

**GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**GSD District Office  
919 Redwood Dr. Garberville, CA**

**June 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

**I. SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairperson Brodersen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Rio Anderson - Present  
Linda Brodersen - Present  
Doug Bryan - Absent  
Richard Thompson - Present  
Gary Wellborn - Present

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Brodersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Wellborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by four Yes votes.

**IV. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No Comments

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Chair Brodersen announced she would present the agenda item, then the public could comment. Each person would state their name and had three minutes to speak. After hearing the public comments, the board would go into discussion. Brodersen asked for no interruptions during the Boards discussion.

**A. Response to Southern Humboldt Community Park draft EIR requested by Humboldt County Planning Division**

Brodersen read the draft response to the Southern Humboldt Community Park draft EIR. Brodersen opened the floor for public comment.

Carol Van Sant - Southern Humboldt Park Board Member, representing the board today. Carol thanked the district for the public service it does here in the community. Carol said that the district and park were neighbors, and they want to live in harmony and cooperation. She thanked the district for the letter of support, the cut off being the critical thing, if they have sports fields there, the recreational water use for irrigation must be cut off at 30 cfs. Carol read the Park's goals in enhancing, restoring, and preserving Park area. She talked about the need for the sports fields in the area. Carol said that they supported this comment that the district is sending.

Kathryn Lobato - Executive Director of the Community Park being involved in the park for sixteen years. She spoke about the community's need for a public facility with ball fields and recreation. Kathryn spoke to the commitment from the Park Board to conservation. The first project was watershed restoration, to enhance the ability of the land to hold water and installed a 55,000 water tank. The agreement that they made as a mitigation measure to stop watering ball fields is far below what their permitting is allowing them to do. It is going above and beyond what the Fish and Wildlife has wanted them to do. They are taking that extra measure to protect the river. Kathryn said in the future the wetlands on the park property could hold back water and release cool water into the river in the summer. Kathryn said the job is to balance the human uses and the ecology, and that's been their job all along. This Park would add significantly to the

community, it would have an impact, but they have hired the best people they know for developing water conservation standards.

Kirsten Vogel – Kristen asked if and when the park will be back here looking for annexation will the Board be required to do an EIR to accept such a large property into the district. She added that a very large river draw is beginning as of this month at the Park which it is not included in their EIR. It is a ten-acre grape vineyard, with irrigation starting this week. What public benefit is the grape vineyard? Who does the vineyard belong to, who will be paid from it? Why wasn't the district informed about it? She thought GSD didn't know much about the vineyard.

Don Courtemanche (Frenchie) – Don said there is no perc test in the EIR. Sixteen years he is pretty sure they ran some perc test. He said the whole flat is wetland in the winter; it won't perc. Perc test would be nice so we can know what will happen to the waste at the park. Don said that the river measuring point was thirteen miles away with four creeks in between. He said they should measure at the spot where they draw the water out. He said he is not on board with what the Park Board is doing.

Ralph Emerson – GSD General Manager thanked everyone for being involved in the process. He said that he wasn't here when this all started, all we can do at this point is move forward. Our job is to protect the Garberville Sanitary District; We have been requested to submit a response to the Park's draft EIR and our response is in relation to how it effects Garberville Sanitary District Customers.

Chair Brodersen noted a letter was received from John laBoyteaux in regards to the Park.

Director Wellborn asked were the 30 cfs number came from. Kathryn Lobato said it came from Pacific Watershed Association.

She said there is two station that is used for measuring the river flow, one in Leggett and the other at Sylvandale. Emerson said the district uses the one at Sylvandale.

Director Anderson asked about stored water use for recreation irrigation. Van Sant said they could use stored water. Anderson said the statement was not really clear. Director Thompson asked if the 30 cfs was for agriculture irrigation. Van Sant said it was not for the Ag exclusive land, just the seventeen acres that is changing to public facility land. Kathryn Lobato pointed out that fifteen acres for general Ag was in the EIR. They anticipated some kind of irrigated crop and the water needed, was included in the water calculation. After discussion concerning the Ag land water use, it was determine that an additional limit be put on the Ag irrigation.

It was decided that when drought conditions cause the river flow to fall below ten (10) cfs at the Eel River Gauge, at the Sylvandale Bridge, all river diversion will stop. All recreational irrigation be discontinued when the river flow is below 30 cfs which is what the park proposes in their draft EIR.

Linda Sutton – Redway Community Service District Board Member said there were a lot of Redway residents who are concerned about how all of this is going to work out. She thought there needed to be more information about the Eel River. She asked if the Board Member had a change to read the draft EIR. They said they read the pages that had to do with water.

Chair Brodersen asked for a motion to approve the guidelines submitted in response to the Park draft EIR. (attached)

Motion: Wellborn      Second: Thompson      Vote: 4 yes

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

Brodersen adjourned the at 4:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Tina Stillwell – Clerk