HOMESTEAD VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2014 at the SASM Wastewater Treatment Plant, 450 Sycamore Ave., Mill Valley

- 1. Call to Order: President Einar Asbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Board members present were Secretary Burnett Tregoning and Directors Al Leibof and Scott Noble. Also present: Manager Tom Roberts and Bonner Beuhler, Manager of the Almonte Sanitary District, who will succeed Roberts as Manager of the Homestead Valley Sanitary District effective March 1, 2014.
- 2. Visitors to the Meeting and Open Time for Public Expression: Visitors were former Homestead Valley residents Jenny Yancey and Dan Siegel, who experienced flooding at their home at 322 Laverne Ave. on December 22, 2012. They believe the Sanitary District is at fault, and early last year filed a claim for damages. The Board, presented with differing opinions of the cause, rejected their claim, and turned it over to the insurance people, where it currently resides.
- **3. Minutes of the Meeting of January 28, 2014:** It was moved by Scott Noble, seconded by Al Leibof, that the minutes be approved. Motion adopted 4-0
- **4. Financial Report and List of Payments to be Approved:** It was M/S Noble/Leibof that the financial report be accepted and the list of payments be approved. Motion adopted 4-0.
- **5. Manager's Report:** Tom Roberts reported a joint Almonte-SASM-HVSD event that happened in a vacant building behind the old KFC building. Raw sewage flowed into an abandoned basement. Roto-Rooter has made a temporary fix, but Nute Engineering needs to consulted. Apparently, a broken lateral is the problem. The area has been smoke tested and Tom expects an upsurge in lateral repair.

Nothing new to report at the Montford/Laverne intersection.

Tom has sent a letter to the Marin County Grand Jury, correcting the number of spills reported at an earlier date in a *Grand Jury Survey*.

6. Reports of Outside Meetings:

- **a.** County Counsel's Presentation to Special Districts on the Brown Act—Burnett Tregoning and Tom Roberts represented HVSD at the presentation, held at the Strawberry Recreation Center on January 30. Both briefly described their experience.
- **b.** *SASM*—Einar Asbo reported that the proposed Lateral Ordinance was discussed. County Counsel Jack Govi is working with district managers in an effort to produce an effective ordinance. Einar still feels the proposed ordinance is getting too complex. He urged the district managers to speak up, and he believes that no one has yet checked with Marin Realtors to get their input.

Asbo also addressed the sewer plant's long-range plan. He attended a meeting with the contractor during which it was noted that the capacity of the plant is quite adequate. The plant is within permit parameters, but there is not much room for excess flow. He expects to have more to report on the long-range plan at our April meeting.

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Bonner Beuhler noted that the new pumps at SASM apparently are not working as planned. During recent rains, there was substantial overflow the 2AM Club. A general discussion of flow surcharge problems followed, with Einar suggesting that SASM should "pop" manhole covers during storms to actually see the flow rather than rely on flow meters.

- c. SASM District Managers—The proposed lateral ordinance was the first order of business for the district managers.
- 7. Unfinished Business: None.
- 8. New Business:
- a) Directors set a time and date for a special dinner to honor retiring District Manager Tom Roberts. Everybody but Tom goes "dutch."
- **9. Director's Open Time:** Asbo reported that the ad he put together for the Homestead Headlines giving details about the opening on the HVSD board was over edited and ineffective. He plans to make an announcement at the upcoming HVCA Annual Meeting to be held at the newly renovated community center on March 8. Our new manager, Bonner Beuhler, will attend that meeting and be introduced to users of the HVSD system at that time.
- **10. Adjournment:** M/S Noble/Leibof that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Burnett Tregoning, Secretary

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
OF THE HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER,
315 MONTFORD AVENUE, MILL VALLEY
7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014