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## WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2013

CHICO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS \*\* 1160 E. 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE, CHICO

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- I. Preliminary Items
- A. Call to Order  
DC called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
- B. Role Call and Determination of Quorum  
Lauralyn Lambert, Bill Dinsmore, Rick McCauley, DC Jones, Will Arnold, and Wes Gilbert, were present.  
Nick Weigel, Jan Hill, Priscilla Rawlings (alternate), and Doug Flesher (alternate) were absent.  
A quorum was established.
- C. Introduction of Guests  
Robert Parker, Harold Balaz, Mike Elliot, Don McDonald, and John Hoffman attended as guests. Brad Banner, Andrea Narciso, Tom Loushine, and Charlotte Walters attended the meeting on behalf of the Public Health Department.
- D. Review of Minutes  
The minutes from the November 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Wes made a motion that the minutes be approved. Bill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- E. Agenda Review  
No changes were requested.
- F. Public Comments and Input  
There was no public comment.
- II. Action Items
- A. Draft Interpretation of Ordinance Regarding Requirement to Upgrade the Existing System of a Large Parcel When Secondary Dwelling is Proposed
1. The committee discussed the proposed interpretation. Questions arose about parcel maps and when an existing dwelling would be required to upgrade. The general consensus of the group was that the existing residence should not be required to upgrade, especially if it will be on a 5+acre parcel, as a requirement

of the Parcel Map. (However, this issue is not the one being considered at this time by the committee and will need to be put on the agenda of a future meeting.)

2. [Wes made a motion to support the Director's Interpretation as written. Bill seconded the motion. The committee passed the motion unanimously.](#)

### III. Informational Non-Action Items

#### A. Identification of Areas for Future Committee Review and Wastewater Program Improvement

1. The committee expressed interest in reviewing the proposed Pond Ordinance and the proposed countywide community wastewater management system.
2. The consensus of the committee was that Brad should invite stakeholders such as Public Works, Planning, and LAFCo to the next meeting to discuss these issues.

#### B. Issues Regarding Connection of Failing Systems to City Sewer

The committee requested that the appropriate City of Chico staff be invited to discuss the process and cost of connecting to the city sewer, especially in regard to areas such as Chapmantown.

#### C. Water Recycling

Mike brought up the issue of purple pipe systems and water recycling and suggested that these emerging technologies be discussed by the committee.

#### D. Escrow Issues

1. Concerns about septic tank pumping and septic tank evaluations by non-certified pumpers was raised by Lauralyn. Brad explained that the Well Driller's Advisory Group was also concerned about escrow evaluations of water systems.
2. [Lauralyn said that she would inquire about putting this issue on a future Board of Realtors meeting. Buddy and Will agreed make a presentation to the Realtors regarding this issue alongside representatives of the Well Driller Advisory Group.](#)

#### E. Certified Wastewater Professionals Workshop

The group discussed and generally agreed to the following for the next Certified Wastewater Professionals Workshop:

1. Hold workshop in mid to late February, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
2. Rick will make an ATU presentation
3. Mike will make a peat filter and Advantex presentation
4. Buddy will make an O&M presentation
5. Sufficient time will be allocated for roundtable and contractor feedback

6. The meeting might be followed by a BBQ

IV. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting

The next meeting will tentatively be scheduled for the third Tuesday of March 19, unless it needs to be earlier in order to allow timely review the pond ordinance and community wastewater management system proposals. The next meeting will be in **Oroville** at 202 Mira Loma in the Tahoe Room. At the next meeting the group will discuss feedback from the workshop, Doug Flesher offered to make a presentation on Paradise Irrigation District, the committee will discuss if and when it is appropriate to evaluate and upgrade an existing residence when there is a parcel split and possibly be asked to provide input concerning the pond ordinance and the community wastewater management system proposals.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.