

**WYNOLA WATER DISTRICT
DROUGHT SUB-GROUP
MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 6, 2015
1707 Springview Road, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

President Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board Members present were: Jo Ann Bernard, President, Ray Mitcheli, Water Quality Operations, Jack Bainbridge, Operations, Mike Asmussen, and Tom McDonough, Operations. Guest attending was Ed LeMert. Staff attending were Robert Gans, Treasurer and Joyce Gans, Office Manager.

Note: As this was not a formal Board Meeting, motions and seconds were not included.

1. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved.

2. Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a policy for dealing with the current drought that is affecting water districts throughout California. Included is how Wynola Water District will comply with the mandate for conservation announced by the State on May 15, 2015.

3. Priorities:

There was considerable discussion regarding what WWD's priorities should be regarding water delivery. The consensus was, in order:

- Reserve supply for use in fighting fires
- Domestic (household) use
- Irrigation, and other outside uses
- Commercial uses (with permission in each case)

4. Reasons for Needing Conservation

- a. Water levels in the wells have dropped 150 to 300 feet.
- b. Supply is limited. Only wells 9 and 11 are good producers.
- c. Rainfall for the past two years is down significantly, and the drought is expected to continue.
- d. The State has mandated conservation. A 25% reduction from mid-2013 usage levels is the announced general objective, but exceptions may apply to individual districts.

5. Action Items

- a. No commercial uses will be approved until further notice.
- b. Hydrant flushing will be minimized.

- c. Directors Mitchell and McDonough will see what needs to be done to reactivate well #6 and possibly well #8.
- d. Directors Bernard and Bainbridge will draft a letter to all property owners and renters asking them to conserve.
- e. Signs will be installed asking for conservation.
- f. Director Bernard will ask the fire department what its policies are regarding priorities, taking water from one district to fight fires elsewhere, and other related issues.
- g. Director Mitchell will obtain a copy of Ed Huffman's report that he prepared following the Cedar Fire.
- h. The idea of reading water meters more frequently, to identify and take action regarding heavy users, was tabled for the time being.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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