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Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee

January 15, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Alex North, Heidi Gerstung

Guests: John Volk (WQCP), Shane Owens (Resident), Ken Sheldon (Resident)

County Staff: Taylor Ladenburg (PW), Steve Durian (PW), Robin Higham (PW)

Compliance reports: The facility met the Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and *E. coli* limits for the month. The two-year rolling average for *E. coli* remains out of compliance until higher historical samples fall out of the calculation period. In March, the highest historical value will drop from the calculation and we expect the rolling average to be back in compliance with the permit.

ORC Ops Report:

- The TIN limit logged in the spreadsheet was the first measurement taken. The 2.03 mg/L measurement listed was a second measurement for internal purposes. The State requires reporting of the first measurement each month.
- Piping in the influent metering pit had been cut and reconnected using inferior couplings. During grinder pit pumping via generator, flows exceeding 200 GPM placed stress on these couplings.
- A multi-day power outage due to high winds resulted in the need for backup power at both the facility and grinder pits. ORC rented a 36 kW generator, which was able to power all substations to pump sewage to the plant. Pumping occurred twice daily and appeared sufficient to prevent sewage backups.

Invoices and Budget:

- Invoices were reviewed and found to be as expected.

New/Old Business:

- During the power outage, ORC used a mobile generator to power the grinder pit substations twice daily, while the County implemented a mobile generator to power the main facility. A more formal plan was requested by the LIDAC and will be provided until a permanent generator can be purchased for the facility. Grinder pits typically have approximately 24 hours or less of storage capacity.
- As of January 1, the district has a new operator responsible for the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and collection system. The County is working to update all operator contact information, and Water Quality Control Professionals (WQCP) is

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replacing emergency contact stickers on each grinder pit. The transition occurred during December.

- John Volk (WQCP) is familiar with this type of system and has worked with ORC personnel previously, resulting in a smooth transition.
- John attended meetings with JVA and is working on process improvements. Potential upgrades to the operator interface terminal and UV treatment system may allow greater operational control.
- The CDPHE prequalification meeting for the State Revolving Fund loan is scheduled for February.
- A rate increase is necessary to fund increased operator costs and JVA engineering services. Thirty percent (30%) design engineering plans are required to obtain construction bids, which will determine the loan amount. A rate increase may also be necessary to repay the loan if the taxing authority ballot measure does not pass.
 - Additional information is expected prior to the next meeting to allow time for review and discussion.
 - No outside funding sources have been identified beyond the State Revolving Fund loan.
- Two advisory board positions are currently open for recruitment.
- Maintaining the email distribution list remains challenging. Two requests to join the list were received in the past six months; most inquiries request removal from the list.

New Action/Agenda Items:

- Taylor to confirm permit requirements related to rolling averages for TIN and other reporting requirements.
- Taylor to send Shane Owens materials related to his new role on the committee.
- John Volk and Taylor to develop a formalized power outage operating procedure. Previously, ORC powered substations while the County powered the main facility.
- Taylor to distribute a more comprehensive explanation of EQR rates, calculations, and the impact of rate increases on members.
- Post office notice to be reposted for email list sign-up and Advisory Committee recruitment.
- The next quarterly bill will include updated operator contact information.
- Taylor to ask JVA whether a collection system investigation should be included in the plant construction loan.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.