



Staff Reports

March 21, 2024

TO: BCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Elaine Cervantes

RE: Staff Report

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Board Members,

Prop 218 District Water Rates

Introduction: The purpose of this report is to outline the schedule and key milestones regarding the implementation of Prop 218 District Water Rates. Our team is scheduled to meet with Dan Bergmann on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, to receive a preliminary report on the results. This report will serve as a foundation for further actions leading up to the adjustment of water rates.

Schedule:

1. **Thursday, March 28, 2024: Preliminary Report Meeting with Dan Bergmann**
 - Time: To be announced
 - Objective: Review preliminary results and discuss necessary revisions.
2. **Thursday, April 18, 2024: Presentation of Current Rates to Board**
 - Regular scheduled meeting
 - Objective: Present existing water rates to the Board for review and discussion.
3. **By Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Notice of Rate Increase**
 - Objective: Issue notices informing customers of the proposed rate increase as per Prop 218 requirements.
4. **Thursday, June 20, 2024: Public Rate Hearing**
 - Regular scheduled board meeting
 - Objective: Conduct a public hearing to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the proposed rate adjustments.
5. **Monday, July 1, 2024: Implementation of New Rates**
 - Objective: New water rates, as approved by the Board and in accordance with Prop 218, will come into effect.

Conclusion: The implementation of Prop 218 District Water Rates involves a structured schedule aimed at ensuring transparency, public participation, and compliance with legal requirements. By adhering to this timeline, we aim to facilitate a smooth transition to the new water rates while addressing the needs and concerns of stakeholders.

This report provides an overview of the schedule and milestones associated with the implementation of Prop 218 District Water Rates. It outlines key dates for meetings, presentations, and public hearings, emphasizing the importance of transparency and stakeholder engagement throughout the process.

Ag Burn Alternative Grant Project #G-201583

1. **Grant Application Submission:** The grant application for the 5-acre project on Howard was successfully completed and submitted to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
2. **Follow-Up Communication:** A follow-up was conducted with Kim Albers regarding the status of the grant application. Ms. Albers provided positive feedback, indicating that the application is likely to be approved and funded.
3. **Expected Communication:** Anticipate receiving a written letter from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District within the next 2 weeks. This letter will contain detailed specifications and information regarding the grant.
4. **Commencement of Removal Process:** Upon receipt of the written letter and grant specifications, the removal process can begin by the end of April 2024.

Conclusion:

The grant application for the 5-acre project on Howard is progressing well, with indications of approval and funding from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Once the written letter is received, further steps will be taken to commence the removal process according to the grant specifications. This progress aligns with the timeline outlined in the initial application, and we remain optimistic about the successful execution of the project moving forward.

2024 Assembly District 27 State Budget Request

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the Fresno County Program Manager with the Department of Public Works and Planning Design reached out to our organization regarding the opportunity to collaborate on requesting funding in the state budget for the Biola Lighting project. This initiative was initiated by Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria's state budget.

Proposal Details: The Biola Lighting project aims to enhance the ATP Sidewalk Project from the Post Office to Shaw Avenue by installing lighting along the East side of Biola Avenue. The estimated cost for installing conduit, pull boxes, and lighting throughout the project is approximately \$300,000. However, this cost was not initially included in the project budget, and the county has indicated that there is currently no funding available for such infrastructure.

Action Taken: Despite the short notice, our team worked diligently to complete the application process by the deadline of Friday, March 8, 2024. We collaborated with the Fresno County Program Manager and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that all necessary information and documentation were submitted accurately and on time.

Current Status: At present, we are awaiting confirmation to determine whether our community's proposal has been accepted and will be added to the state budget for funding. This decision will have significant implications for the Biola Lighting project and its ability to proceed as planned.

Conclusion: Despite the tight deadline, we successfully completed the application process for funding for the Biola Lighting project. The outcome of this proposal will have a significant impact on the project's feasibility and our ability to enhance safety and accessibility in the Biola community. We remain hopeful for a positive response and will continue to advocate for the allocation of funding to support this important initiative.

