

**APPROVED**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Wynola Water District and**  
**Wynola Estates Fire Safe Council**  
**April 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**  
**22135 CA – 79 Santa Ysabel CA 92070**

1. Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.
2. Roll Call of Board of Directors:
  - Jim Madaffer, President-present
  - Ron Placa, Vice President-present
  - Brenden Kelso, Treasurer-absent
  - Sandie McCann-absent
  - Steve Kincaid, present
3. Additions to the Agenda-none
4. Approval of meeting minutes of March 11, 2023.
  - Motion from Placa and second from Kincaid to approve minutes. 3 Ayes, 0 Noyes, 2 Absent
5. Public Comment – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. People addressing the Board are requested to state their name and address for the record.
  - Karen Harris suggested we change the April 2024 meeting to the third Saturday of the month and reserve the Santa Ysabel Nature Center meeting room. Easter weekend is the second Saturday, and many are on vacation. This change is for April 2024 only.
6. Treasurer’s Report:
  - Karen Harris – Bank accounts: Chase Checking-\$14,403.88 Chase Savings \$140,038.60 Wells Checking-\$129,049.85 CVB-\$100,000.
7. Office Manager’s Report: Karen Kincaid
  - Need Resolution to change apportionment tax money to Community Valley Bank and close Wells Fargo Bank. (Jim will email resolution to Karen, which was voted on by WWD Board at the February 11, 2023, meeting).
8. Old Business:
  - a) Report by Board President Jim Madaffer (this will include the actions taken to date since the last Board meeting on March 11, 2023).
    - i. Discussed creating another platform for the Wynola Estates website and stop using goDaddy platform. The new platform would include pages for HOA and PRD.
    - ii. Madaffer found out that we cannot give the residents subsidy expense for a water treatment system that the resident would install for an interim time.

The WWD would then take on the responsibility of maintaining them, which the WWD cannot do. The estates will have to wait until the WWD is able to install a water treatment facility at the pump house.

- iii. Some residents, who do not have their own filter systems in their houses, are still getting brown water. It is suggested that they install their own interim water treatment filters because the water treatment facility the district is working on will be at least a year before grants and permits are obtained.
- iv. The plan of the district is to obtain a grant to replace all the water pipes under the roads along with a water treatment facility. To qualify for the grants, the WWD needs a water violation (which we are working on), that proves that the water in the estates needs a filtering system due to the high iron and manganese.
- v. The pictures we received from the residents showing dirty water coming through their pipes, were sent to the State in hope of receiving a violation, which will help us obtain grants to build a water treatment facility.
- vi. The WWD board created a nexus between the water district and the Wynola Fire Safe Council. The purpose is fire safety. The connection is the fire hydrants and the protection that the water in the hydrants provide. This connection also includes the pipes under the roads, which are currently over 50 years old, and the upkeep of the roads.
- vii. The roads in the estates are not completely safe, especially when it's foggy. WWD is worried that a car or even fire trucks could possibly run into a fire hydrant due to poor visibility, broken road edges, and the absence of markings on the road.
- viii. The PRD President, Steve Kincaid, talked to the County about street sweeping the roads, applying a slurry on the roads, striping the roads, and fixing potholes. The County does not do sweeping of the roads and did not recommend slurring of the roads. They instead wanted to chip seal the roads, with a cost of \$400K. The striping would cost \$15K. We will need to find a private company to sweep the roads. The PRD account currently has \$90K. This money is obtained by tax apportionment, which the PRD receives a percentage of (approximately \$30K a year).
- ix. There is a bad pothole on Riverwood. Buddy Seifert was not sure if it was caused by a fire hydrant up the road or the excess rain runoff from the hill next to the pothole. The area has been marked and will be observed in the coming week to see if the hole is being caused by a pipe leak or rain drainage.
- x. If the district is successful in obtaining grants, the WWD will replace the pipes under the roads (placing them beside the existing pipes) and resurfacing the roads after trenching new piping.

- xi. Ron Placa is going to obtain quotes to street sweep the roads to remove the gravel that is damaging the roads. Then we will have the County do the striping and potholes. We won't have any streets resurfaced until after the pipes have been replaced and all undergrounding of the SDG&E wires have been completed.
- xii. We will hopefully be able to obtain grants for a new water treatment facility, new water pipes replacing the old asbestos pipes in the road and resurface the roads. We would get private company bids to resurface the roads that would cost less and bypass the county prices.
- xiii. Jim sent a letter off to AT&T asking them if they would remove their wood poles and all removal of overhead utilities after the undergrounding is completed by SDG&E. AT&T responded that the poles would not be removed and that the projects are separate. Poles are up because some residents still have copper wire phone lines. AT&T does not participate in the fire resiliency program.

**b) Report by WWD Water Operator: Buddy Seifert**

- i. Buddy stated that the fire insurance rates are going sky high. The insurance company's rates Wynola Estates a 7, because there is no fire station close by. Call your insurance company and make sure they know what the rating is for Wynola Estates. The state does not always provide an updated score to the insurance companies.
- ii. Well #3 is back in service and working great. Buddy will call Kent Bricker at Mission to come and wire #3 up.
- iii. Well #10 SCADA is not working. Buddy will have Kent Bricker and Rex Anderson look at what is wrong.
- iv. Buddy would like to put bollards around the fire hydrants in the estates that are in areas of potential risk of being hit. Bollards are barrier poles that protect the fire hydrant from being hit by a car. We could lose 10 to 30,000 gallons of water if they are hit.
- v. Eleven bollards are needed for a cost of \$4700, which will protect four fire hydrants.
- vi. The state of California is coming up with new acceptable iron and manganese levels. The State is reducing the levels as of January 1, 2024. We are above those levels and will be issued a violation automatically. If we cannot get the state to act on our current request of poor water quality now, we will get action in January 2024.

**9. New Business: none**

**10. Motion to Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month) @ Santa Ysabel Nature Center)**