



Sonoma County Community Development Commission
Housing Authority • Redevelopment Agency
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Monte Rio Wastewater Task Group

Meeting Notes

July 19, 2010

6:30 pm

Monte Rio Community Center

Introduction

Task Group Members Present:

Dan Fein, Ken Wikle, Steve Mack, Jim Quigley, Gary Getchell, Chuck Burger, Rene DeMonchy, Lee Torr IV, Preston Smith.

Task Group Members Absent:

Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Rich Holmer, Suzie Baxman.

Staff Present:

Kathleen Kane – Community Development Commission
Jane James – Transcriptionist

Dan Fein announced that Doreen Atkinson has stepped down from the Task Group.

Steve Mack talked about the Sweetwater Springs Water District (SSWD) meeting scheduled to discuss disposition of excess SSWD lands. The meeting will be on Thursday, 7/29/10 at 6:30 pm at the Monte Rio Community Center.

Review and approve prior meeting notes

Notes of 6/21/10 meeting will be reviewed and approved at the August meeting.

Discussion of Symposium

B. Meeting Planning

1) Meeting date

Saturday, 10/2/10, is not available at Monte Rio Community Center (MRCC). Dan will contact MRCC to determine if another scheduled event on Saturday, 10/16/10, can be moved to accommodate the Symposium on that date. (10/3 and 10/17 are available, but Sunday is not a good day in opinion of group members.)

2) White paper

Best to break up report into same topical sections as presentations and each committee will draft their section, to be done for review at 8/16/10 meeting.

By 8/16/10 meeting, also need complete outlines of presentations.

3) Visual aids

Presentation plans will need to be fleshed out by 9/20/10 meeting, including PowerPoint presentations, visual aids for tables, white paper, etc. The 9/20/10 Task Group meeting will be used for general overall review of Symposium plans, with three weeks to finalize, with perhaps an interim meeting if needed.

4) Marketing plan

Direct mailing to Project Area property owner list for properties in Waiver Prohibition area, posters, ads in papers, press releases, discussion with Chamber of Commerce and MRRPD, SSWD bill inserts (September billing goes to Monte Rio customers – copy needed to SSWD by 9/1/10), stories in West County Gazette, Russian River Times, KGGV Bulletin Board, KGGV shows.

A. Review outlines1) History

Won't have old CAC people present. Will focus on artifacts remaining from prior project. John Bauer not able to attend in October. Luis Rivera's presentation on Basin Plan is more appropriate to Regulation group than in History section. Agreement amongst members on that. Covered: Sheridan, Mendocino Redwoods, STEP, Guerneville. Not covered: various disposal systems - Sweetwater, Bohemian Grove. Lightly covered: STEP/STEG.

2) Other Communities

Centralized plants, septic tank management districts, community septic system. Jim to visit Bohemian Grove in August. Will also cover that and Odd Fellows. Micro filtration and anaerobic systems to be covered in booth. Want to give people a sense of what is in the ground in different places in the County. Should keep up with what is being done in Graton. Richard Dinges set up Lescure booth? Shouldn't be like a trade show. Not selling Lescure, but providing information – a hard line to draw. Need to create groundrules for that. See discussion under Technologies group. Need to be careful not to get too drawn into discussing the problems of other communities.

3) Technologies

Package plants (Orenco), on-site treatment (HOOT), septic tank enhancers (Sludgehammer), and cluster systems (Orenco). This is important information and there may need to be more time for this session, perhaps by making other sessions shorter. Hard to condense these. Answer how specific technologies might apply here, where it works and where it doesn't work.

Symposium defines the problem. Ask for feedback from attendees/the community.

Added to list of definition of problem from last meeting:

- Septic systems take usable land.
- Inability under current regulations to develop a viable downtown.
- Limitations on ability to replace homes or businesses.
- Limitations on repairing buildings due to the cost of the kind of septic system that

would be required by County.

- Homeowners don't know what they have.
- Increased and as yet unknown future governmental regulation.

Next phases after Symposium would be for Task Group to study governance alternatives, and hold community meeting #2. Then research funding alternatives and complete alternatives analysis, and hold community meeting #3.

Plan for next meeting, assign tasks and closing

8/16/10, 6:30 pm, Monte Rio Community Center

Topic: Review complete outlines of presentations. Have draft sections of white paper done, and plans for visuals for tables. Have timeframes more worked out.

9/20/10, 6:30 pm, Monte Rio Community Center

Topic: Presentation plans: PPTs, visual aids for tables, white paper, etc. General overall review.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.