

## MINUTES

**Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Cameron Park Community Services District  
2650 Cameron Park Drive, Suite 170, Cameron Park, California  
7:00 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2004  
DAVID JOHNSON, President  
ALAN CLARKE, Vice President  
Directors KEN CATER, DALE GERGER, AND PAUL RYAN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Johnson called to order the Special Meeting at 7:12 p.m. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Directors Johnson, Gerger, Cater, Ryan.  
Absent: Director Clarke.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion was made to approve the Agenda as is. It was seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**OPEN FORUM :**

1. **Station 89 Exterior Finish:** President Johnson asked for discussion from the Board.

Chief Silva reported the project stage is demolition. Unforeseen conditions, address some issues of some of cells in the block that don't have concrete and rebar where it's suppose to be which could factor into the exterior appearance.

Some suggestions to correct problem are to break into the block and fill it with concrete and rebar. Attach metal over the outside of the block on outside of wall and cover with concrete-type of material, similar to stucco, to re-enforce block. Can't approve anything tonight, until options are looked at.

Could approve the budget that has \$50,000 allocated for unforeseen conditions. Most unforeseen conditions so far will be covered by insurance funds. Finish discussed last week was stuccoing of outside of building at a cost of approximately \$25,000. Imperfections weren't noticed when the plans were drawn because some were hidden and exposed during the demolition process. Chief Silva stated that the Board could authorize him to deal with unforeseen conditions as they come up, up to the budget amount that he has. If use the metal covering that is stucco'd over that will be covered by insurance.

President Johnson asked for questions.

Director Cater wanted to know what information could be gathered before the next CSD meeting in two days.

Chief Silva stated that it is possible to learn something, may hear something from Building Department between now and then, probably won't hear anything about correcting hollow blocks within the next two days. Contractor was told that whatever fix comes up for block will not affect what he is doing on inside of building. The walls must be brought up to code and therefore the insurance company will cover that cost.

Chief Silva stated that he was comfortable with being authorized to go ahead with \$25,000 fix.

Director Cater suggested those moneys could be accessed with concurrence of 100 percent of the fire committee. Director Gerger.

President Johnson opened item for public discussion. No public discussion.

**Director Cater motioned to allow Fire Chief access to \$50,000 budgeted contingency fund; however, any expenditures must receive the concurrence of 100 percent of the fire committee. It was seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed 4-0.**

2. **Proposed Solid Waste Collection Service Charges:**

John Morgan with Environmental Department stated that this system and process is not as last minute as it appears to be. It is a dramatic change driven by AB939 requiring all counties to recycle by the year 2000 or face a \$10,000 a day fine. Have to recycle whether we want to or not, 50 percent by the year 2000, County has extension period with the State. County is planned out on the Tahoe side and the West slope side with rate structures, new agreement with Waste Management. Two years in the making to get to this point. Need to get to 50 percent improvement. This district elected to have mandatory collection. El Dorado Hills has switched to an incremental system because they can't get to 50 percent unless people have incentive to recycle. Tried to provide a senior rate, tried to provide a low volume rate.

Director Gerger stated he noticed that recycling affects El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, and a couple of other areas such as Placerville.

Mr. Morgan stated that City of Placerville has their own franchising authority and they have a contract with Waste Management. The El Dorado Hills CSD has franchising authority by vote in the 60s and the rest of the County is broken up into three franchise areas: South Tahoe Refuse in Tahoe, Sierra Disposal in North County and Amador Disposal in South County which are all liable for doing recycling or they will no longer be a franchise.

Director Gerger questioned about areas that don't fall under these areas.

Director Gerger wanted to know if the Board would have the burden of making this a reality? What about the areas that aren't incorporated, who's paying the \$10,000 a day fine there?

Tom Pyle (phonetic), Waste Management, stated that one of the things about this program is that everybody's included in this program including those that live in the rural area. Need to get rid of the green waste, which is either being burned or buried. Need to recover it. Everybody will be burdened with the AB939 50 percent.

Board Question: I don't choose to use your collection service. I just throw trash in a pickup truck and drive it to one of your dump stations in Sacramento once a month. Why am I burdened with this 50 percent?

Mr. Pyle stated that his agreement states that they pay for their share of our liability. If County gets \$10,000 fine, everyone as a taxpayer gets burdened with that \$10,000 fine even if they take trash to dump or put it in the garbage can. This is a team effort.

Board Member Question: We as a Board have to explain to residents in Cameron Park why they need to do this when there are a lot of other residents in El Dorado County that don't. So did we make a mistake by being on this mandatory collection in 1998?

Mr. Morgan stated that his best response to that is you could undo the mandatory collection but we as County residents are all burdened with the liability. The CSD itself may want to be the franchising authority.

