



BUTTE COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

*Amended July 11, 2007*

WASTEWATER WORKING GROUP

MINUTES

MAY 24, 2007, AMENDED JULY 11, 2007  
ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS BOARD ROOM, CHICO

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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- I. Call to Order  
Nick called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
- II. Preliminary Items
- A. Role Call and Determination of Quorum  
Tony Kilcollins, DC Jones, Ron Dykstra, Buddy Nottingham, Ken Shuey, and Nick Weigel were present. Stew Oakley, Phil Decann, and Gary Fowler were absent.  
A quorum was established.
- B. Introduction of Guests  
Jan Hill, Patrice Sullivan, Justin Seufert, Bill Mannel, and Jack Biggs were present. In addition, Doug Fogel, Tom Loushine, Charlotte Walters, Tom Loushine, and Brad Banner attended the meeting on behalf of the Public Health Department.
- C. Minutes  
DC made a motion that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Correspondence and Public Comment  
None.
- E. Agenda Review  
Nick suggested the group focus on O&M in preparation for the June 12 Board of Supervisor presentation.
- III. Informational Non-Action Item
- A. Ron explained that he missed the meeting where policy recommendations were made relevant to minimum requirements for creation of new parcels. He expressed concern about the lack of density requirements for parcels with shallow soils, and stated that although the committee's work in development of a

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new ordinance was very positive, he felt the lack of density requirements for creation of new parcels was taking the program in the wrong direction.

- B. Nick pointed out that that the issue of establishing density requirements could not be addressed by the committee because it had not been placed on the committee agenda at the May meeting and committee would not be able to consider the issue prior to the Board of Supervisors presentation scheduled for June 13, 2007. DC suggested that the best approach would be to acknowledge Ron's concerns at the June 12 Board presentation with an informational note.
- C. Verbiage suggested was along the line of: *"It has come to my attention that, based on concerns expressed by the Regional Board, the committee will need to do some additional work in regard to density requirements for creation of new parcels."*

#### IV. Action Items

##### A. Discussion on O&M

1. The group discussed what types of systems to include in an O&M program and how a program could be phased.
2. Buddy, Bill, and Nick discussed the Paradise model.
3. The issue of standardized pumper forms was discussed, and Jack stressed the importance of the Internet for streamlining the process. The importance of homeowner education was discussed.
4. Nick led a discussion concerning how the O&M program would relate to a sanitation district. Ken described the sanitation district in Nevada County for community systems owned by the district.
5. Ron expressed concern that supplemental treatment systems are too complex and costly to repair to be managed by other than a sanitation district.

##### B. The following is the series of motions that followed discussion:

1. Ron made a motion that all wastewater systems should eventually be included in an O&M program through renewable operating permits. Ken seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Ken made a motion that the committee recognize that the county is working toward a countywide wastewater management entity and the committee looks forward to working collaboratively with the county and/or district in the future to develop an efficient and effective program. Tony seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. DC made a motion that the O&M program be phased in over time through requiring renewable operating permits for new systems, repair systems, and for other parcels at the time of change in ownership. Ron seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Buddy made a motion that: (a) All pumpers be required to be certified by the county and submit copies of their pumper reports to environmental health, (b) A standardized and informative report form be utilized by the pumpers, (c) Environmental health develop an inventory of pumping reports submitted when tanks are either routinely pumped or pumped as part of their operating permit requirements, and (d) Environmental health manage the data and track the information to identify trends and areas of concern. Ken seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on June 13, that day after the Board presentation. Next steps can be discussed at that time.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.