Water System Upgrade Project

During recent discussions with representatives from the State and Yamabe & Horn, it was conveyed that no funding is currently available for the project due to the passage of two years since the original allocation. However, I informed the State about the District's application for an extension, submitted under Jerry Jones' leadership last year. Although the State was initially unaware of this extension, they expressed willingness to explore alternative avenues, including seeking federal funding, to advance the project.

It's crucial to note that the original project funding is slated to expire by February 2026, necessitating completion within that timeframe. To expedite the process, I have contacted Yamabe & Horn, requesting them to promptly furnish the required documentation to the State. Despite facing considerable frustrations stemming from delays and unresolved queries dating back over three years, our team remains steadfastly committed to ensuring accountability and pushing forward to achieve project completion.

Fresno City College Computer Literacy Classes

Overview: Fresno City College has initiated computer literacy classes commencing from March 12, 2024, aimed at equipping individuals with essential digital skills. These classes cater to diverse schedules, being held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Enrollment Status: Prospective students who are interested in enhancing their computer proficiency still have the opportunity to enroll in these classes. The enrollment process remains open, allowing individuals to take advantage of this valuable educational opportunity.

Inclusivity Measures: In a commendable display of inclusivity, Fresno City College has ensured that language barriers do not hinder participation. They have arranged for interpreters to assist individuals who exclusively speak Spanish, thus ensuring that a wider demographic can benefit from the program.

Implications: These computer literacy classes hold significant implications for the community. By offering accessible and flexible education, Fresno City College is empowering individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digital world. Furthermore, the provision of interpreters exemplifies the institution's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Conclusion: Fresno City College's computer literacy classes represent a valuable opportunity for individuals seeking to enhance their digital competencies. With flexible scheduling and inclusive measures in place, these classes serve as a beacon of accessible education. As enrollment

remains open, interested individuals are encouraged to seize this opportunity to enhance their computer skills and expand their horizon

700 Forms

Please note that the 700 forms are due by April 1, 2024. All Board Members should have received notification by email. If assistance is needed, please contact the office. Thank you to those that have already filed.

Board Member Workshop

Subject: Invitation to Risk Management Workshop on April 11, 2024

On February 1, 2024, we forwarded information to all board members regarding an upcoming in-person workshop focused on risk management. This workshop, which is free of charge, is offered to all SDRMA and CSDA Members.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

Workshop Title: Central Workshop: Risk Management

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Clovis Veterans Memorial District

808 4th Street

Clovis, CA 93612

This workshop presents an excellent opportunity to delve into crucial aspects of risk management, tailored specifically to our organization's needs and challenges. We encourage all interested board members to register promptly to secure your spot.

We believe that your participation in this workshop will be instrumental in enhancing our organization's risk management strategies and ensuring its continued success.

Community Outreach

Here's a calendar of events for the upcoming Biola Community Planning update meetings hosted by The Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department:

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Topic: Land Use

It's crucial for community members to make every effort to attend these final meetings, as the decisions made will have a significant impact on the future of our community.

Your participation and input are invaluable as we work together to shape the future of Biola. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

We welcome any business owner, school member, and community member who lives or works in the community of Biola. Please feel free to reach out if there is anyone we should be reaching out to.

EOC (Economic Opportunity Commissions) Water/Sewer/PG&E Assistance Program The impact of the program that came out to Biola twice in January was truly significant, with around 140 residents approved and enrolled for assistance with their water and sewer bills. It's heartening to see the positive outcomes for both individual residents and the broader district. The ongoing support from EOC is invaluable, and the community is indeed blessed to receive such assistance. This initiative continues to make a positive difference in the lives of those it serves. We have received a total of \$14,663.00 for unpaid Water/Sewer Services. This program expires March 29, 2024.

2024 Biola Clean up Event

Mid Valley Disposal clean-up event, Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 8:00am to 2:00pm at the Biola Community Center – 4925 N. Seventh Street, Biola, CA 93606, please see flyer for more information.