Board Member Question: Why don't County Supervisors make this mandatory collection countywide?

Mr. Morgan stated that his recommendation would be to put that to the vote of the people.

Board Member Comment: Originally the agreement that they would get can and unlimited pick up. Now we're being told that this needs to be changed.

Mr. Morgan didn't feel that was what was on the ballot. It was 55/45 on ballot that everybody should have garbage service in the community. But the unlimited that is now tied to that is the dilemma. Waste Management won't indemnify the County unless they have a way to control and can get people to recycle.

Mr. Pyle stated that in this program there is incentives to pay less by recycling. You could go from a \$19.30 rate down to a \$15.98 rate. Called a three-cart program or, a pay as you throw. The more you throw away, the more you pay. Started in early 1990s due to AB939. Each community did a waste characterization study with a follow-up study in 2000. The current diversion rate in the County is 24.9 percent today. Cameron Park is doing 6 percent of the total to date.

Cameron Park with 5,000 accounts is major piece of the County. 42 percent of people in County participate in recycling, with a bag or an 18-gallon tub, about four pounds household. The Waste Management is offering a new automated service, automated

trucks. Trucks will do about 1,000 stops a day compared to a manual system of 500 stops. Need efficiencies to make rates reasonable. In Cameron Park 42 percent of residents currently use one 30-gallon can. The other 60 percent use two cans or more. Some use six-to-seven cans for trash only. Waste Management is offering a green waste can for yard waste, trimming, bushes, as well as small pieces of untreated and unpainted lumber; the recycling can would hold telephone books, magazines, plastic jugs, soda bottles, glass. Everything else goes in the trashcans. Waste Management would put out literature, a calendar.

This is an alternating system, every other week with the recycle and green waste cans. Waste Management is guaranteeing 50 percent recycling. This will gain efficiencies for everybody, especially for the group areas. The group areas will be eliminated, garbage will be collected at the houses instead. This will keep the group area people from burning or burying green waste. More products now to recycle; office paper, telephone books, magazines. All this would be listed in literature sent to homes. There will be appointments for bulky items to be collected at homes or can bring it to the transfer station. Special one-dollar dump recycling day. They will have a joint program with the County where if there is illegal dumping in the County, they will pick it up for no additional cost.

Mr. Morgan stated that there are five trucks that pick up litter.

Mr. Pyle discussed the varying rates: A qualified senior rate, which is a 25-gallon can with recycle can and green waste for \$14.66. Low volume, which 25-gallon can plus the two other cans for \$15.98. The base service is 35-gallon can plus the two other cans for \$18.82.

Mr. Pyle stated that this is a rate relief because of the recycling of the products; otherwise the system would cost \$26 a month.

El Dorado Hills is paying a base price of \$21.05 with a 35-gallon in comparison with a two-can service in the County now is \$23.32. This new system would give same service with recycling opportunity.

A higher volume, three 90-gallon cans or more now pay is \$31.80. Under new system would pay \$30.42, about an 8 percent difference. A business (commercial) rate one three-yard container the new rate will be \$164.59. If they use trash with a recycling container, the cost is \$68.72, saving almost \$100 a month. A four-yard regular container \$216.00, with a one-yard container and a four-yard recycling is \$68.72, almost a \$150.00 savings. Waste Management wants to get the County to 51 percent recover.

Board Member Question: How does going to this system benefit the residents of Cameron Park other than those that want to recycle?

Mr. Pyle stated that people who don't have that much trash but want to recycle can go as low as \$15.98. Main benefit is that Cameron Park is at 6 percent recycle now, something has to be done to fix that. There is an opportunity to have a lower rate.

President Johnson asked for Board comments.

Mr. Cater stated that this was a generic presentation and the cans did not exactly match up with what Cameron Park has.

President Johnson opened public comments.

Mr. Neal (phonetic) asked who has the authority to change rate?

Board Member Response: The authority to raise rates is through the statutes and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Neal stated that residents need to keep brush down and clean up yards due to fire hazard. Would at least double rates if had to pay \$2.20 per bag pickup.

Supervisor Dupray stated that his concern the garbage can is way too small for his family. The green waste is also too small.

Mr. Pyle stated that a second green waste can is offered as part of the same rate.

Chief Silva stated that fire department has made a lot of effort to reduce the fire hazard and for people to clean up their lots. See an up trend in that. Fire department has developed brochures based on the current service being provided. Have targeted placing oak leaves in bags instead of burning. As a resident, he doesn't have any place to put all the cans. A lot of houses are located in hilly areas with steep driveways. Can't get cans up and down the driveway in bad weather. Asked about the commercial waste. Is it possible to implement the commercial aspect without the residential?

Mr. Pyle stated that both were needed to get to 50 percent.

