

Ramona MWD 6616 SAFER and 6914 Septic to Sewer

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Attendees: Toby Roy, Victor Coronado, Alexx Pryjma, Jasmine Diaz, Drew Lester, Erica Wolski, Michael Bailey, Julian Palacios, Emma Blankenship, Dalece Maxwell, Mike Metts, Ricardo Soto, Jaime Styer

6166 SAFER

1. Workplan time extension status: SAFER workplan for time extension and authorizing NV5 to support Ramona in responding to questions about plans and specifications is being sent over to DFA for their approval. The workplan does not require additional funding, but will use some of the contingency funding for RCAC staff to do outreach, project management and travel. Emma will try to expedite DFA review since construction will begin in a few weeks.
2. Construction contract status: Project was awarded to the contractor (Cass Arrieta Construction). Contractor has 10 days to provide appropriate documents. Notice to proceed was sent to the contractor. Ramona MWD will schedule a preconstruction meeting with the contractor in about two weeks. Mike Bailey would like to attend the preconstruction meeting. As a community liaison, neighbors often ask him questions about what is happening and it is likely that there will be questions during construction. Mike would like to be helpful to the project. Mike is also chair of the road committee with the County and would like to understand the construction schedule, so it can be coordinated with road work. Ramona MWD is responsible for managing the construction contract and needs to maintain clear communication with the contractor. Bruce (Dudek inspector), (Dudek/Ramona MWD engineer) and other personnel from Ramona MWD, NV5, and Dudek will all have assigned roles during construction. Erica Wolski will review Ramona MWD's plan for managing the contractor and will consider Mike's Bailey's request and get back with him.
3. Customer outreach for new connections: RCAC sent out mailing on Tuesday February 25 to property owners in the Acres with background information and applications for new connections for residents on wells and for applications for relocation for customers on spaghetti lines. Some residents who had already sent in the forms received the mailing, which created some confusion. RCAC and Ramona have received no response from the mailing to date, but some applications were submitted after the December 5, 2024 public meeting. These include three requests for new service at 2636 Robertson, 241 Kalbaugh, and 280 Haley, and three requests for relocation of

service at 238 Kalbaugh, 212 Kalbaugh and 330 Haley. RCAC will put together a summary sheet of applications received to better inform the community. RCAC will make requests through door to door outreach in the community in late March. RCAC has subsequently outreach in the area for March 19 and 20. RCAC will reach out to Mike Bailey and coordinate with him before coming out.

4. **Redistribution of IRWM Funds:** Ramona is receiving an additional \$1.6 million from the San Diego IRWM for the drought round. Additionally, all of the construction for the Acres pipeline will be consolidated into the drought round along with some additional water connections, which has funding expiring by the end of 2025. Funding for additional water and sewer connections and some short pipeline extensions will be done under IRWM Proposition 1 funding, which has just over \$2.4 million allocated.

#### Combined outreach for Septic to Sewer and SAFER

1. **Status:** Mailing was sent out to 196 properties on February 24, 2025 which included information on the septic to sewer project and surveys on interest in water or sewer service. By the time of the stakeholder meeting, there were eight responses through google forms, four responses by mail and seven additional responses from the December 5, 2024 outreach meeting. Erica has also identified residents in the area that are interested in water and sewer service. Since the March 3 stakeholder meeting, an additional ten surveys have been submitted through google forms.
2. **Next steps:** RCAC will maintain an ongoing summary of the survey results received, which can be shared with the public. RCAC will plan and implement door to door outreach in the community. scheduled for the same time as outreach for the SAFER project.
3. **Outreach report:** Once the outreach is complete, RCAC will prepare an outreach report summarizing the results.

#### 6914 Septic to Sewer

1. **Completion of Project Report:** NV5 will be finalizing the Project Report early next week. There was a discussion about the contingency set at 20%, which is the maximum allowed by the State. Since the project will be built several years from now, it is hard to estimate how much the cost will escalate. NV5 will provide an ENR number at Jasmine's request.
2. **Preliminary Environmental Analysis:** The environmental analysis was provided to stakeholders with the meeting invite. Erica had a question about permitting requirements when building in the flood way and creek crossings. There should be no crossings included in phase I of the project. Permitting in the flood way would be done by the County. Julian does not expect any issues with this, but he will check with appropriate staff at NV5 and get back to Erica.
3. **Workplan expiration date:** The workplan will expire at the end of March 2025 and will need to be amended.

4. Update to scope of work: RCAC will work with NV5 on an updated to the engineering scope of work to go through a Clean Water State Revolving Fund application and will prepare an amendment for the workplan.