

September 27, 2012

## Updated Summary of Current Issues affecting Yosemite West

Hello:

The intent of this correspondence is to provide an additional update to the community concerning issues affecting the Yosemite West subdivision and the Maintenance District.

### Sewer System:

#### Quick Summary of Public Meeting:

On Wednesday September 19 Supervisor Lee Stetson, Public Works Director Peter Rei and Assistant Public Works Director Gary Taylor met with about 15 residents to discuss various issues in Yosemite West. The discussions were informative and lively. Concerns with historic maintenance, the cost of needed repairs, the historic burn pile, the equity of distribution of TOT revenues, winter housing for Public Works employees, road conditions, water supply concerns and the Notice of Violation from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) were all discussed along with other issues.

#### Meeting with the Regional Water Quality Control Board:

On Thursday September 20 Director Rei and Assistant Director Taylor met with three RWQCB representatives and an engineer from Provost and Pritchard. The topic of the meeting is the Notice of Violation (NOV) that the County (District) received dated August 30, 2012. In that NOV the state required various plans and assurances to address the noted deficiencies in the Sewage Treatment and Disposal Facility. Our discussions clarified the requirements and started a dialogue with the state which we hope will facilitate effective communication as we continue to work on meeting their requirements.

#### Letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board:

On Wednesday September 26, 2012 a letter was sent to the RWQCB asking for a one month extension of time to respond to the concerns stated in the August 30, 2012 Notice of Violation. As of this update we have not yet received a response to that request.

#### Provost and Pritchard Contract:

On October 9, 2012 the District Board of Directors (aka Board of Supervisors) will be asked to approve a Master Agreement between the District and Provost and Pritchard. In addition the Board will be asked to approve the first two Task Orders to the Master Agreement. These task orders total \$32,500 and will cover the necessary investigations by Provost and Pritchard of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System and the preparation of all of the required reports included in the August 30, 2012 Notice of

Violation. This is a public meeting and would be an opportunity for community members to inform the Board of Directors of their concerns.

**Water System:**

As residents are aware we had a sequential failure of several Pressure Reducing Valves within the subdivision in the last few days of July. Public Works staff with the help of several contractors we able to make the necessary repairs and get the system back in a functional condition by the middle of August. As part of that effort 5 of the 10 Pressure Reducing Valves were replaced. Our contractor is in the subdivision during the week of September 24-28 attempting to make the needed repairs. At this time it does not appear that there will be a need to shut off the water in order to replace these valves. However, the contractor will have to make the ultimate decision of how to make these repairs safely. That could mean localized short duration water shut-offs if that is necessary for safety reasons.

**Garbage Concerns:**

We have received concerns about garbage being bothered by wildlife. As currently assigned this issue is not within the responsibility of Public Works to resolve. Total Waste Systems Inc. provides garbage service to the Yosemite West subdivision. The County does not currently regulate that service. My recommendation to the community is to contact Total Waste and see if there is something that can be devised that will address this issue directly with them. Perhaps this is an issue that the Homeowners Association can address more effectively???

**Burn Pile:**

The Doctors group has yet to respond to our letter requesting they consider two options for Lot Line Adjustments. Both proposals would result in the historic burn pile being located on a re-configured lot which would be owned by the District. As soon as more information is available we will provide an update.

I hope this summary helps residents to be better informed of the current issues that Public Works is managing on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Peter Rei  
Director of Public Works  
County of Mariposa