



Sonoma County Community Development Commission
Housing Authority • Redevelopment Agency
1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-4107

Monte Rio Wastewater Task Group

Meeting Notes

10/17/11

6:30 pm

Monte Rio Community Center

Introduction

Task Group Members Present: Lee Torr IV, Rich Holmer, Preston Smith, Dan Fein, Sup. Efrén Carrillo, Chuck Berger (6:40), Ken Wikle (6:45)

Task Group Members Absent: Gary Getchell, Rene DeMonchy

Staff Present:

John Haig – Community Development Commission
Kathleen Kane

Public Attendance:

7 members of the public were present during the meeting

Review and approve prior meeting notes

Notes of 9/19/11 meeting were approved without change.

Discussion of AB 885 (recognizing upcoming public meeting in Santa Rosa 11/2 and Board briefing 11/15)

Rich Holmer had read and briefed the TG on the new draft rules for AB 885, describing them as less onerous than previous iterations.

Issues include;

- River bank boundary determination method is unclear.
- There is the possibility of loans under the program (in the bill) not mentioned in the guidelines.
- There will be an impact on septic systems generally as most (all) of them fail to meet all standards.

The group was briefed on the tier levels under 885

- Tier 1 – low risk, small impacts on systems
- Tier 2 – relates to non-standard installs and requires a management program

- Tier 3 – applicable to/impacts our area, systems near impacted waterways. Requires TMDL adoption – when TMDL adopted, impacts to existing systems, can allow inference that a property is causing impacts to waterway.
- Tier 4 – failing systems (surface discharge, backed-up fixtures)

RCAC program discussion

Karen McBride attended the meeting to explain the role of Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (RCAC) – it's part of the USEPA and is a non-profit dedicated to helping Rural Counties on Water Issues. They are funded to assist disadvantaged communities (based on family incomes against standard), like Monte Rio (to be confirmed – believed to qualify). Karen will attend our meetings and support our process in this role.

Monte Rio Poop mailing –

Saturation mailing decided upon, and an extra 250 copies to be made for future events and meetings.

Plan for next meetings and closing

Topic: Rural Assistance program, 11/2 and 11/15 meetings
11/21/11 6:30 pm, Monte Rio Community Center

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.