

PARADISE SEWER REGIONALIZATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**SRPAC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, 12 APRIL 2021**



BOARD MEETING LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE AND YOUTUBE LIVE FEED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Steve Crowder
Vice Mayor Jody Jones

Mayor Andrew Coolidge
Vice Mayor Kasey Reynolds

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

TOWN OF PARADISE STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Philips, Town Manager
Marc Mattox, Public Works Director
Katie Simmons, Disaster Recovery Director
Dina Volenski, Town Clerk
Melanie Norris, Deputy Town Clerk
Leslie Tice, HDR Engineering
John Buttz, HDR Engineering

CITY OF CHICO STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Orme, City Manager
Brendon Ottoboni, Director of Public Works, Engineering
Erik Gustafson, Director of Public Works, Operations
Debbie Presson, City Clerk

CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer
Bryan Smith, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer
Eric Rapport, Senior Engineering Geologist
Jeremy Pagan, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
Bob Chow, IT Services Supervisor
Gene Coughlin, IT Specialist

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT WHO WERE IDENTIFIED:

Butte County Supervisor Debra Lucero, Ross Gilb, John Sunbraker., Steve Lucas, Dave Burkick

AGENDA ITEM 1 - INTRODUCTIONS

At 1:00 p.m. Clint Snyder called the 2st Committee meeting to order, apologized for the technical issues causing the first meeting (March 8, 2021) to be canceled, stated the purpose and organizational structure of the meeting, provided an overview of attendance options and procedures, and facilitated introductions.

Mayors Andrew Coolidge and Steve Crowder provided brief statements about being happy to participate.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND STATUS UPDATE

Katie Simmons provided a PowerPoint presentation to Committee members. Presentation provided project background; project alternatives; results of HDR Engineering's feasibility study; Town and City Council's decisions in support of further project evaluation; and the Environmental Impact Report's (EIR) scope of work. Ms. Simmons further outlined key Committee objectives as, 1) Develop Principals of Agreement (POA) that lead to an inter-municipal agreement between the Town and the City, 2) Monitor progress of the EIR and Cooperative Working Agreement (CWA), and 3) Provide a venue for public comment (separate from the EIR).

POA will cover Sewer Use Ordinance, User Inventory, Pretreatment, Pretreatment Data Access, Wastewater Limits, Wastewater Monitoring, Access to Facilities, Remedies for Breach of Contract, Connection Fees, Monthly User Fees, and Operation and Maintenance of Facilities.

John Buttz (HDR Engineering) provided an overview of the EIR process and timeline with projected completion date of July 2022, scope of work, and benefits to the City of Chico.

Supervisor Debra Lucero inquired about public meetings related to the EIR and when they would be held. Mr. Buttz responded that the EIR scoping meetings would likely be held in late May 2021, providing about 30 days for public comment.

Vice Mayor Jody Jones commended Ms. Simmons and Mr. Buttz on their presentation and raised concerns about the projected timeline overlapping the 2021 November and December holidays. Mr. Buttz recognized the concern and noted that there was flexibility to accommodate those concerns to assure the public had adequate time to provide comment.

Mr. Buttz then walked the Committee through the newly developed Town of Paradise webpage, www.paradisesewer.com, that has been constructed to store relevant project information.

Mayor Steve Crowder and Vice Mayor Kasey Reynolds commended staff for their presentations and the website.

Dave Burkick relayed to the Committee that his septic tank was damaged during debris removal activities. Ms. Simmons will contact him to discuss in more detail.

Ms. Marvin inquired as to whether the public would need to know project costs to individual rate payers early in project development to gauge public support for the project. Clint Snyder responded that the analysis to determine those costs need to be developed as part of the project studies.

Mr. Buttz provided further explanation of the POA based on his successful experience working with the City of Sacramento, West Sacramento, Yolo County and Sacramento County representatives on a regionalization project.

Mr. Snyder described that components of the POA would serve as the structure for future Committee meetings.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Vice Mayor Jody Jones commented that she likes format being proposed and thinks it will help keep on progress. Thinks Zoom meetings are difficult and would really like to meet in person as soon as we are able to be. Mr. Snyder responded he understands and will look for opportunities to do that.

MEETING FORMAT, PRINCIPALS OF AGREEMENT AND MEETING CALENDAR

Committee members agreed that meetings would be held on the second Monday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Kasey Reynolds may have a conflict with September 2, 2021 meeting. Mr. Snyder will send calendar appointments.

PUBLIC FORUM

John Sunbraker, Magalia resident, 3,000 homes and 8,000 people still up there. Encouraged by sewer to bring population back and related services. Committee should consider benefit to others in unincorporated on Ridge who will benefit and help recover from Camp Fire.

COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Andrew Coolidge commented that the meetings were productive but that it would be beneficial to meet in person in the near future.

Vice Mayor Kasey Reynolds agreed with the Mayor.

Mayor Steve Crowder commented that he was very happy with the progress and where the projects direction, he is also looking forward to in-person meetings, and thanks the Central Valley Water Board and City of Chico for working with the Town of Paradise.

Vice Mayor Jody Jones agreed.

Town Manager Kevin Phillips provided thanks to the meetings participants.

City Manager Mark Orme agreed and voiced his support for collaboration and assembling the right team.

ADJOURNMENT

Clint Snyder adjourned the Committee meeting just after 2:00 p.m.