Rural Mobile Health Event

Saint Agnes Rural Mobile Health is back scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2024 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Biola Village Apartments 4962 N. 3rd Street Please see flyer for more information

BOARD PACKETS – Agendas and Board Packets will be sent by email effective August 1, 2023. If a hard copy is needed copies will be available at the office for pickup at your convenience, every Friday before the scheduled Board Meeting of every month. Thank you for your patience as we try and be a little more efficient with staff time and safety.

As a reminder the office hours are as follows:

Monday – office closed

Tuesday – 8:00am –5:00pm

Wednesday – 8:00am –5:00pm

Thursday – 8:00am – 5:00pm

Friday – 8:00am – 2:00pm

2024 Biola Clean Up Event

Saturday, April 13th | 8am-2pm
4925 N Seventh Street

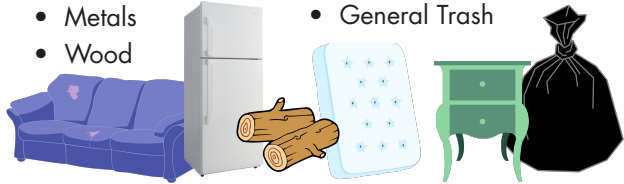


PLEASE SEPARATE METALS, APPLIANCES, MATTRESSES, ELECTRONICS, GREEN WASTE, AND GENERAL TRASH

NO LOOSE DEBRIS WILL BE ACCEPTED - PLEASE BOX OR CONTAINERIZE ALL MATERIALS

We will be accepting the following items:

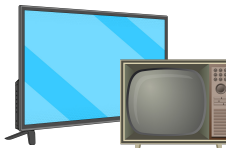
- Furniture
- Appliances
- Metals
- Wood
- Mattresses
- Green waste
- General Trash



BIOLA UTILITY BILL OR DROP-OFF FLIER REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

LIMIT ONE SMALL TRUCK PER HOUSEHOLD

E-Waste Accepted



Small: \$5/ea.
Large: \$10/ea.

Tires Accepted



Passenger: \$5/ea. | Truck: \$15/ea.
Must be dismounted from wheels

Local HHW Disposal Locations

Batteries & Fluorescent
bulbs/tubes

Biola Community Center:
4925 N 7th Ave

Sharps

Biola Community Center
4925 N 7th Ave

Motor Oil, Oil Filters, &
Transmission Fluid

AutoZone:
14923 W Whitesbridge



FOR DISPOSAL OF OTHER HHW MATERIALS, CONTACT
FRESNO COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT (559) 600-4259



We will not be accepting HHW or any of the following items:

- Lawnmowers or any other two stroke motors
- Any auto parts
- Construction or demolition material
- All light bulbs/fluorescent tubes
- Flammable or hazardous material (motor oil, grease, or coolant)
- Acids, oxidizers, and bases (pool chemicals and cleaners)
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Hypodermic needles or medical waste
- Paint, paint thinners, lacquers, or wood stains
- Any liquids
- All types of batteries or any item containing batteries
- Dirt, rock, sod, or asphalt
- 50 gallons drums
- Items over 4' in length and items over 150 lbs
- Compressed gas cylinders, and propane tanks

DO NOT place these items in any curbside collection container. Risk of fire or hazardous situations may occur when disposed of improperly.



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The mobile health program aims to make healthcare access more equitable for people living in rural areas of Fresno County.

RURAL MOBILE HEALTH

WE OFFER

THE FOLLOWING AT NO-COST:

SERVICES MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:



IMMUNIZATIONS



COVID-19 TESTING
AND TREATMENTS



BLOOD PRESSURE
CHECKS



MINOR SICK VISITS



GLUCOSE TESTING



HEALTH EDUCATION

RURAL MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

Self-Help Enterprises
4962 N. 3rd Street
Biola, CA 93630

Tuesday, March 19th
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

For a list of upcoming clinics, visit: www.fcdph.org/ruralmobilehealth

