



**Sonoma County Community Development Commission**  
Housing Authority • Redevelopment Agency  
1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-4107

## **Monte Rio Wastewater Task Group**

### **Draft Meeting Notes**

March 21, 2011

6:30 pm

Monte Rio Community Center

#### **Introduction**

##### Task Group Members Present:

Dan Fein, Steve Mack, Preston Smith, Rich Holmer, Gary Getchell, Ken Wikle, Jim Quigley, Rene De Monchy, Sup. Efrén Carrillo, Lee Torr IV

##### Task Group Members Absent: all present

##### Staff Present:

John Haig – Community Development Commission

Jane James – Transcriptionist

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Review and approve prior meeting notes**

Draft Minutes for meetings of 1/24/11, 1/31/11, 2/16/11, and 3/7/11 were presented for consideration. Chair Fein decided to ask members to review the minutes before the next meeting and to offer any amendments or changes at that time. Action tabled.

Chair Fein shared the contents of some e-mails he received. He also shared information received from an intern, Forrest, from NCRWQCB regarding the measurement calculation used to determine distance from the mid-line of the River.

#### **Public Comment**

Lloyd Guccione

Brenda Adelman

Elise

Doreen Atkinson

Lloyd Guccione asked the Chair about the issues associated to the meetings of 1/31 and 2/16. Dan advised that discussion of that topic was inappropriate for this forum.

## Topics of Discussion

**Zone of Benefit** – establish one with a County Department to oversee. SCWA was not deemed an option, requiring a LAFCO process, and Monte Rio is outside of the SCWA area of responsibility. PRMD/DTPW deemed candidates.

Discussion ensued on the following; could the Zone be directly under the Board with a Citizen's Advisory Body? Staff would be a necessity. Would an elected body provide required expertise on the Advisory Body? Is the previous Zone still available? Could the CD committee serve as the oversight? How do we get better representation by the community in the process? Could CDC oversee, w-w/o CD oversight?

PUBLIC COMMENT (PC) - Lloyd Guccione asked if DTPW was competent to serve based on River Road project work. Unidentified question asking if anyone had ever inspected Bohemian Grove's system.

## Feasibility Studies -

A discussion of what has been studied thus far, with commentary that the studies are flawed or incomplete. The question of approaching this holistically or in a segmented fashion was discussed.

PC – Lloyd Guccione -segmented solution

Brenda Adelman – we should use a CSD rather than a ZOB.

**Better Definition of the Problem** – some felt that this still needed to be done despite the amount of work done thus far. Impact of 885, Basin Plan, etc., 600 ft set back,

PC – state budget will stop 885 enforcement. Davis study shows there isn't a local problem. How do we deal with residents who can't afford a new system regardless of need/law.

PC – Lloyd Guccione – demand that the waiver prohibition zone be eliminated

Pc – Elise – any idea how many systems are redwood and cannot be brought into compliance (Answered NO)

**NEWSLETTER** – Dan asked folks for their edits and comments on his previous draft circulation by next meeting.

**Community Check-In Meeting** – Suggested that it be a Saturday am meeting, 2 hrs, check-in and update. Ask the Water Board and County staff to attend, discuss governance and progress to date. Discuss costs of a project proposal.

PC – Lloyd Guccione, water quality study comments, seek to establish a current understanding of issues, and recommends a new body that is representative of the community rather than the TG membership.

TG members Steve, Jim, Rich and Dan will form a sub-committee to plan the event.

Based on a need to get accurate cost estimates from engineering firms, Preston and Rene offered to seek information.

**Plan for next meetings and closing**

Next meeting scheduled for 4/25/11 at the Monte Rio Community Center

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.