east of 99D. Pictures of these areas will be sent to David for follow-up.

8. Creation of Sub-Committees. Sub-Committees of less than a quorum are permissible and do not have to involve the Brown Act. Yashavant Kulkarni and Francisca Johnson volunteered to be on an unofficial landscape sub-committee.
9. 2020 Calendar. Meetings will continue to be held on Tuesday evenings. It is expected that CSA meetings will be held in February, June and October.
10. The litigation regarding the NDM Water Project is scheduled to be heard by a judge on December 3rd. The process for a decision can take one to two months. There can be an appeal process following the decision.
11. Financial Update. David shared that financial information can be viewed at Open Gov. This is an online platform where all financial information can be viewed. Currently, the last fiscal year is available. The site will be updated soon. Elisa noted that the county has recently transitioned to a different system, so the process of reconciling the finances has been delayed.

The fiscal year, for the county, runs from July 1st and ends June 30th. The books don't close until September 30th. Bills from the City of Davis for well maintenance and sewer are often received, after the fiscal year has closed.

David reported that the sewer budget has been in the red. There is still \$12,000 to pay off. Kathy noted that expenses for maintaining the grinder pumps are significantly down, due to the grinder pump program with Signa, that Beth Gabor put into place. This has helped to reduce the sewer fund deficit. Bonnie Wolstoncroft expressed puzzlement over how rapidly the sewer deficit (\$92,000) was reduced.

Elisa suggested that a review of the status of the sewer fund loan and of the water project loan be presented at our next meeting.

12. Kathy noted that from the information that she reviewed on Open Gov, NDM paid a total of \$10,579 in interest to the county (Fiscal 2018/Fiscal 2019) for the water project loan. David will find out what the amount of interest earned on the money set aside for the project.

Michael Wilkes requested that quarterly updates on the budget be provided at CSA meetings. Elisa shared that the data from the previous fiscal year is typically presentable by the end of December. The information goes through reconciliation, until that time.

13. Public Comment- John Steele requested that the most recent West Yost report be posted on the CSA website. Information on the City water rates 2020-2024 was also requested. Elisa shared that this information should be in the minutes for the Utility sub-committee for Davis.
14. Bonnie reported potholes on Fairway Drive. Elisa shared that these can be reported on the Yolo County Public works website. John Steele will report them.
15. Melissa Thorme shared information on CV Salts. She believes that we should try to get paid back for some of our water project expenses from some of the money. We are on their list (Priority 2). The Environmental Justice Committee is energized about the Point of Use regulations and making sure that the Right to clean drinking water is not an economically based right. Melissa is in the process of moving but will try to update us more before leaving.
16. Laura Mills shared concern about the Butler Building on Road 99D. There is considerable debris. She has contacted the Davis Fire Marshall. Elisa has reported the problem to code enforcement using an online link.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Kathy Greenhalgh

Minutes submitted by Kathy Greenhalgh.

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