

Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

December 15th, 2022

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

Members Present: Mary Smith, Janet Robinson, Cathy Proenza

Guests: Gabby Begeman

County Staff: Jon Adam, Taylor Ladenburg, Noah Eisenman

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

ORC Ops Report

Gabby is working with EAS to finalize the installation of the pool sewer lift station and to make sure the lift station discharges within the specifications outlined in the MOU agreement between EAS 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. Janet Robinson raised concern that the LID should not be held responsible for state approval of the Pool lift station, which would likely occur at some point in the future and is the responsibility of EAS to get that completed before turning the lift station over to the LID. County staff will work with Gabby to determine what the State ultimately requires and will report the findings back to the committee at the January ESLAC meeting.

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 unless the work is deemed critical for operation of the WWTF and any further work would require a review by the committee. The committee asked if the damages were related to the vandalism incident and if those costs be recovered by insurance. County staff will check with the County Risk department, though the reported damages have already been paid by insurance and the case may be closed. Gabby explained that it will be hard to separate out damages to the control from vandalism vs years of mismanagement of the electrical system.

ORC found the Mission Alarm system has always been datalogging the influent flow and ORC is now reporting the logged history of influent 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 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.

Gabby and committee discussed pump capacity for the quad-pump station at the Pool/Ballroom and potential issues with permits and the state. County staff will research the issue further with ORC. The current configuration keeps pumps below 2000 gallons per/day but has the risk of not being approved due to the potential capacity to exceed 2000 gal/day. Flow report to be added to Ops report.

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. The projected budget for utility locates has been exceeded this year due primarily to Xcel installing new telephone poles throughout the town.

Jon explained why some budget items were above estimates such as electricity and our utility locates going up.

New/Old Business

Electronic Quarterly Billing

Jon reviewed the costs associated with the electronic billing option through Xpress Bill Pay which was recommended by the current billing provider, SDMS. The committee voted in favor of moving forward with E-billing and Jon is checking with the county before moving forward.

ESLAC New Member Application Update

There are currently two applicants who have submitted applications. A third applicant is in the process of submitting an application. The committee will give Jon and Taylor their recommendations between 1/12-1/15

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.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.