

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission

The meeting of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission was called to order on Wednesday January 21, 2009.

Present: Chair Mitchell, Commissioners: Boess, LeClair, and Nuygen

Absent: Vice Chair Lucas

Also Present: A. J. Holmon, Commission Advisor, Brent Hayes, Public Works, Hershall Skidmore, Finance, Don Nguyen, Finance and Raquel Manson, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance

2 Sets of Minutes: Chair Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Boess to move the approval of the minutes to the latter part of the meeting.

The motion was approved.

GGSD SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Each commissioner received an updated capacity assurance map for review.

Commissioner Boess inquired on the percentage for determining capacity deficient areas.

Areas showing a percentage of 60% are identified as capacity deficient.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired on the status of the funding.

Mr. Holmon commented that funding is sufficient for the progression of the District's capital improvement projects.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired on the percentage for the overall completion of the system and the estimated time for completion.

A percentage of the overall completion of the system is skewed because of the different parameters involved and can vary by month to month. In compliance with Coastkeeper's agreement, the District is following set parameters to ensure that the capital improvement program is fully executed.

Le Clair commented on owners from Coast Street pleased with the results from the Coast project.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if the proposal for the bypass on Acacia Avenue was placed on the priority list to address capacity issues. Thus, providing assistance to upcoming developments, which include condos and restaurants.

Brent Hayes noted that developers would be notified of sewer projects in their area during the plan check process.

OCSD ENHANCED SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM

Raquel Manson presented the District's participation in the Orange County Sanitation District's (OCSD) newly formed public outreach program. The

program will focus on addressing discharges of emerging pollutants affecting the Groundwater Replenishment System by distributing public outreach materials to residents, commercial and industrial entities on promoting environmentally friendly behaviors. The program will be initiated in spring.

Chair Mitchell inquired on where to properly dispose these harmful products.

The harmful products, which include personal care products and pharmaceuticals, should be disposed at your local household hazardous waste collection center.

Commissioner Le Clair inquired if other Counties are involved in this type of program.

Other Counties involved in this program will need to be researched.

Commissioner Nuygen recommended that public outreach materials should be available in multiple languages such as Vietnamese and Spanish.

Chair Mitchell offered to provide an update to the District Board on this program.

Mr. Holmon advised that to distribute information that the commission is privy to by virtue of their appointed positions would not be viewed as appropriate, and therefore to speak as a member of the Commission would not be supported by District Staff. Mr. Holmon further explained to the Commission that it is their right as a member of the Garden Grove Community to speak to the Board and community during public comments, just not as a representative of the District.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GGSD LOAN UPDATE

Hershal Skidmore reported that no loan has been issued between the Agency and the District. A financial agreement is being processed for the payment of Partridge Lift Station to be appropriated to the District using City funds. This agreement will avoid equal payment to and from OCSD. Instead of the City paying OCSD for the SR-22 project and OCSD paying the District for the Partridge Lift Station, with equal payments of \$1.4 million, an agreement was made between the City and OCSD to neutralize debt for both agencies.

Chair Mitchell inquired if the loan will impact sewer projects.

Mr. Holmon noted that the loan would not impact sewer projects.

Chair Mitchell stated that Measure M was going to pay back the District.

Mr. Holmon stated that the District does not plan on relying on that funding.

Chair Mitchell inquired on what funds were used for the loan.

Hershal Skidmore explained that the funds came from capital.

Chair Mitchell expressed concern of possible resentment from public's perception of building SR-22 following increased sewer fees.

Mr. Holmon has not received many public complaints regarding this issue.

Commissioner Boess inquired on where the Partridge Lift Station will be built.

Brent Hayes noted that the location of the lift station is east of Harbor Boulevard and explained that it is in the City right of way.

GGSD ANNUAL RECYCLING UPDATE HAND-OUT

Mr. Holmon distributed the District's Recycles newsletter for winter 2008 that was recently mailed to the residents.

Chair Mitchell reported that an E-waste event will be held on January 23rd and 24th, at the Patton Elementary School.

Mr. Holmon stated that this event has occurred in previous years and clarified that the disposal of E-waste will not affect the two (2) bulky E-waste pick up offered by the Garden Grove Disposal.

Chair Mitchell inquired on where the produce is discarded after the City's farmer's market.

The discarding of produce after the City's farmer's market will need to be researched. Mr. Holmon noted that in Los Angeles, the remaining produce from the farmer's market is provided to the less fortunate.

Commissioner Nuygen inquired on the handout availability in only one language.

Mr. Holmon commented that typically it is in one language if it is mailed to all the residents because postage increases as a result of the weight from each additional pamphlet.

Commissioner Nuygen suggested having multi-language materials available on the City website.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSION ADVISOR

Mr. Holmon stated that the appointing of commission members is in progress. The District will contact the commission on the results of the reappointed and newly appointed commission members.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

NONE

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Raquel Manson