

Group Discussion

Tank Replacement Project

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

1:00 PM 5456 Main Street, Johnsville CA

1. Dave Hartwell opened the discussion and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Dave Hartwell gave a brief summary of the project and the process to date. He then asked Dan Bastian to give a summary of the work he has done as Johnsville Public Utility District's (JPUD) Engineer.
 - a. Our water tanks were built in 1975 and 1976.
 - b. They need to be replaced and he and the board have been working on the replacement project for several years.
 - c. Dan Bastian has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Report (PER) for the JPUD Board of Directors. The report has been reviewed and revised and any needed additions and revisions will be included in the final PER.
 - d. The tanks are less than 50 years old which allows certain requirements to be surpassed. The dates of original construction need to be documented for this purpose.
 - e. The JPUD water system will use liquid chlorination instead of gas as part of the Tank Replacement Project. This complies with county guidelines and updates our system.
 - f. The two existing redwood tanks will be replaced by a single 200,000-gallon welded steel tank. A bolted tank will also be considered, and the pros and cons and price difference will be compared.
 - g. The approximated cost of the project will be 770,000.00.
3. Questions concerning the project were made, discussed and answered by several of the attendees.
 - a. Mike Colbert asked if we had plans for a town water supply during construction.
 - i. Possible solutions were rental of water bladder, temporary small tank, or keeping a redwood tank in place during construction.
 - ii. Additional costs would need to be included for a temporary water storage.
 - iii. Fencing was also considered during the discussion and it was noted that there is an allotment in the PER for this purpose.
 - b. Mike Starinsky told the group about a similar project recently completed in Sierraville by FAR Construction out of Sparks, Nevada.
 - c. Both Mr. Colbert and Mr. Starinsky looked over and discussed our rate increase schedule and Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) information in the PER report.
 - d. Revisions to the PER were discussed including the amount set for contingencies.
 - e. Dan Bastian will look at bids for Sierraville project.
4. The group went up to the current water tanks. Tanks condition, leaks, condition of surrounding area, and possibility of leaving a tank in place during construction were discussed.
 - a. The JPUD needs to secure a biologist who is licensed and familiar with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to complete a Biological Resource Report including Endangered Species and show our project has no impact. Mile Colbert explained we have two types of frogs, red and yellow legged, and five migratory birds that are in this area and we need this report completed to proceed. It is the groups hope that this can be completed before winter. The Forest Service may be able to have a person who can complete this report.
 - b. The group also visited the Bennett Dam site.
5. It appears that the United States department of Agriculture (USDA) will move forward with our loan application if the State Park will affirm in a Letter of Intent that a new land use agreement

will be in force for 20 years and they will guarantee renewal for an additional 20 years. This will cover 40 years. We need to find out what is holding the letter up.

6. The JPUD will start USDA loan application when biological report is completed and then plan timing of bridge loan application.

7. The assets with less than 15-year life list will be included in Capital Improvement Plan and application. The USDA will clarify how to deal with them.

8. November 4, 2019 the board will meet and clarify what Dan Bastian needs to do to update PER, site assessment, biological report, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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