



Public Works

Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

August 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

Members Present: Janet Robinson, Virginia Gurley, Alex North

Guests: Kevin Tone, Gabby Begeman (ORC)

County Staff: Taylor Ladenburg (PW), Jennifer Keyes (PW), Olivia Lucas (County Attorney's Office)

Minutes: No vote on July minutes. April, May, and June meeting minutes were approved.

Action Items:

- Grinder pump tracking sheet was created by prior operator and continued by ORC. Reasons for replacement are listed when available and the pumps are tracked by their serial number. Manufacturer recommends replacing 10% of pumps per year. We currently repair pumps as needed with no regular replacement schedule. LIDAC discussed if there should be a proactive plan to replace grinder pumps. ORC has 2-3 outdoor unit spares and one indoor spare. The vendor repairing the pumps typically gives a recommendation when they think the pump is at the end of its life and should be permanently removed. See action items for new action resulting from the meeting.

Compliance reports: The plant was in compliance for the month of July.

ORC Ops Report:

- Loss of power on July 24 due to an issue with breakers in the control panel.
- High and medium priority spare parts were received and stored at the facility.

Invoices and Budget

- Invoices were within normal range.
- The budget spreadsheet will need to be updated to better reflect spending categories. See Action Items.

New/Old Business:

- WWTF informational flyer to be included in paperless billing.

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- Rate increase will be added to a Board of County Commissioners regular business meeting in September and applied to fourth quarter (October)billings. An informational flyer outlining the EQR increase should be sent to the LIDAC for review prior to distribution. See Action Items
- Late fees, residential construction, commercial construction, and tapping fees all under review. The committee had no interest in changing the late fee but look to raise other plant investment fees similar to the quarterly billing.
- The petition to vote on forming The Eldorado Springs Public Improvement District passed the board unanimously and will appear on the ballot in November. This is Resolution 2024-056. LIDAC should help ensure the community is aware of the ballot measure since it will be a large ballot. County is unbiased and may not promote the resolution.
- The county is still developing a plan for the Siberian Elms. An onsite meeting with the county's Weed Manager will help determine potential cost estimates or feasibility of doing a community event to manage the Elms. See Action Items.

Public Comment:

- One district member concerned with getting the capital to install a separate waste holding tank and about public outreach and education about the PID vote.
- Concerns about increased McDonald Farm truck activity are unrelated to the wastewater treatment facility. Trucks have been discharging into S. Boulder Creek as part of the Artesian Springs water augmentation plan.

New Action Items:

- Confirm with OFM how much of the reserve fund was spent on operations.
- Grinder Spreadsheet - Add the reason for grinder pump failure to the spreadsheet where possible, and keep the list up-to-date. Continue to discuss grinder replacement at future meetings.
- Supply the flyer on proper disposal items to paperless invoices. Continue to explore how to get flyers to other residents or tenants that do not have paperless invoicing.
- Confirm with ORC what protocols are in place after a power outage or other emergency to check all grinder pumps. Specially, how does ORC know where the grinder pumps are located?
- Determine if the agenda and public comments can be changed by the LIDAC or if it is already set by the bylaws. **Update:** The agenda and time for public comment is not defined by the bylaws.
- Evaluate how to increase construction fees for residents and commercial facilities to align with the quarterly EQR increase.
- Draft a memorandum or flyer for the community about rate increases prior to the BOCC business meeting. Send to the LIDAC for review before distributing.
- A draft plan for the Siberian Elms should be created and shared with LIDAC and Scott Lehman prior to implementation.
- As a regular agenda item, a list of all projects with updates as needed to be reviewed each month.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 8:16 p.m.