



Chelmsford Water District

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CHELMSFORD WATER DISTRICT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING June 29, 2023

PRESENT:

Commissioners

Ronald W. Wetmore

John G. Harrington

Richard Romano

Superintendent

Andy Reid

Business Director/Treasurer

Lisa Quatrale

Environmental Compliance

Todd Melanson

Consultant

Robert Delaney

Recording Secretary

Michaela Thompson

Commissioner Wetmore called the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners to order at 10:05am with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wetmore asked Mr. Melanson to explain why the District needs additional lab testing and what the benefit in doing so would be. Mr. Melanson explained that there are two reasons he supports approval and funding for additional lab testing. 1) The litigating attorney from Napoli Shkolnik Law Firm is strongly requesting that the District test all water sources for all 29 UCMR5 chemicals. 2) It benefits the District to have the test results. These are compounds that the District hasn't had to test for before - mainly because methods weren't developed to detect these compounds. In the event these tests reveal these new PFAS contaminants, those contaminants would need to be treated differently than the current PFAS contaminants. Having this information now will allow the District time to develop a plan to treat, if necessary, since these compounds are not treated the same as the current PFAS compounds.

Ms. Quatrale asked if our pending design for PFAS Treatment plant would accommodate additional testing for these new chemicals if needed in the new UCMR5? Mr. Melanson indicated that if we did have to treat these additional chemicals that GAC would not be able to do that. The District would need to use ION exchange and add that technology to new treatment plant. Ms. Quatrale asked if current design would allow for that to be added. Mr. Reid indicated it would not. Chairman Wetmore believed that was the discussion and ultimate approval with AECOM and wondered if and when and why it changed. Chairman Wetmore asked Mr. Reid to go back to AECOM to get clarification and ask them to attend our meeting in July, 2023.

Commissioner Romano stated that besides the fact the attorney strongly recommended the testing, he felt it was beneficial for the District to have the knowledge.

Commissioner Romano then made a motion to approve and fund additional lab testing.

Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion. Commissioner Romano voted Aye. Commissioner Harrington voted Aye and Commissioner Wetmore voted Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Harrington stated that as Treasurer Ms. Quatralle has taken on duties in addition to what she was hired to do. Commissioner Wetmore agreed and said that she works very well with the banks.

Commissioner Harrington made a motion to increase the salary of the Treasurer by 2.0%. Commissioner Romano seconded the motion. Commissioner Harrington voted Aye. Commissioner Romano voted Aye and Commissioner Wetmore voted Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Harrington displayed a plan of the property with the Turnpike Road tank. He asked if anyone knew who owned the property around it and inquired about installing a fence. The Board agreed that more information would be necessary and discussion should continue at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Romano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The Commissioners voted as follows: Mr. Wetmore, Aye. Mr. Harrington, Aye, and Mr. Romano, Aye. Motion passed.

Next Meetings Scheduled:

Commissioners Regular Meeting – July 12, 2023 at 1:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela A. Thompson
Recording Secretary