

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 13, 2004

VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Monday, September 13, 2004, on Hill Road, uphill from the property at 1475 Hill Road, Glen Ellen, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

President Michael Woods called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Woods** noted the following present:

Directors Present:	Ed Kenny Ron Prushko Michael Woods Sanford Smith (Recused)
Directors Absent:	Mark Bramfitt (Excused)
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor Paul Gradolph, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
General Manager:	Krishna Kumar
Board Secretary:	Shari Walk
Public Present:	Approximately 20 Glen Ellen Residents

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments related to the following issues were received.

- The Board's handling of the 30% review of the plans.
- What role, if any, would the County of Sonoma have in the project approval process?
- Filing of notice by the District with the County for the project.
- Concern about health and safety issues during construction.
- Need for the 40 foot radius for turn around for emergency vehicles.
- The location of the tank and whether it can be moved back on the property.
- The access road and whether it can be relocated to the side of the tank.

President Woods said the District is not required to get a use permit, since we are not under the jurisdiction of the County. Mr. Cinquini, Winzler and Kelly Engineers confirmed the only permit the District will be obtaining will be an encroachment permit for work in the roadways. He noted that the District will coordinate with the County.

President Woods then noted that this special meeting was scheduled to receive comments and input regarding the landscaping and screening of the tank. Mr. Cinquini will address all the concerns at a later regular Board meeting.

3. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. The Valley of the Moon Water District Will Conduct a Public Meeting to Receive Input from Hill Road Residents and other Interested Parties Regarding Landscaping and Partial Screening of the Proposed Hill Road Storage Tank.

1. Presentation by Tony Cinquini, Winzler & Kelly Engineers
2. Receive Public Input Regarding Landscaping and partial Screening of the Proposed Hill Road Storage Tank

President Woods introduced Tony Cinquini, Winzler & Kelly Engineers.

Mr. Cinquini stated that 30% of the drawings have been completed and are being reviewed by the District. The initial submittals show the elevation of the tank, the location of the tank and alignment of the mainline. He stated that only one tree (24 inch oak) would be removed as part of the project. He pointed to the story poles placed on the proposed tank site, and stated that they were laid out on the circumference of the tank, and also indicated the height of the tank. He pointed out where the valve boxes would be located, and that they would be flush with the ground. Mr. Cinquini said he is recommending blue shale around the tank. Fencing will typically be of a black vinyl coated chain link type to blend in with the surroundings. The fence line is approximately 14 foot around the tank.

Mr. Cinquini introduced Sandy Reed, the Landscape architect for the project.

Ms. Reed pointed out some visuals she had brought, and stated all concerns and suggestions would be noted. The following is a summary of questions, concerns, and suggestions received.

- Place the tank farther back on the property.
- Concerns about drainage.
- Concerned that the tank cannot be screened at the present location and the fence is too close to the road edge.
- Landscape should include a berm with two types of fast growing trees.
- The proposed 10 foot road around the tank is not necessary
- Suggested building a dry wall or block wall 180 degrees around; eliminate the 10 foot depth from the tank out to the edge of the road; tie back into the slope or retaining wall, backfill up 6 to 8 feet and plant with fast growing trees.
- Try to make as clean as possible in front of the tank, moving all valves off to the side of the tank, and changing the location of the entry to the tank.
- Eliminate fence around tank.
- Use native trees and plants.
- Use rustic looking chain link fence, if needed.
- Make sure there will be no curb and gutter; concerned that the County will require curb and gutter, since that seems to be the norm; wants to keep the rural atmosphere.
- Color of tank should blend in with landscaping.
- The location of the main pipeline?

- Access for emergency vehicles during construction.
- Number of fire hydrants? Mr. Cinquini stated at least five.
- The start date and duration of the project? Mr. Cinquini stated the expected start date is spring, and the project should last approximately four to five months.
- Concerned about the inconvenience during the project. How will the vehicles get back and forth?
- Concerned about the noise during construction.
- Will water be provided to the residents on Hill Road? Mr. Cinquini responded that the project is being designed to include those customers already connected to the VOMWD. General Manager Kumar further pointed out that anyone living within the District's boundary interested in a water hookup would need to apply to the District and pay the appropriate connection fees.
- Concerned about the size of the tank.
- Will the District be maintaining the landscape maintenance?

President Woods stated that all parties who were notified of this meeting along with any others that signed up to receive notices at this meeting will be individually notified of the Board meeting where the Engineer's recommendation regarding landscaping and partial screening of the tank will be discussed. President Woods also mentioned that a pre-construction community meeting would be scheduled to discuss measures to minimize disruption during construction.

Ms. Reed described the landscape drawing that she presented noting that this was very preliminary, as she was waiting for public input.

4. ADJOURNMENT

President Woods thanked all those present for attending and providing comments and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is a Regular Meeting on October 5, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary