

Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

November 17th, 2022

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

Members Present: Janet Gray, Mary Smith, Janet Robinson

Guests: Gabby Begeman

County Staff: Jon Adam

Approval of Minutes: The October 2022 meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

ORC Ops Report

Gabby is working with EAS inc to finalize the installation of the pool sewerline lift station and to make sure the lift station discharges within the specifications outlined in the MOU agreement between EAS inc and the County. It hasn't been fully determined yet if the lift station will need to have an inspection and approval by the State.

Repairs to the wastewater electric control panel are expected to cost around \$2,000, the estimate provided by an electrician contracted by ORC. It is likely that the scope of work and the cost may change if other damages are found during the work. The committee agreed not to exceed the estimated limit of \$2000 and any further work would require a review and approval of the committee.

ORC found the Mission Alarm system has always been datalogging the influent flow and ORC is reporting the logged history of flow to the State requested in the recent facility inspection report.

Gabby explained all the aspects of the permit required Monthly Discharge Report to the committee. Gabby pointed out that the influent wastewater in Eldorado Springs has a higher-than-normal concentration of solids compared to typical wastewater systems ORC manages. She provided details on the different types of analyses, processes and measurements that are performed and reported monthly to the State. It was noted that Eldorado Springs has a high level of arsenic and copper in its stream discharge to the South Boulder Creek and though the concentrations of arsenic and copper in the discharge are currently within the permitted limits, the new permit will likely require a lower limit for arsenic and copper which will require action. The levels of arsenic and copper are a result of the drinking water supply and EAS inc is taking steps to reduce arsenic and copper in the drinking water. Gabby also explained that the State may require the LID wastewater facility discharge permit, which is currently an individual permit, be switched to a general discharge permit. One advantage being that changing to a general permit will give the Eldo LID an opportunity to request some modifications ORC has been wanting to make to the sampling and reporting process.

Invoices and Budget

County staff explained the notations on the monthly ORC invoice, which indicate the types of charges (Maintenance and Labor, Testing and Chemicals) in the invoice. County staff also explained the invoice from Diversified Underground who provides the utility locate services for the LID. There have been more utility locates requested this year primarily from Xcel who has been installing new telephone poles throughout the town.

New/Old Business

8 Chesebro Way Sewer Usage

The committee requested a review of the process and cost of monitoring sewer discharge during the November ESLAC Meeting. The LID can place a flow meter on a sewer system discharge. ORC explained that the Art Center water usage, which equates to their sewer discharge, is much less than 50% of their 4.25 EQR (allowable sewer discharge). The 4.25 EQR is roughly 1200 gallons per day of sewer discharge. Short spikes in usage by the Art Center during events can be easily handled by the sewer system.

Siberian Elms

County Staff forwarded an email from Scott Lehman and Bay Roberts on the efforts they took to maintain Siberian Elms along the access road on their property. Scott and Bay cut the Siberian Elms back to the ground level and administered Epsom salts to the remaining stumps. They won't know the effectiveness of the Epsom salts until the spring. Scott and Bay did suggest that applying a more powerful herbicide to the cut stumps, like Roundup, would be more effective at killing the trees and would have to be done in the Fall. County staff shared that County Weed Management does use Roundup as needed to control weeds on county property but that the County will remain respectful of the community's opinion on such use. Efforts to control the Siberian Elms will resume at the end of next summer/early fall.

Quarterly Billing Delinquencies

The LID only has 3 properties of the original 20 remaining delinquent on their sewer line payments. Those delinquencies have been placed as an assessment on the property taxes to be collected by the County Assessor. The former delinquent accounts were either paid in full or are on a payment plan agreement with the County. The committee asked if SDMS is charging the LID extra for this work and County Staff shared that the LID was billed about \$100 additionally last month for the work on delinquencies.

The Committee did ask County Staff to look into paperless billing and electronic payment options. County Staff will inquire with SDMS on the additional cost to provide electronic billing and payment to share during the December ESLAC meeting. The ESLAC had previously rejected paying for electronic billing and payment. The LID is no longer paying \$310 annually for a service to mail the paper bills, which now could go towards SDMS providing electronic

options. County staff is looking at providing more information to community members on payment options if it's determined that delinquencies are rising again mid-year.

Comments Open for 2025 LID Transfer

A portion of each committee meeting will be open for committee members and the public to express questions, comments and concerns about the upcoming end of the LID in 2025 after the last construction loan has been paid. No public or committee comments were made about the LID transfer.

Janet Robinson asked if there will be staff appointed to help with the 2025 LID transition. The LID manager will remain the main point of contact with the community on the transition and the County expects to provide a more robust discussion with the community starting in 2023.

Janet Robinson asked if we were the only LID in the state that we could model for the transition. County Staff did find a similar community in another county, but that community is its own incorporated town and therefore has the regulatory authority to provide public utilities, like sewer and water.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.