

# Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

July 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

## TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

**Members Present:** Janet Robinson, Virginia Gurley

**Guests:** Doug Larson, Scott Lehman

**County Staff:** Taylor Ladenburg (PW), Jennifer Keyes (PW), Dave Webster (PW), Steve Durian (PW), Olivia Lucas (County Attorneys Office)

**Minutes:** May and June Minutes could not be approved with no quorum.

### Action Items:

- The petition to form a PID is collected and notarized. The Public hearing will be held 9 A.M. August 1, 2024. Anyone can join online or in person at the downtown courthouse (1325 Pearl St) on the third floor. The County will do a presentation followed by public comment. The Commissioners will vote on the resolution that may put the question of a PID on the ballot. County staff invited any ESLIDAC members if they wanted to present at the public hearing. No one was identified during the meeting.
- Alternatives are being evaluated for improving sludge hauls including a new access hatch, an underground digester tank, selecting other sludge hauling companies, and overall treatment efficiencies. CONTINUED ACTION ITEM: County staff to continue to investigate solutions and report back to ESLIDAC.
- Frequent tree trimming is necessary to keep trees from interfering with access to the plant. Long term, invasive species, such as the Siberian Elm, will be removed to reduce the need for trimming activities. Trimming (versus removing) the Siberian Elms limits the effectiveness of herbicides. A community member also spoke of the mitigation measures for Prebble Jumping Mouse. FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEM: County to determine if there are any requirements for City of Boulder approvals for tree removal and to check proposals for herbicide treatments and verify the herbicide is safe and allowed for use at the site.
- After meeting with the Office of Financial Management, the rate increase of 40% would balance the net operational budget but does not account for raising funds into the capital funds reserve. Different forms of generating revenue are being looked at to repay the capital funds. CONTINUED ACTION ITEM: County staff to identify next steps needed to move forward with a rate increase and the anticipated timing.

**Compliance reports:** E. coli was above limits in June and considered to be a result of inadequate sludge hauls. Due to the deep sludge cleaning in June, ORC anticipates that the E.coli will not be an issue in July.

### ORC Ops Report:

- TIN limit was met in June.
- June sludge haul completed without issue.
- Grinder pump replaced at 81 barber ln.

- The manholes on either side of the lower bridge have been excavated to reveal a mechanical check valve with flanged fittings in one, and a manual isolation valve in the other. The maps were annotated to show these pits and identify their contents. FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEM: A LIDAC member requested information about whether all required components were in the pits and functioning normally.

### **Invoices and Budget**

- Diversified Underground (locator) submitted an invoice for an above average number of locate requests (14 last month), likely due to Xcel's gas line project on Eldorado Springs Drive, most of which is outside the district. A meeting with Diversified Underground and CO-811 will be scheduled to determine whether efficiencies in ordering locate requests can be achieved based on the dig areas noted on the original request.
- Unused methanol was returned with a \$1,200 rebate returned to the budget.

### **New/Old Business:**

- Feedback forms sent out to the Advisory Committee for new member applications. Completed forms will be sent to the commissioners on July 25, 2024, for review.
- Further review of the capital reserve fund is necessary to determine how much was borrowed for operational expenses.
- Growth in Eldorado Springs:
  - Installations of new, individual septic systems are not permitted within the district.
  - The sewer is not intended to be a catalyst for growth, nor should it be used to prevent growth.
  - New construction requires a pre-application meeting with at least one LIDAC member and the county LID liaison.
  - Growth beyond the district boundary map is not permitted.
  - See attached presentation.
- Flow meters at the Eldorado Springs Pool and Ballroom have performed inconsistently. Secondary meters were installed to try and isolate the problem. Replacement parts have been ordered to improve accuracy.

### **Comments Open for 2025 LID Transfer**

### **New Action Items:**

- Confirm with ORC the frequency of grinder pump replacements, frequency of pump rebuilds, and possible causes for pump failures. Confirm the history of tracking and obtain an updated tracking spreadsheet.

- Add a sewer system informational flyer to the quarterly billing.
- Meet with Diversified Underground (utility locator) and the CO-811 about reducing the locate radius and/or confirming the district boundaries to avoid unnecessary locate requests outside the district.
- Review plant investment fees, tapping fees, and other fees. Evaluate whether increases should be implemented consistent with increases to quarterly billing rates.
- Decide which county staff and LIDAC members will present at the August 1, 2024 Board of County Commissioners public hearing. Update: Oliva Lucas and Taylor Ladenburg presented.
- Email, mail, and post PID resolution to the community.
- Community member requested the total number of eligible voters be provided.
- Reissue RFP to assess plant. This may need to occur after the November election in order to focus on that effort.
- County staff to research other wastewater districts, how they are organized, and how they increase rates.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at: 7:51 p.m.