Special Board Meeting

May 29, 2023 – 6:00 pm

1. **Call To Order**

Director Woolery called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Butcher, Lund, McCarley, Rickert, Woolery

Staff Present:

Finance Manager- Terri White

Administrative Specialist- Colleen Geiger

Operations Manager- Ben Duncan

1. **Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by Chris Kelstrom, Shasta County Board of Supervisor

1. **Public Participation**

Time set aside for members of the public that wish to address the Board regarding topics within the jurisdiction of the Board. Individuals are requested to fill out a Speaker Request Form and limit comments to a maximum of three minutes.

* Bill Guin- Lives at 19436 Jacqueline St for 52 years, and has never seen water this bad. What is the process for this monumental problem?
* Dick Richards- Lives at 19425 Spring Gulch Rd for 45 years, and irrigation is the worst that he has ever seen. Issues; bugs, stagnant water, has been living in his RV. Asked if the County can help out, and also wants to know what is going on? Would be nice if we let him know what is happening.
* Mike Berry- Lives on Adobe Rd. for the last 35 years. He stated that if there is anything that he can do to help just let him know.
* Arnold Morin-He was asking about the schedule and said he only got 1 hour of water, then it got shut down. Been waiting already 19 days for the water to go back on. What is the rotation?
* Robert O’Dell- Fair Oaks Drive. How can you fix my property? Has pumping bill issues.
* Dana Sandifer- Serious issues, but she appreciates the recent Board meetings to try to alleviate the problems. People down the line are not getting water. Maybe turn off the water for a while to help dry out the canal, or maybe line the canal better. She stated that bylaws say that people with wells that are being recharged by the canal should be customers of the District.
* Sue Moore- Her property is not as bad as some of the others.

She lives at 19295 Spring Gulch Dr. Her neighbors are walking on boards, the bugs are horrendous, a lot of green algae water, and water is running really fast. Has 2 pumps running, so expensive to run, but it does make a huge difference. Septic tanks are also rising.

* Rossanna Hobson- Has lived on 5618 Shady Lane for years. Issues- squirrels, gophers, bugs, and oak trees have come down due to the seepage of water under the road. Big holes, and potholes all over.
* Denise Ferkey- Bathtub does not drain, the septic is full, the water smells like a sewer, neighbor’s house is swamped under their guest house. They have dug trenches but it hasn’t helped much. Can’t take showers. She is lucky to have an RV to stay in. Address- 19372 Lucille
* Darin Hale- 1457 Fair Oaks Dr. Front lawn is swamped, standing water under the house. He complimented Ben for helping him out with his issues. Said it is the Reclamations fault for holding back the water. He said the canal has always leaked a little bit.
* Jennifer Doolittle-Thanked Ben for his help. The bottom where she lives isn’t as bad as the others.
* James Boyd-Can ACID use our wells to deliver water to the South end?
* Lori Shaw-Said the damage due to lack of water in the canal last year is the responsibility of the State Water Resource Control Board (State Board) and that it was BOR who got us the 18%. The State Board wanted us to have 0%. Damage is done to her ditch. The Sacramento River is so important-canal is also so important. Says we should be fixing problems while water is still in the canal. She has replanted fields and they are dying because rotation is taking so long.
* Kyle Hill- Rotation, what is going on? The backfield is dead after being reseeded, there’s been a lack of communication with him from ACID staff, when will the water get turned back on? He has 10 acres, and another 7 acres.
1. **Open Session**
	1. Discuss and consider actions the District can undertake to attempt to assist landowners in mitigating high groundwater table and resulting impacts throughout the District.

Director Woolery went over Agenda item 4A and proposed an ACID response. We are attempting to be as helpful as we can. Asked for public comment to address the solutions.

* Mike- Seepage-We don’t know that yet.
* Christine Mickelson- Not in the flood zone, but all of her trees are dead. The water tables are up. She suggested that trees are not taking up as much water from the water table as in the past, due to all the dead trees.
* Dick Richards- This should be between ACID and the County to fix all of the water issues.
* Director Woolery stated that General Manager Shipley has met with the Director of Public Works to discuss the standing water and the Director claims it isn’t the County’s issue.
* Berry Spires- Lives on Churn Creek bottom, schedules are way out of sequence, can’t get any water out 21 days without water. Upstream was not able to get it. We need a debris crew and a cleanup crew.
* Lance Martin- 19347 Jacqueline- 60-70 acres between the 5 of his neighbors. Him and the neighbors have spent some time digging ditches to divert the water. They back up against the flume. Is appreciative of the efforts of ACID to address the problems.
* Woman who lives at 19357 Hill Street is upset and voiced that.
* Public comment was also made that they need help with spraying for the mosquitos/bugs.

**Regarding Engineering Contracts**

James Rickert said that the situation is devastating and that we are in crisis mode. Mentioned that we need to check with the County to see if there is any disaster relief. We need to reach out to our elected officials, what help can they provide?

Public comment was made that they also need help with the spraying of the bugs/mosquitos.

Director Ronnean Lund made the motion to approve the Provost & Pritchard engineering contract pending approval by the legal staff and to approve any changes to the contract legal staff deems appropriate. Director Audie Butcher made the second, and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Regarding Assistance Program Policy**

Director Audie Butcher questioned the number of days listed in the agreement and suggested allowing leeway for the limit of 14 days, and 30 days.

Director Steve McCarley did not agree to pump the septic out. Said that it has been a history of the canal.

Director Ronnean Lund said it is contingent on staff approval, case by case basis

Director James Rickert agreed with Steve McCarley about not pumping the septic tanks out as it could cause more damage. Said only have so many staff members to address all the problems, and that we need to come up with a solution for more help.

**More Public comments:**

* Maureen- Interested in pumping but needs help. Has 4 kids, and will need a porta-potty.
* Dana- Can’t use her septic tank, said she would like it pumped out. She is not able to go into her house right now, and every year when the canal is full. Directory Woolery said that we are here to help. Director James Rickert said that ACID will be using an intern to help out as well. Said that we will strike this issue for now and come back to it later.

Director Ronnean Lund suggested that a list be gathered during the meeting of the people in need of porta potty’s.

* Chris Kelstrom commented that ACID has been having issues all year long and that he was reluctant to help as it is the history of ACID to have flooding problems. Said he will call the Public Works Director to discuss the issues with him. That we will all work together to get this done.

A motion was made by Director McCarley to delete #2 from the groundwater policy, and to adopt the housing stipend with the wording corrected to say, “ACID shall reimburse the cost for housing (motel/hotel/rent) up to a maximum of $125 a day,” with the appropriate back-up documentation. Director Lund made the second, and it was passed with a 5-0 vote.

1. **Adjourn-** 7:30 p.m.

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Dan Woolery

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