

## August 2024 – Director Cole Questions/Comments

Good afternoon, Barbara,

Here are my comments on the BOD packet:

First a question: I would like to comment on my CASA conference attendance for just a brief minute. Should I make those comments during Public Comment, or under Item #33: Announcements on the Subjects of Interest to the Board Made by Members of the Board or Staff ? (I did not request my comments be agendaized.)

I would suggest you make your comments under Item #33 Announcements on the Subjects of Interest to the Board Made by Members of the Board or Staff.

### Consent:

-p. 9, Item 29: Eminent Domain: My recollection is that we made it clear eminent domain was a last resort.

I think you are correct. But on the tape it comes across as the Board agreed that Eminent Domain was a potential. But still a last resort. I think this should be clarified during the meeting.

-p. 104, Item 16: Maintenance Project Report: I like the way Chris Foley communicates in his report. He explains technical terms in lay terms, such as where he explains the purpose of the microturbine gas compressor on page 104: "The primary purpose of the system is to provide heat for the digester so when the system is down only the boiler is available for heating. it is critical to retain the redundancy for the digester heating process."

We are lucky to have Mr. Foley in my opinion.

-p. 107, Item 17: Source Control: There is an informational meeting scheduled for public comments on September 4, 2024 at 9 a.m. Should the BOD be polled to see who is interested in attending the meeting in order to avoid a Brown Act violation?

Yes, at this time I am not aware of any director having committed to attending the meeting.

### Resolutions:

-p. 117 (last paragraph), Item 19: Collections Superintendent Truck:

The MSRP is listed at \$59,870, which includes tax vs. government pricing at \$55,557, plus tax. (I saw no real difference in the price once tax was added to the government pricing. Where is the savings, or is this a matter of convenience since it does not appear that the inventory is out there?)

According to Mr. Foley the state General Services Administration web site will not even let you purchase a vehicle. Pre-Covid this was our "go-to" way to purchase vehicles. As a result, we go to local dealers (3 quotes) for the best price. There is still some small savings for going with the government discount.

This truck list price or MSRP is \$62,560

Fleet discount if \$4,000

And government discount is \$3,000

#### Communications:

p. 145: Item 25: GM's report: Director Rachel's request for an attorney presentation on the MOU and future negotiations. I believe this is best agendized for a Closed Session, and not at the Board retreat. There will be no time at the half-day retreat scheduled in September, and it is my opinion that it should not be added to that agenda. Otherwise we will not get the BOD's "goals" for the district and the GM's coaching project completed once and for all. (This is similar to the prior suggestion that the Corona Road Post-Mortem be included in the half-day retreat. It is my opinion that the half-day retreat should not be a catch-all for issues better agendized in the due course of the BOD's business.)

Agreed. We should let the Board Retreat focus on goals and coaching project. Lets not muddy the waters!

#### Information/Discussion Items:

p. 185: Item 32: Post-Mortem Corona Road: Your report is admirable, well-crafted and obviously took a great deal of time and thought. The "Timeline" is an essential component for understanding what went down. You wrote it from a dispassionate and objective viewpoint, which is not easy to do. I don't think the BOD needs to revisit this at length. You have stated it thoroughly.

Finally, I have a couple of questions on several items, but I have sent those directly to the report authors, and have "cc'd" you on them. Thank you, *Suzanne*