

WESTHAVEN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 2nd, 2020

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A *Special Meeting* of the Board of Directors of the Westhaven Community Services District will be held **Wednesday, December 2nd,** at **5:30 p.m.** **Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held via Zoom videoconferencing. By ZOOM meeting.**

Topic: WCSD Special Meeting WCSD December 02, 2020

Time: Dec 2, 2020 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to comment on any matter within the authority of the WCSD. Board discussion of matters not appearing on the published agenda is prohibited by law.

3. Draft letter to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District; Regarding the planning for an extension of waterline proposed to serve the Trinidad Rancheria, Casino and Hotel **Discussion/approval.**

4. ADJOURN

Regular Meetings of the Board occur on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, December 16th 2020, and will be held via Zoom videoconferencing unless otherwise posted. The agenda for that meeting will be posted pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code commencing at Section 54950. Posting locations are: 1) WCSD Office; 2) Westhaven Fire Hall.

The Westhaven CSD will make reasonable effort to accommodate the participation of persons with disabilities. If you require such accommodation, contact the WCSD office at 677-0798 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMORANDUM

To: Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
From: David Hankin, President of the Board, Westhaven Community Services District
Subject: WCSD involvement in Trinidad Rancheria's request for water from HBMWD
Date: 01 December 2020

At the 12 November 2020 meeting of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD), during discussion of the Trinidad Rancheria's (TR) request for an out-of-service area water line extension to the TR's lands near Trinidad, HBMWD Board members repeatedly referred to an apparent desire of the Westhaven Community Services District (WCSD) to connect to the requested water line extension. This topic was discussed at the 18 November 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of the WCSD. This memorandum is written at the request of the WCSD Board.

WCSD provides water to approximately 250 residential households within its Westhaven District. WCSD is currently engaged in a planning grant designed to secure additional groundwater supply (test wells to be drilled at three favorable locations) and a Technical Assistance Grant designed to determine a cost-effective treatment system for the WCSD's combined groundwater (wells) /surface water (Two Creek) supplies. Together, we hope that these efforts will expand our supply of water, while ensuring that state and federal disinfection byproduct standards are met, and will allow us to add additional high priority District users to our system who are not currently served (e.g., those with contaminated wells or those with insufficient supply).

When the WCSD was first formed in 1989, we explored the feasibility of hooking up to HBMWD. Our consulting engineer estimated the probable cost of bringing a line north from Doves Prairie to Westhaven. The cost was so high that the Board dismissed the idea long ago and has not seriously reconsidered this option since. WCSD receives revenue solely from its water sales, our customers are from an economically disadvantaged community, and our current water charges to customers are high. We are not in a financial position to fund a mainline extension. In addition, the Board of 1989 and the current Board of 2020 have had substantial concerns regarding inducement of development in surrounding areas if water delivered by a mainline extension were made available to parties other than the Trinidad Rancheria.

Although the WCSD has therefore not requested connection to the new line sought by the Trinidad Rancheria, our District Manager (Paul Rosenblatt) has correctly expressed interest in being fully consulted and briefed on the Rancheria's request as the HBMWD moved forward with consideration of this request (to "have a seat at the table"). If, for example, HBMWD were to request that its mainline extension rely, in part, on the existing infrastructure of WCSD, or that the physical location of the proposed line extension were to pass through our District boundaries and impact our existing infrastructure, then we would very obviously be an "interested party" that must be consulted. If it were possible for additional fire suppression water to become available from a mainline extension, without

charge to WCSD for construction of the extension itself, then WCSD would certainly be interested in that possibility.

To summarize, the WCSD expresses a desire to be kept abreast of HBMWD's response to the request of the Trinidad Rancheria for a mainline extension from HBMWD (via the Mickinleyville Community Services District). But the WCSD has no desire to augment or replace its water supply via a connection to the mainline extension requested by the Trinidad Rancheria and a majority of our Board members have expressed concern about induced development in surrounding areas if water delivered by a mainline extension were made available to parties other than the Trinidad Rancheria. The WCSD takes no position on whether or not it is appropriate for the HBMWD to develop an out-of-service area mainline extension to provide water to the TR's lands near Trinidad.

cc: Humboldt LAFCo; Humboldt County Board of Supervisors