Joe Tower (phonetic) asked about the property tax bill CSA10, \$17 a year pay for?

Board Member Response: The CSA10 is a litter abatement program. It pays for the closure of 30 different fills which used to exist, the planning and enforcement.

Mr. Tyler asked about the every-other-week alternating between recyclables and yard waste, why is this every-other-week when Waste Management can do twice the work automated? Is there a concern about summertime spontaneous combustion?

Mr. Pyle's said that spontaneous combustion was not a concern.

Mr. Tyler asked what the blue recycling bin that is used now holds?

Mr. Pyle replied approximately 18-gallons.

Mr. Tower stated that Waste Management's base service is 497 gallons per month. His added figure comes up to 450 gallons per month. Based on the current system of a 96-gallon can once a week and 18-gallon recycling can once a week, that's 456 gallon per month. Had lived in Redding prior to moving here. City of Redding uses three 96-gallon containers at a total cost of \$17.99 a month.

Mr. Pyle stated that the County does have the right to negotiate the contract. Doesn't know the infrastructure of Redding. El Dorado County is a subscription service versus Redding's is a mandatory service.

Female resident wanted to know what a qualified senior is? Letter sent out doesn't state about income. She doesn't produce much trash, takes recyclables to a center, doesn't have yard waste, why does she need this?

Mr. Pyle stated senior is 62. Don't need to have all the cans. Offer the 25-gallon can at the \$14 rate.

President Johnson asked if a qualified senior is age 62, income has nothing to do with it?

Mr. Morgan stated that the way it's structured, the income is a part of the factor. It's the PacBell or SBC rate, PGE, about \$23,000 a year.

Female resident felt it was unfair to charge her that rate with only one can, no recycling or green waste.

Mr. Neal stated that the fire department is asking the residents to clean up yards. Passed out a two-page proposal to do a special demonstration project to Cameron Park that has community leaders, County leaders, fire department and the leaders of the waste company all working together to solve the problem of wild-land fire green waste. Could get moneys from the waste management company to provide project.

President Johnson closed public discussion.

Mr. Cater stated that he got a mixed message on the senior rate. Is it predicated on income?

Mr. Morgan stated that currently it's at the discretion of the Board and how they adopt the resolution whether it is for any one age 62 or qualified because of income.

Mr. Cater questioned if seniors only had the only trashcan, would they be compelled to take the recyclables to a center since there is no more 18-gallon blue tub?

Board Member stated that when he found out about this he was told that there would be a lot of information to advise the public before the system was started and haven't seen anything except one letter to his house. He'd like to have a subcommittee for the garbage or recycling problem.

President Johnson concerned about that it may be too late to get this on Board of Supervisor's meeting to speak the CSD Board's position.

Supervisor Dupray stated that he will not move forward at the Board of Supervisor meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Plans to ask for continuance until more information forthcoming.

President Johnson asked CSD Board if they wanted someone to attend Supervisor's meeting, and if Board wants to take a position on the whole issue at this meeting?

Mr. Gerger stated that he planned to be at the Supervisor meeting at least as a resident of Cameron Park. Not convinced that this is the best solution for the residents in Cameron Park.

Mr. Gerger made a motion to have the County postpone this to a later date and ask Waste Management to come up with some other alternative to this system to benefit the residents of Cameron Park. President Johnson seconded.

Mr. Cater asked what President Johnson anticipated happening at the Board. Would the Board make a recommendation? Discussion followed.

President Johnson withdrew second. (Tape Runs Out)

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Gerger felt that Board needed to take a stand one way or another. Will go to the Board of Supervisor's meeting as a resident.

Supervisor Dupray stated that he will pass along the comments from this CSD Board.

President Johnson wanted to know if there was a motion on the floor.

Mr. Gerger made a motion to send a message through Supervisor Dupray to the Board of Supervisors that they postpone this without further study. CSD board will appoint a subcommittee as a liaison with Mr. Morgan and then bring this back to our Board in the near future. It was seconded.

Mr. Cater stated that he has a reluctant to go beyond the transmission of the message given to Supervisor Dupray. Doesn't want to get in to the trash business.

The motion was withdrawn.

**Mr. Gerger made a motion to send a message that the CSD Board would like this postponed until these folks can address this additional options. It was seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-1.**

President Johnson asked if there was to be a subcommittee. Directors Clarke and Gerger recommended for the subcommittee.

Chief Silva stated that the fire department also wants to be on the subcommittee. Thought that Mr. Neal's proposal had merit.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session to discuss employment of a General Manager.

President Johnson reported out of closed session at approximately 9:33 p.m. Conferred with consultant on the General Manager item. No action was taken

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

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**President, Board of Directors**

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**Acting General Manager**