

Occidental Community Services District
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Calendar

Minutes from March 19, 2013, were approved by Gonnella/Martin, VOTE: 5-0.

Warrants were approved with the addition several bills by Gonnella/Martin, VOTE: 5-0.

COMMUNITY

Nothing to report.

FIRE

Chief Lunardi reported there were 11 calls for March and that it was a slow month.

WATER

Hal Wood reported that there was a leak by the post office. The public hearing was due to begin until 7:30pm, so time was passed and at 7:30pm Resolution 13-01 was discussed. President Lunardi asked if there were any questions on the connection fees and water service charges. Hal Wood offered that the revenue is basically staying the same and just shifting to different users. That the water permit is requiring a 70/30 split in regards to the rate structure and the proposed rates meet that criteria.

Jeff Tweddelle stated that the board and public have been talking about this for seven years and its time to get rid of the problem. He urged that a resolution be made to get our water permit so we can be in control of our own destiny with rates and that it is in everyone's best interest. He asked if a moratorium was in place, and someone replied yes for water and sewer. Jeff went on to say that it is logical to think that these new rates will release the moratorium..... probably... but sewer will still be an issue.

Bill Wadworth asked why he can't talk without being interrupted and stated he had a lot of knowledge. He asked why he can't speak freely. He went on to say that the current rates are unconstitutional and that there are five ways they don't meet "best management practices". He further stated you can't have a rate that goes up and then down. He commented on people in the community that are ill and can't make it or afford it. President Lunardi responded that they may come and ask for hardship relief. Bill went on to say that it isn't fair and asked if the State Water Board will go along with this. He stated SCWA is supporting this unconstitutional pricing and that the small users are subsidizing the big users and it just isn't fair.

(much chaos broke out with Bill being disruptive to the meeting throughout his comments and with any dialogue attempted from within the public hearing.)

Hal Wood asked Bill if other small agencies in the county are constitutional and Bill replies "yes".

The owner of the Inn stated he was totally behind the change of rates despite his bill will increase significantly. He went on to say he felt the behavior by Bill Wadsworth was just terrible and urged the board to approve the Resolution.

Public Hearing closed.

Motion to approve Resolution 13-01, approving the schedule of connection fees and water rates, replacing Resolution 07-04 was made by Brown/Gonnella, and passed unanimously, VOTE: 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned.

Ray Lunardi, President

Melissa Freeman, Clerk

Date