



# CITY OF ATWATER

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

### ACTION MINUTES

March 4, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER:

*The City Public Works Committee met at 4:03 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California.*

#### ROLL CALL:

**Present:** *Committee Member Joe Rivero and Committee Member Jeff Rivero*

**Staff Present:** *Public Works Director David Church, City Engineer Joe Hollstein, Associate Engineer John Rasmussen, Water Division Manager Jeff Mondloch and Recording Secretary Tracey Whitaker*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 7, 2010

**MOTION:** *Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Joe Rivero and unanimously carried.*

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

*Frank Balasko, 1350 Tamarack Avenue, asked if it was true that the County is building a Wastewater Treatment Plant by the base to service the base and Winton. Public Works Director David Church stated that he knew only of a feasibility study.*

**BUSINESS**

Lighting and Drainage and Landscape Assessment Maintenance Districts (Hollstein)

***City Engineer Joe Hollstein stated that he needed City Council direction to start the process of preparing and filing reports on the Assessment Districts. Mr. Hollstein stated that the assessment will be filed with the City Council in early May 2010.***

**MOTION:** ***Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to recommend that this item be placed on the City Council Agenda to order the Engineer to prepare and file reports for the collection of annual levy of the assessments for fiscal year 2010/11. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Joe Rivero and unanimously carried.***

Design of Bert Crane Landfill Closure, Post Closure and Financial Plan (Hollstein)

***City Engineer Joe Hollstein stated that the City of Atwater received a Notice of Violation from the State in February 2009. The City responded and obtained three proposals to remediate items filed in the initial report. Since the response was filed, the State had some additional questions. SCS Engineering answered the questions. One question was regarding the leaching of organic compounds. The State wanted to know where they were going and where they came from. The City is proceeding with a new cap on the landfill which just got approved. Next the site will be regarded for standing water and then will be landscaped.***

**MOTION:** ***Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to recommend that this item be placed on the City Council Agenda. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Joe Rivero and unanimously carried.***

**REPORTS**

Reports from the City Manager

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Upgrade/Expansion

***City Engineer Joe Hollstein stated that work has started with the first 3 small structures, oxidation ditch and clarifier. Work is currently being performed on the design of the pipeline. An RFP for the pumping station and buildings will be next.***

Reports from the Community Development Department

Project Update (Guillette)

***Attached and accepted.***

Reports from the Public Works Director

Wasps – Las Casas

***Public Works Director David Church reported that there are 100 traps and bait ready to be hung but because of the bad weather, they were not installed. The traps will be distributed when the weather is not so wet. 50 traps are already in place in the area. There will be a meeting with the residents and the Agricultural Commissioner's office soon.***

Reports from the Water Division Manager

Water Meters

***Water Division Manager Jeff Mondloch reported the balance of the Badger meter conversion kits has been received. These kits will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Mondloch also provided the Water Conservation Kits that the City will purchase. In these kits, there is a low flow shower head, faucet aerators, toilet baffle and leak tablets.***

Well #15

***Water Division Manager Jeff Mondloch reported that Well #15 has nitrate problems and cannot be used until the nitrates are gone. Mr. Mondloch stated that the City needs to move quickly to get "packers" slips into the column, blow up and draw water from the section affected. There are 4 spots and repair is not cheap but needs to be completed instead of abating the site. Public Works Director David Church stated that it is important that this gets repaired immediately as they may affect fire flows. Mr. Church stated that this was an urgency item. Currently the well is being treated for DBCP. The maintenance is being paid by the Shell Oil Company. Committee Member Joe Rivero asked if there was any idea where the nitrates were located. Mr. Mondloch stated that at ground level, the Minimum Contaminant Level (MCL) is 45 ppm (parts per million). The level is past 60 ppm. If the level goes over 22 ppm, then additional monitoring will be needed. Mr. Mondloch stated that the well should be up and running within the next few weeks. He stated that the City is at a cusp where the well is absolutely needed or a new well is needed. City Engineer Joe Hollstein stated that once customers are at metered rates, there should be a drop in consumption. Committee Member Jeff Rivero stated that the City has installed meters on 33% of household connections. Mr. Church stated that there is a well site that is already permitted. Mr. Mondloch stated that Claremont Reserve bought out the area. Mr. Joe Rivero asked if developers pay for or build the wells. Associate Engineer John Rasmussen stated that Pacific Union Homes initially bought the land. Mr. Mondloch stated that the well site is ready. Mr. Church asked how long it would take. Mr. Hollstein stated that the master plans are being finalized and are getting up to date to get information to proceed. Mr. Church stated that Well #20 – Green Sands is not doing well. Mr. Joe Rivero stated that the next time the well should be built first before development, so the City doesn't get stuck footing the bill. Mr. Hollstein mentioned a reservoir. Mr. Mondloch stated that the engineers have considered reservoirs.***

Reports from Streets Division Manager

Imbedded Crosswalks

*Public Works Director David Church reported the Bellevue School crosswalk is up and running. The City will be ordering two signs for the area, so that it is more visible. The dedication had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Committee Member Joe Rivero stated that the dedication should be a promotion for a job well done. Committee Member Jeff Rivero stated that the City will be working with the School Districts and will be scheduling meetings.*

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

*None*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Mistletoe Abatement*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.*

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**TRACEY WHITAKER  
RECORDING SECRETARY**