

GPC Meeting 10/22/24

Geyserville Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Northern Sonoma Fire District Headquarters Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Marshall K. 6:10

2. PUBLIC COMMENT. No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES.

The Sept. meeting minutes were approved.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The September meeting agenda was approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS. Cece is not here tonight. She is running the committee about Dia Del Nino and they are having a meeting on Thursday. Public commenter: Wonders if school system has flow of the art, mariachi, flow of dancers. Event is on 11/2. Bryce pointed out that she is working on insurance etc.

6. NEW BUSINESS. Presentation: Nichole Baxter, External Affairs with California American Water - Geyserville Water System.

Overview of company: Largest regulated water system in the nation. 700,000 customers in the state, 320 employees in California. They give \$5000 for donations.

\$144 million dollars invested in the system.

100% Groundwater for Geyserville - from 2 wells. They add chlorine and orthophate (for the pipes) but not fluoride. Their last tests have not shown any environmental contaminants, including sewer contamination. The two wells are on Railroad Ave and produce 192-198 Gallons per well. Their wells have a special treatment process, state of the art that eliminates 99.99% of all viruses at well 1.

More info is all in the enclosed presentation. MCL and other definitions of terms are listed in the presentation. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level.

Investments: There is a new Geyserville water tank (replaced the 1972 tank) and another being built.

Bryce pointed out that 172 units are approved for Geyserville and the wine place on 128, all which require water.

Future infrastructure improvements: water mains will be 6" size for fire protection, move to bigger hydrants, and another well. They have purchased property in Geyserville for a new well, but nothing has happened yet in terms of design and approval. American Water will inform the neighbors and community as progress is made.

Charitable Giving: 2 ways: American Water Charitable Foundation - grant funding, California American Water Community Support. For public schools: rebuild community park, gazebo, community garden, watershed cleanups, workforce development grant. And events too.

Rates question: PUC sets rates and they have rate change delays, but in perhaps December the next rate may be changed. 80% of rate increase is caused by infrastructure (improvements and repairs).

Turf rebates are also available.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.