

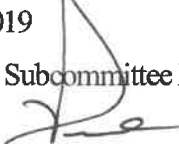


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Agenda Item #10

Memorandum

Date: November 13, 2019
To: Water Resources Subcommittee Members
From: Paul D. Zillig 
Subject: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Information

The Water Resources Subcommittee met in the NRD Office at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Subcommittee members present included Bob Andersen, Vern Barrett, Greg Osborn, Chelsea Johnson, and Don Jacobson. Others present included Larry Ruth, Steve Seglin, Dick Ehrman, Dan Schulz, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Andersen opened the meeting and called on Dick Ehrman to review the proposed Groundwater Rules and Regulation modifications. The Subcommittee was provided a copy of Dan Schulz's memo on the public hearing process (attached). Ehrman reviewed the attached summary of the proposed modifications. The Subcommittee further reviewed and discussed the proposed allocation changes for the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area that were requested by the DVB SMA Citizen's Advisory Group.

A final version of the GW R&R with the proposed modifications is attached. Ehrman reported that if approved by the Board, staff would then publish the notice of the changes and the changes would take effect around January 1st. It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approved the proposed modifications to the Groundwater Rules & Regulations.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider our annual United States Geologic Service (USGS) Agreement to Operate 16 stream gages. The NRD annually enters into an agreement with USGS for the operation of stream gages on Salt Creek (Roca, Pioneers Blvd, 27th Street, 70th Street, and Ashland); Weeping Water Creek at Union; Haines Branch @ SW 56th; Middle Creek @ SW 40th; Antelope Creek @ 27th; North Oak Creek (@ Valparaiso & west of Touhy); Oak Creek @ Air Park; Deadmans Run @ 38th Street; Little Salt Creek; Stevens Creek; and Rock Creek. The total cost to the NRD is \$111,540.

It was moved by Barrett, seconded by Jacobson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the proposed USGS Joint Funding Agreement for the Operation of 16 Stream Gages.**

The next agenda item was to consider an agreement with the Vergith's (Lylester Ranch) for access during construction of the Upper Salt 3-A Watershed Rehabilitation Project. This item will required the Board to go into closed session. Potter reviewed the situation and reported that the NRD will be modifying the driveway access for the Lylester Ranch property (this is the property just southwest of the lake/dam) due to regrading of the dam. The impact to the property will include removing and replacing an electric gate, fence, and driveway and requiring them to utilize their Uncle's driveway during construction.

Potter reported that initially this work was to be done by the contractor constructing the dam next year, staff feels it is better that we hire a separate contractor for this work. Attached is a "Draft" Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lylester Ranch LLC and the NRD that addresses the requirements for this work. The Subcommittee discussed their access and options for the NRD.

Staff recommended approving this MOU as per the landowner's request. It was moved by Osborn, seconded by Jacobson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee Members present (no Quorum as Barrett had left earlier for a prior commitment) to recommend the Board of Directors approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for access with Lylester Ranch LLC, in accordance with the guidance from staff.

Potter reported that construction work had begun on Oak-Middle 82-B, north of Garland. The principal spillway pipe is being shipped and should be on site later this week.

Ehrman and myself reported on the Lancaster County hearing on the Sunset Farms Poultry special permit application near Raymond Central School. Attached is the NRD's 1-page handout answering questions about groundwater and well permitting with the NRD.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

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Pc: Steve Seglin
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