

Yosemite Alpine Community Services District
P.O. Box 31, Fish Camp, CA 93623

August 2018 Communication

JULY 3, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING. The Board continued from its June 23, 2018 regular meeting discussion and information gathering regarding a bank loan to cover legal expenses incurred and estimated to be incurred to protect the District's water rights, including the right to drill new wells as needed. The district will get the loan. A good level of communication and cooperation with Palm Springs Village 309, LLC has resulted.

AUGUST 11, 2018 MEETING. This meeting had a good turnout of District members. Paul Giuntini, representing the Silvertip Resort property owner Palm Springs Village – 309 (PSV), presented an offer to settle matters that have remained unresolved for years and are currently the subject of a lawsuit. The Offer to Settle was discussed point by point by those in attendance, with explanations by Mr. Giuntini. Good suggestions came from the floor. Since this discussion involves litigation, the points were further discussed and the Board agreed upon a counter-proposal in closed session.

AUGUST 19, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING: Preceding the meeting, intensive negotiations were carried out concerning proposals, counter-proposals, counter-counter proposals, ----- This was between lawyers, with YACSD's needs conveyed to the District's lawyers by Chairman Dick Ryon. A 16-point Framework for Agreement was reached on August 15, 2018. YACSD is receiving assurances of having 3 wells (2 online and 1 on reserve) to ensure adequate water supply. Further, the District's right to drill new wells as needed is finally recognized. PSV is receiving the YACSD easements that it has always wanted in exchange for a new easement to be granted to YACSD. Thus, a win-win solution has finally been reached. The Board unanimously agreed to the Framework Agreement. The lawyers will transform the Framework into a Final Agreement, with Chairman Ryon in team with the District's lawyers. Once legal work is completed, the YACSD Board will consider approval of the document.

TASTE and ODOR COMPLAINTS. YACSD has received a complaint of off tasting water. Samples were pulled for the home and from the 2 tanks. The coliform levels are really low – no bacteria causing the off taste. The odor levels came back high. Karen spoke with our Drinking Water Division overseer and she feels it could be from stagnant water. Recently, Fish Camp became a ghost town with the Ferguson Fire bringing in a lot of smoke coupled with the hot spell, at the same time. The fire also caused the closing of Highway 41 north of Fish Camp, so the vacationers that frequent the vacation rentals pretty much disappeared. As a net result, there has been less water used in our new larger tanks and it has stagnated. The water is safe to drink. Efforts will be taken this weekend to try and remove some of the water and refill with fresh water.

FERGUSON FIRE. Fish Camp was fortunate to have the Ferguson Fire kept away from our hamlet by the tremendous efforts of an army of firefighters and equipment that set up containment lines along the Chowchilla Mountain Road where it intersects with Summit Road. Please look around your property and consider doing further vegetation removal this fall. The Sierra National Forest has closed access to the Sierra National Forest for the time being. There are many hazard trees along the roadways AND the fire is NOT OUT, it is contained. There may be smoke in the area from time to time as the fire continues. Let's hope for an early rain season.

ELECTIONS. Patti Frey has filed for reelection. Darlene Swenson is retiring from her board position. Tim McGinty has filed election papers for the opening on the board for the district election in Nov. 2018. We are not aware of any others filing. Since there are two candidates for two open positions, the County will not conduct an election, instead declaring the candidates to be duly elected.

BILLING. Thank you to all who have submitted their payments for the Assessments and Fees.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING. YACSD's next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 10:00 am in the Tenaya Lodge of Fish Camp.

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FYI – Cedar Valley Volunteer Fire Auxiliary is holding their Annual Deep Pit BBQ on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.