



**CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT(CAWD)**  
*BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE(BTE)*  
*STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES*

**August 21, 2024, Wednesday 2:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: President Ken White

Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager  
Patrick Treanor, District Engineer  
Mayor Dave Potter, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea  
Greg D'Ambrosio, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve  
Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve  
Doug Schmitz, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve  
Paul Bartow, Citizen Representative  
Sam Farr, Retired Representative U.S. Congress

Absent: Director Mike Rachel  
Katherine Wallace, Associate Planner, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

White\_\_ ✓\_\_ Rachel\_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Appearances/Public Comments:** *Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not appearing on the agenda may do so now. Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes per person per topic. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.*

None

- 2. Agenda Changes:** *Any requests to move an item on the agenda will be considered at this time.*

None

## **General Discussion Items:**

3. **Discussion of the recent communication with the City of Carmel-by-the Sea :**  
Mayor Potter and City Administrator Chip Rerig conveyed the concept of gifting Rio Park to CAWD. Barbara Buikema indicated that CAWD did not have the required latent powers to operate a park. Sam Farr offered to work with Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) on this issue.
4. **Adoption Of The Bridge To Everywhere Position Regarding The Golf Course On The City's Rio Park Property And The Potential Impacts On The Carmel Area Wastewater District's (CAWD) Plant And The Carmel River Greenway:**
  - After a position is taken all stakeholders will be notified (e.g., City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, CAWD Board, State Parks, County of Monterey, County Planning Commission, Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Coastal Conservancy and others)
  - Recommended action is to send a rejection letter to Mr. Warren.
5. **Requesting Status Update on the Logo Trademark:**

Laura Bowling provided a progress update:

  - Resubmitted information in July and waiting to hear an updated from the trademark office. The comment period is August 13 – September 13, 2024. After that period, assuming there is no complaint, the trademark will be issued by U.S. Patent and Trademark office.
6. **Report On Meeting With Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD)**
  - Who is next organization to meet with :
    1. **City Council:** Waiting for a date from the City. Mayor Potter will get back to the committee.
    2. **Carmel Mission:** Doug Schmitz and Ken White volunteered to contact the Mission.
    3. **Carmel Rotary:** Ken White and Dave Potter volunteered to contact Rotary and set up date/time for a presentation.
7. **Rio Park Clean Up**
  - Mayor Potter report on cleanup of Rio Park-date certain

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- Discussed offer to City of \$20K for the Property including a provision that the money must be used to clean up logs and other debris. The City has asked if they can park/store some items at the CAWD plant. We have the space at the plant to accommodate, and we would require a written agreement spelling out accessibility to site and liability.

## **8. Future identifiable Project Expenditures:**

**Sam Farr will provide an update on clean up quote:**

4. **Clean up stock piles:** See discussion in #7 above on Rio Park Cleanup
5. **Complete a protected species field survey report and map:** Greg D'Ambrosio initiated a dusky footed field rat study but indicated it was only partial and a full site survey will need to be completed
6. **Trimming, Mowing and general clean up:** After City cleans up logs and other debris we anticipate that the majority of the chips will be used in Mission Trail Park
7. **Logs and spoils:** To be cleared by City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
8. **Grading to make a safe site:** Once all debris has been removed we may need to do some grading to correct any issues at the site
9. **Property Survey:** Prior to any construction an updated property survey should be completed
10. **Water:** According to Greg D'Ambrosio there was an agreement with the Reclamation Project for 1 AF of water that was never signed. Question is should we approach project again?
11. **Initial trail layout:** After cleanup and initial bridge siting we will need to layout trail in Rio Park

## **9. BTE Outreach:**

**Paul Bartow will provide an update local outreach:**

- Review of Paul Bartow's letter. He indicated that the response from the neighborhood was generally good except for the home directly across from the drive way to Rio Park – that resident was concerned about parking.
- Developing a universal informational flyer: Paul Barto and Laura Bowling agreed to work together to come up with a universal informational flyer utilizing some of the material from his letter.

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- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** *The committee adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting will occur on September 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2024, in person and via teleconference webinar. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, [www.cawd.org](http://www.cawd.org), calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at [downstream@cawd.org](mailto:downstream@cawd.org).*

**AS REPORTED TO:**

*B. Buikema*

**Barbara Buikema, General Manager**

**APPROVED:**

*Ken White*

**Ken White, President of the Board**

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