

**WATER RESOURCES & CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

4:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Director: Paul Sethy (chair)

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Staff: Laura Hidas, Michelle Myers, Leonard Ash, Douglas Young

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Water Supply Outlook: Leonard Ash, Water Supply Supervisor, provided an update on the District's plan to meet 2020 water production demands. The Department of Water Resources established the District's Table A allocation at 10% in December, resulting in an allocation of 4,200 acre-feet of water. The District is planning on returning 10,505 acre-feet of water stored in San Luis Reservoir to help meet 2020 demand. Semitropic returns are not anticipated as a result of the initial Table A allocation. Staff is also planning to purchase the contractual minimum amount of San Francisco Public Utility Commission water, which is 8,567 acre-feet. Staff estimates that 16,740 acre-feet of local water will be available to meet the 42,225 acre-feet of expected demands. The Alameda Creek Watershed is currently trending below average precipitation totals for this time of year at a total of 5.22 inches to date. The Committee reviewed current reservoir storage levels and the latest 8- to 14-day, 30-day, and 90-day precipitation outlooks, which indicate a drier than normal forecast. The District's water supply outlook for 2020 is satisfactory, as the District is expected to have adequate water supply for the remainder of calendar year 2020.

2. Old Jarvis Road Irrigation Well Destruction Project Update: Douglas Young, Groundwater Resources Hydrogeologist, presented an update on the progress of the Old Jarvis Road Irrigation Well Destruction Project. The District was previously awarded a \$150,001 grant from the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Division of Financial Assistance under Proposition 1 Funding for the Old Jarvis Road Irrigation Well Destruction Project, which proposes the destruction of four abandoned irrigation wells that appear to be acting as pathways for brackish water to enter into the lower aquifers. The project is located on the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge in Newark and is currently scheduled for completion in April 2020. Staff conducted several field visits in order to locate the four abandoned irrigation wells to be destroyed. So far, staff has only been able to successfully locate one of the four abandoned wells. With the location of one well known, staff re-evaluated historic records, maps, and photographs to identify other possible locations for the remaining wells. The most recent potential search locations were presented to the committee. Due to the difficulty and time required to locate and identify the additional three abandoned wells, the State Board has agreed to amend the grant agreement to a numerical range of two (2) to four (4) wells to be destroyed and extend the completion date an additional year to April 2021. On May 17, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution 18-036, which authorizes the General Manager to execute a funding agreement with the State Board and also any amendments or changes thereto. Staff responded to questions from Director Sethy.

3. Public Comments: There were no comments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Topics discussed by the Committee were informational only, and no recommendations are being made.