

ADMINISTRATOR FOR KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SUMMARY

JULY 18, 2023 AT 6 PM

KEELER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The meeting convened at 6:05 PM on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. There were 7 people in attendance in person at the Keeler Volunteer Fire Department and 11 people in attendance online via Zoom.

Steve Spencer with Provost & Pritchard welcomed the team and reviewed the agenda. Breanna Hardy welcomed people joining online via Zoom.

Steve discussed delinquent accounts, those with unpaid bills 120 or more days past due. Unresolved delinquent accounts will be transferred to Inyo County in August. Steve reminded the public that staying up to date on bills is the best way to support the water system.

Provost & Pritchard also announced that the draft Community Accountability and Engagement Plan was reviewed by the State Water Resources Control Board, and the final Plan is now available on the website. Revisions of the draft included adding timeframes for posting community engagement meeting recordings to the website and noting that the question and comment matrix is updated on an ongoing basis. The final plan also clarified demographic information for Keeler Community Services District (CSD).

Steve encouraged Keeler CSD residents to update their emergency contact information with Provost & Pritchard in the event of emergencies. Updated contact information is shared with Golden State Water Company for emergency notification system use. In an update on the water system performance, Steve referenced the recent lightning strike and power outage. This power outage was the basis for requesting updated contact information. Having updated contact information is crucial to reach residents in the event of emergencies.

Additionally, the top maintenance items are addressing a leaking valve, valve inventory, and a cross-connection survey/ordinance. He also reviewed the quarterly monitoring system. Coliform, chlorine residual, arsenic, manganese, and nitrates will all be addressed this quarter.

Monthly billing is now under Provost & Pritchard and Golden State Water Company. A rate study is also being conducted to examine the cost of operations and future water treatment expenses. Steve emphasized that this is only a study, and not a guarantee of rate changes. Steve also reviewed the 2023 financial statement, and the 2023-2024 budget. Both documents were provided to attendees.

Provost & Pritchard continues to identify solutions to water system deficiencies. Possible solutions include treatment of existing supply source or locating a new supply, or regional consolidation. A system maintenance plan is under development with Ben Magana at Golden State Water Company. Electrical wiring from the tank is a top priority. Provost & Pritchard continues to rely on community members to identify maintenance needs.