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Hi Everyone - here are the minutes from March 2013 Water District 63-S meeting. Have a great Summer

Mary Ryan

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of State Water District 63-S Stewart Gulch on March 7, 2013

Quail Hollow Clubhouse

Meeting called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Present:

Joe Terteling, Flinda Terteling, Ed Squires, Charles Honsinger, Dave Hendrickson, Ken Neely, Vicky Music, Garnette Edwards, Sarah Garceau, Mary Ryan, & Rose Ryan

Minutes:

Minutes of March 2012 meeting were read, two minor name spelling corrections made (Tom Neace and Tim Luke), and approved with corrections.

Elections of Officers from March 7, 2013 thru March 5, 2014.

Garnette Edwards--Chairperson

Ken Neely--Watermaster

Mary Ryan--Secretary

Dave Hendrickson--Treasurer

All Officers were approved.

Treasurer's Report/Budget:

Dave presented the treasurer's report: \$638.00 in the account, all money collected and bills paid. Ken presented his bill for compensation of watermaster duties from March 1, 2012 to Feb. 28, 2013. The bill is \$703.60 for 13 hours (measurements only quarterly this billing period). Ken reported it was an uneventful year with withdrawals consistent with the last few years. A new magnetic-induction flow-meter was installed by TTCI on the pool well to improve monitoring. Quail Hollow had a little more usage than previous years, but other wells had lower use. The Edwards and Tiegs wells had a slight increase in aquifer pressures. Ken Neely suggested a lessening of his site visits as watermaster. After a discussion to change to semiannual measurements of the wells a motion was made and passed to approve the lessened frequency of Ken's measurements. Until further notice, he will do two full rounds of measurements semiannually. Once in the late winter/early spring (Feb./March), and once in the fall (mid to late Sept). Ken will also do a quick round of totalizer readings on, or just after, October 1 at the beginning of the water year. Ken will calculate the total usage for the whole year and this will provide information for withdrawals from 63-S. A second discussion was had to reduce aquifer pressure/water level monitoring and reporting to only the Tiegs and Edwards wells. Ed Squires presented several hydrographs that showed that all of the continuously measured water level show exactly the same thing. He made the point that "now that we know the water levels act the same in all wells, it should be ok to monitor just two (Tiegs and Edwards) because if there were ever to be a problem monitoring either the Edwards or Tiegs wells, any of the other wells could be monitored for the same results." In other words, Ed thought that the two wells reflect what is going on with water levels in the District 63-S without having to monitor the other wells at this time. Of course, water production would continue to be measured and reported for all district wells. A motion was made and passed to monitor and report water levels/pressures in only the Tiegs and Edwards wells and for the watermaster to reduce monitoring to three times per year as described above. If there is a problem we will go back to increased monitoring.

Old Business:

The advisory committee formed for creating an Area of Drilling Concern met during the past year. Joe Terteling wanted to look for other LTG water users who do not report. Garnette indicated that she had looked into such other users but has not found any evidence of such. The proposed District 63-S Area of Drilling Concern would be to protect pressure and temperature in existing wells and to prevent new and/or existing wells to be deepened from encountering low-temperature geothermal ground water and resulting in additional withdrawals from District 63-S. The committee will continue working this year with meetings to be initiated and administered by Garnette. Garnette proposed several teleconferences between the committee before the next annual meeting. Joe Terteling agreed that the committee should continue to work on the ADC and said he would look forward to Garnette's next scheduled meeting. Joe

lead a discussion that we must provide a basis and why we have an Area of Drilling Concern. We talked about the potential under current rules/administration that someone when drilling a domestic well could accidentally drill down to the geothermal level. Ed Squires agreed with Joe that a scientific study would likely be necessary to approach IDWR to declare an ADC but Charlie Honsinger suggested the group could simply develop a letter to the department requesting an ADC and "see where it goes". Any letter we write must include data we have already collected, quality, and waste of temperature. Or we could try to get the IDWR to develop/or beef up any existing rule. The example was given of the "300-foot rule".

Based on last years finding that Dave Nisnik was using LTG water above his allotted amount, Charles Honsinger had prepared but not sent a letter to Mr. Niznik. Ken Neely also sent an e-mail to Dave Niznik that stated he was not sure of the reason as to the increase for higher levels of usage of his well. This year Ken has paid close attention to well readings for the Niznik well and is more confident of his data and that Niznik is exceeding his water right during the heating season. According to Ken, this year the Niznik well production is down a little but is still 6% over the 13,000 gallon allotment of the water right. Charlie and Ken will again review the Niznik data and Charlie will resurrect the letter he had previously written to Niznik for District 63-S review. The letter will be a friendly letter to Dave Niznick stating he is pushing the limits of allotment during the heating season. This letter will be signed and sent by Garnette.

New Business:

The Tertelings raised an issue of a new proposed water right transfer application that ad been filed with IDWR. This transfer was to add points of diversion (wells) for TTCl's cold water rights (irrigation wells). Joe Terteling had previously sent a letter describing the goals of the transfer application to all distgrict members and to the water master. Ed Squires volunteered that the cold water transfer would be good for District 63-S because it would allow the Tertelings to continue to irrigate with cold water without having to use LTG wells to irrigate during the summer months. The proposed transfer applications also eliminated the TTCE "Springs" well that is a LTG well from the cold water rights and that is also a positive move for the District 63-S. Joe is working on completing the application packet for the water right.

Next meeting is set for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at Quail Hollow Clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted--Mary & Rose Ryan