

SSCSD. Interim GM Report 8/29/24

I met with Ben Higgins at Hearst Ranch to keep him apprised of the dissolution process and asked him if he would like to participate at the September 5 meeting with the County. He appreciated the invite and will participate with us.

Pipe Bridge logjam. Padre continues working on the approvals for the log jam removal. They have received the emergency permit approvals from the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and SLO County. We are waiting on the final approval from the Coastal Commission. We are also working with the Cavalier Corp for access on their property.

I spoke to our auditors again yesterday. Their final report should be out in the next week or so.

I spoke with Rob Fitzroy recently about the Dissolution Process. I asked if there was anything specific we could do to move the process along. He said there really isn't. He said our meeting with the County next week is a great start as it will get the two parties in discussion on how to connect the County to the district operations and functions, the district tax situation, our administrative functions, and the many district issues that will confront them in the takeover.

Reading meters continues to be a bit of a struggle. I have asked FRM to provide me with the list of meter replacements in order of greatest need.

Yesterday I received the financial options Precision Construction Services has provided us to replace the pipe bridge. For a complete replacement the estimated cost would be +/- \$593,000. However, if we are able to replace only the pipes, the estimated cost is +/- \$135,000. This potential lower cost would require Ashley-Vance to review the possibility of leaving the existing structure in place or with a minimal structural upgrade.

