



CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2023, Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Via teleconference and in-person

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Present: President Ken White
Greg D'Ambrosio, Director

**Signifies Virtual Attendance*

Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager
Patrick Treanor, Principal Plant Engineer
Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail
Doug Schmidt, Friends of Mission Trail
Paul Bartow- Citizen Representative*

Absent: Sam Farr, Retired Congressman

Appearances/Public Comments:

Agenda Changes: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss the updates from the City of Carmel regarding the Bridge to Everywhere

The group gave a round table of their impression of City of Carmel meeting on 09-30-23. Consensus was that while it was a good first step, more work needed to be accomplished. The decision was made to continue with the project and when possible, engage with the council.

B. Discussion of title reports and next steps

Barbara Buikema informed that she had contacted BBK law firm and was waiting to hear back regarding a referral.

C. Discussion of status of application to State Coastal Conservancy

Patrick Treanor updated on progress. He intends to have the application completed by the end of September.

Plans to ask for \$1M for engineering, landscaping, permitting, environmental review – in effect all work required to make the bridge project shovel-ready. Patrick will send out first draft for comment within the next couple of weeks.

D. Discussion of next step with Diocese and Mission Ranch

The group agreed that this was the next logical step in reaching out locally. Doug Schmidt volunteered to initiate contact with both groups.

E. Discussion of contact with neighbor on Rio Road regarding gate access to baseball field and Carmel Area Wastewater District easement area.

Confirm that the Mission owns the fence. Generally agreed that this will be an easy “fix” if we either move or remove gate. Paul Bartow indicated he had spoken with all of the neighbors and found 6 out of 9 were supportive. Michelle at corner house voiced concerns about fence gate that can be satisfied fairly easily.

Also discussed Larry Levine and the fact that he is concerned about privacy since his backyard is right on the corner of the bridge. We will take a look at his property and talk about some kind of vegetation screen.

F. Discussion of establishing regular meeting schedules

Agreed to last Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

G. Discussed Devendorf Park on September 30th to introduce project to public.

Ed Waggoner will take a photo of CAWD pop-up at Monterey County Fair this weekend. Laura suggested a banner that could be printed off at Mailboxes.

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting concluded at 2:39 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 28, 2023, or an alternate acceptable date, in-person and via teleconference webinar. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom, and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, www.cawd.org, calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at downstream@cawd.org.*

As Reported To:



Barbara Buikema, General Manager

APPROVED:



Ken White, President