



Informational Reports

To: Biola Community Services District Board of Directors

From: District Staff

Date: June 15, 2023

RE: Informational Staff Report

Please Note: items listed below may be pulled for discussion at the Board's request.

1. **Fresno Irrigation District Proposition 218 Election** The Proposition 218 public hearing election held on June 8, 2023 has passed.
2. **Fresno County MTV Rural Transit** The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Date date ia scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2023 at 10:00am. The local news will be present along with several bloggers in the area. An electric bus will drive around Biola to pick up any residents who wish to participate. Biola will receive a lot of recognition. Biola CSD shirts are available for Board Members who will be present. Please confirm if you will be attending so that we can give a proper list of names to be mentioned.
3. **Board of Directors Sexual Harassment** To be scheduled in the month of July 2023
4. **Mid Valley Disposal (MVD) Senior Citizen Application-** now available
5. **Mid Valley Disposal (MVD) Clean up event** Moving forward we will only have our clean-up event for one day, which will be only on Saturday, to avoid any and all confusion. Our next cleanup event will be Saturday, October 7th 2023. As to the billing for Mid-valley, our commercial residents are not too happy with the charges that Mid-Valley is charging them. We are learning that the charges were always correct, but the District was not charging the appropriate amounts. Staff are currently working on making sure that our Mid-Valley charges are correct moving forward.
6. **Mtn Valley Environmental: Agenda item 4**
Assisted in the ATP potholing that took place on May 10, 2023. Unfortunately, the outcome wasn't what we expected. The lines were supposed to be abandoned but when they started on Biola & "E" Street water emerged from the pipes. There are concerns that they are not abandoned, so the District has requested plans/maps from our Engineer Jerry Jones so that Mountain Valley will know where they need to continue moving forward. Mountain Valley will provide the District with a quote on what it will cost to get this work done. Since the County has the design for the ATP Project 95% complete, it would cost the District a lot of money to have to redirect and have the County change the plans to move the Storm drain if we can't get those water lines on Biola Avenue abandoned. Randy Johnson will give updated information at our meeting on June 15, 2023.
7. **Hall Rental Committee:** The new hall rental rates will take effect July 1, 2023.
8. **El Dorado Monthly Billing (update)-** Online payment option now available, please see the BCSD website.

- 9. SDRMA Street light claims:** Legal Counsel sent out demand letters to both Biola Residents as to the damaged property that occurred two years ago on Biola Avenue. We received a check from one of the residents on May 18, 2023 in the amount of \$6,568.16. We can now order the lamp post, trash can and bench. The staff is currently placing the order for the items damaged. It will take around a month to receive the items needed.
- 10. Forensic Audit:** Two Boards have approved the Forensic Audit. The previous Board approved the audit with a specific, narrow scope. GM was working to finalize Scope. Those were the last notes from the previous GM. At our last Board Meeting the GM asked the Board for more time as to a month or two to try and figure out the missing gap of finances to prevent the District in spending the \$24,000 that it would take to obtain an Forensic Auditor. The GM has been able to put notes and conversations together to see where this all started and left off to be able to at least determine if the money borrowed has been deposited back into the District as to the amounts and date. General Manager and volunteer (Korene Ramos) are still working on the above.
- 11. Y & H Engineering projects :**
- 1) Biola Groundwater Recharge Project process has been started on 3rd street
 - 2) CDBG Sidewalk Improvements 20031 has been completed on fifth street
 - 3) Water Upgrade System board approved to move forward in February 2023
 - 4) CDBG 23/24 – District came in 4th need update from Engineer information was provided by Advisory Committee member
- 12. AM Consulting Engineers Projects**
- 1) ARPA Project
 - 2) Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrade-Storm drain Improvements
 - 3) Landscape & Lighting 23/24 **Agenda item 8**
- 13. ByLaws, Policies, Ordinances, Etc.:** Bernadette has completed typing up the policies as a word document, staff forwarded to Legal counsel. Legal counsel never updated. The General Manager and Executive Assistant will start the process of reviewing the Bylaws, Policies and Ordinances. Once the reviewing process is edited and complete the General Manager will present the updated information to the Board Chair and Vice President who were the ones that volunteered their time for the committee. Committee will present to the Board for action, once completed. Last updated was 2019.
- 14. 5th Street Lighting** as mentioned on the informational notes dated March 28, 2023. Our 5th Street lights are finally up but are not connected. As per our Engineer Jerry Jones, the conduit and pull boxes were installed, but as per Carlos Rodriguez the wiring to connect to the electrical box is not. The Board has several questions for Yamabe & Horn Engineering regarding the above before moving forward. Yamabe & Horn (Jerry Jones) was present at our May 25, 2023 Board Meeting. He was not able to give much information as to solving the problem. Board Chair Jennifer Duarte and Vice President Kirk Ramos will meet with management Yamabe & Horn (Josh Rogers) on June 20, 2023 to discuss new representation.
- 15. Social Media** Our staff has created a completely new Facebook and Instagram. The Biola CSD website had the links to follow us for all updates and community events.

16. Community Organizers

1. We had a meet and greet with Jakara Organization and Fresno City College on May 16, 2023. They would like to bring computer literacy classes to the Biola Community free of charge. They would like to kick start this with a “Career Event” at the Biola Community Center June 27, 2023 at 5:30PM. The goal is to receive feedback from the residents of what is needed and what they would like to see happen. Drinks and food would be provided. The two organizations are excited to partner up with the Biola Community Services District and look forward to an eventful year. Informational flyer is attached.
2. St Agnes Rural Mobile Health Clinic was at our community center on June 8, 2023. We had four Doctors present for the clinic. They attended to 20 residents/patients, which was great! These Doctors were able to prescribe medication, schedule appointments, and much more. We also had a table for Suicide Prevention (988) which was very informative with information on anxiety, depression, and any mental health issues. St Agnes wants to come back 2 to 3 times a month. Once we get those dates, we will forward the information. This is great for those that don’t have insurance and have never been seen by a doctor. We are blessed as a community to receive this type of service and free to the community.
3. Linda Martinez with UFW Foundation (Emergency Relief Organizing Coordinator) reached out to our District. Since Biola represented the UFW March last year very well. The UFW wanted to help the farmworkers in our community. They are very excited about the opportunity to help our Farm Labor Community get some stimulus money of \$600. UFW will come out to Biola on August 10, 2023 from 10am to 5pm to sign up 40 farm labor residents only. The signup sheet is in the office. Only the people on the list will be registered. If UFW are available to come back out at a later time, they will contact the office for another future date.