

# PORT COSTA SANITARY COMMISSION

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of the Crockett Community Services District

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 9, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Surges. Present were Commissioners Cusack, Klaiber, List and Scheer, along with Dept. Manager Barnhill, General Manager Murdock, Administrative Services Manager Gunkelman and Asst. District Secretary Witschi.
2. AGENDA ORDER: There were no requests to hear agenda items out of order.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
4. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- 5.a. DISTRICT BOARD ACTIONS: None
- 5.b. SELF MONITORING REPORTS: Mr. Barnhill reported no exceedances and no permit violations last year.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The monthly statement of Department finances was examined by the Commission.
7. WASTEWATER: None
- 8.a. STAFF REPORT ON OPERATIONS: Mr. Barnhill reported that contractors visited 18 Canyon Lake Drive and the Bull Valley patio area to propose a manhole installation. A sewer segment that services properties on the south side of Prospect Avenue crosses the creek and ties in to the sewer main line that is aligned along the backyards of the Canyon Lake Drive houses. There is no manhole where these two sewer lines tie together. He said the problem with that line is it is a blind connection and there is no way to assess the line for inspection or cleaning. The line at the top has a couple of hard bend turns that won't allow proper equipment to go down from the top. He said there should be no blind connections, a manhole is required for access according to the District Standard Specifications. Another option is to realign that segment of sewer into the existing manhole approximately 30 feet downstream on the creek side sewer line. This manhole is located in the Bull Valley Inn patio area. Commissioner List asked if that has been a problem because that line comes down the hill at more than a 45 degree angle. Mr. Barnhill said the smoke test appeared on the hill which is why he is focusing on that segment. There is no TV information on most of the system including that segment. There is a structure on the hill that smoke possibly came out of. If there is a failure on that line, whether it's in good shape or not right now five or six houses would be dumping down the hill soaking into the dirt, but if it was lower down, it would potentially enter the creek. The overall purpose is to start looking at the entire system for faults and failures. There was a recent septic tank pumping to remove scum layer and last year the scum layer was pumped out twice and it will be three or four months before it has to be done again. He is going to start looking at the hatch on the septic tank because it needs to be improved. Mr. Barnhill said he received very high quotes to replace the switches and install the utility water pump in the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He said one emergency stop switch

has been installed for the utility water pump already and there is one other issue on the maintenance of scheduling an overhaul of the noisy main pump.

8.b. STAFF REPORT ON GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS: None

8.c. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

10. CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent item was approved unanimously (tl/as):

a. Approve Minutes of January 12, 2022.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider proposed sewer use charge for 2022/23 and comment on Sewer Use Charge Study Report (April).

Bull Valley Agricultural Center & Port Costa School - scope and costs.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM until April 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Witschi*

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