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Hi, Haley --

For Public Comment at today's meeting. I expect to be there to read it myself. Thanks.

Public Comment:

I ask the board to provide information about the progress of the CDP application for the Emergency Water Project. It was filed with the county in July, and evaluated as 13 percent complete. The district spent six years, getting it to 13 percent complete. It has not advanced in the three months since then.

I ask the board to request a full and complete report from the Utilities Manager and the General Manager as to what is needed and why it has not been provided.

One of the issues was the lack of an Instream Flow study, which the Utilities Manager said would be done in August and, at least part, completed in October. I was never clear on how they could do an Instream Flow study when the creek was not flowing, but Has that been done? What are the results? The Coastal Commission expressed concerns over the adequacy of the district's proposal for the Instream Flow Study. Have those been satisfied? Please give the public full details.

Another issue raised by the Coastal Commission is that the project was constructed entirely in Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area, and that the commission asks the district whether any elements of the project can be moved out of ESHA and what mitigation would be provided for the damage done by whatever needs to stay there. What progress has been made on this? What is the district proposing to make this project eligible for a permit?

What's going on with the Adaptive Management Plan? What progress has the district made in working with the other agencies whose approval is required, California Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Water Resource Control Board, State Parks and others?

The County's website indicates no additional material has been submitted since the application was filed. I won't go into the deficiency of submitting a permit application that the district has spent six years preparing and submits only 13 percent complete. Now, three months later, no progress. Please tell the community what, specifically is being done to address the nine pages of information the county asked for to complete this application.

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Another comment:

Item 5A:

I was encouraged to see a Board Secretary being added to the district, but disappointed when I read the job description. The Board Secretary does not report to the board. That person will report to the General Manager.

The Board needs its own secretary, to keep track of its actions and support the directors. I'm encouraged that the general manager proceeded on his own authority to advertise and interview for this position without waiting for the board to act to create it, but I ask that the board look to its own interests and make sure that the person hired is charged with responsibility to the board, not the district staff.

Please ask the general manager to revise the job description so that it reflects the board's interests, and advising the applicants of the change in responsibility.

I appreciate the general manager's reorganization of the district's personnel. It's long overdue, and getting the district to operate more efficiently, and less expensively, is welcome.

Cost savings can be applied to hiring a Forest Ecologist, a position that should have been filled years ago.

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A couple more comments:

Item 6A

To bring you up to date on the Settini permit application for new construction, which was approved by staff: The Coastal Commission unanimously accepted the staff report finding Significant Issue with the permit, without further comment. The de novo hearing has been postponed at the request of the applicant.

I ask the board to direct the general manager to stop approving these permit applications, against the law and public policy. The district's approval then requires action at the level of the Coastal Commission, which has repeatedly told the district that these permits are not legal and will be denied. Thank you.

IF NEEDED: Item 7 A

Please change to the video conference format for public meetings. The argument that those attending have a right of privacy is without merit. There is no right to privacy at a public meeting

If you are being advised that they do, get another opinion. The public wants to observe and participate and has a right to.

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Christine Heinrichs