

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Michael Edwards

Phone: 966-5356

Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No X)

Discussion and direction by the Board of Supervisors and the County Water Agency on a request from the Coulterville County Service Area Advisory Board to provide Water Agency funds for correction of problems identified with the Coulterville water and sewer systems.

Please refer to the attached letter from the Advisory Board dated April 25, 1994.

Public Works' suggestions are contained in the attached memo dated May 9, 1994. Also refer to the attached memo to the Advisory Board dated May 6, 1994 describing availability of grant funds.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The "Coulterville Water and Wastewater Facilities Report" was presented to the Board on March 22, 1994 by Nolte and Associates. No direction on funding to correct deficiencies was provided by the Board at that time.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Commit Water Agency funds to pay all of the costs identified in the Nolte report. This will reduce the amount available to correct problems with other dependent districts, particularly those with significant deficiencies in wastewater treatment/disposal -- (Don Pedro Sewer Zone, Mariposa Pines and Yosemite West).
2. Commit Water Agency funds as suggested by Public Works. This could still affect the other districts negatively. Direct Public Works and Housing and Community Development to work together on the next cycle of CDGB grants to offset some Water Agency costs.
3. Direct that all costs be borne by the Coulterville district. The district would be made to suffer the costs of some past mistakes and deletions by the County.
4. Direct staff to apply for low-interest loans, with a commitment to repay from Water Agency funds.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

- A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____
- B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____
- C. Required additional funding \$ _____
- D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required

- A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
 - B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____
 - C. Source description: _____
- Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if approved: \$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

1. 4/25/94 Letter from Coulterville CSA Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors
2. 5/9/94 Memo from Edwards to Board of Supervisors
3. 5/6/94 Memo from Edwards to the Advisory Board

CLERK'S USE ONLY

Res. No.: 94-179 . No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

Approved Denied

Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- For Policy Determination
- Submitted with Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials:

cc: B/S; cao; PWD

P. O. Box 80
Coulterville, Calif.
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April 25, 1994

Board of Supervisors
Mariposa County
Mariposa, California - 95338

The Coulterville Sewer and Water Advisory Board wishes to appear before the Board of Supervisors to discuss repairs to the Coulterville Sewer and Water systems as identified in the Nolte Engineering Report.

Some of these repairs are of an immediate and emergency nature and the Department of Public Works has indicated it will request funds for these repairs be taken from our Utility Capital Fund.

The Advisory Board requests all repairs necessary as identified in the Nolte Report be funded from Water Agency Funds.

If our Utility Capital Fund is depleted, we will not be capable of becoming an independent district. We must have Capital Reserves to do so.

We feel the people of Coulterville should not be charged again for items that were paid for at the time of construction which were either not installed or have been non-operational from the time of construction.

We feel those items which have failed due to lack of maintenance should not be paid for again by the people of Coulterville.

In speaking with Mark Richardson of the California Rural Assistance League, we were informed last week that State grant monies are available to small sewer and water districts. We urge the Board of Supervisors contact these people and take advantage of any grant monies available.

For those members new to the Board of Supervisors, may we remind you Coulterville is a historic community which under threat of cease and desist accepted the burden of a sewer and water system. We had no choice. In doing so, we created a dependent, fee-supported district for which no tax monies are expended. Coulterville accepted a bond of indebtedness for some \$300,000.00 +, payable to the Water Agency Fund at approximately 25% of the District's annual income (\$10,000.00), payable over a period of 40 years.

Our community cannot bear any additional financial burden.

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We therefore request that Water Agency monies be expended for the needed repairs and that grant monies be persued.

COULTERVILLE SEWER AND WATER
ADVISORY BOARD

By *Joan Tune*

Joan Tune - Chairperson

CC: Members - Advisory Board
Doug Balmain
Carl Harla



MARIPOSA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
Divisions of
Administration

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Michael D. Edwards, Director *MDE*

Date: May 9, 1994

Re: Recommendations on Water Agency Funding of
Existing Deficiencies in the Coulterville
Sewer and Water Systems

Attached please find a summary of existing deficiencies as identified in the recent study titled "Coulterville Water and Wastewater Facilities Report" by Nolte and Associates. Included are my recommendations on the share of the capital costs that could be legitimately paid by the Water Agency if there is a willingness to grant funds to the Coulterville County Service Area.

Those items that are essential if the County wishes to relinquish management of the district to the local community are recommended for 100% grant funding. A current well pumping test is an example.

Also recommended for 100% funding are items that should have been included in the original construction, but were somehow left out or deleted by the County. Such deficiencies include standby power at the well and lining of the wastewater effluent holding pond.

Deficiencies that include replacement of a primary component that would have nearly reached its useful life anyway are recommended for a 50% funding. Examples include the rehabilitation of Pump Station #1 and reconstruction of the pressure-reducing systems.

The item shown as "WWTP General" is recommended at 90% funding because nearly everything included in that item was a deficiency that existed from the beginning. The exception was the dual sewage pumps that need to be replaced, (one has already been replaced after a recent failure).

The last item is a study to evaluate alternatives for expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. This is not essential for reorganization of the district, but is advisable to plan for build-out of existing lots and growth of the district. A 50% share is recommended.

None of the items in the Nolte report identified as "annual maintenance costs" or "expansion costs" are included nor are they recommended for Water Agency funding.

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cc: Coulterville Advisory Board (c/o Joan Tune)
Duane Hall, Planning Department

**SUMMARY OF EXISTING DEFICIENCIES AND RECOMMENDED
WATER AGENCY FUNDING COMMITMENT**

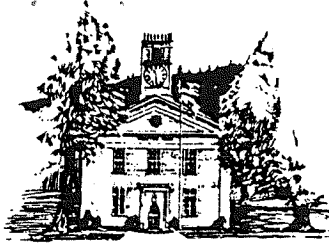
(May, 1994 Dollars)

	<u>EXISTING DEFICIENCY</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED WATER AGENCY SHARE (%)</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED WATER AGENCY FUNDING</u>
WATER SYSTEM:			
1.	PRV Station Reconstruction	50%	\$ 7,500
2.	Sub-standard Services (By Owners)	0%	0
3.	Repaint Storage Tank Exterior	0%	0
4.	Well Pump Test	100%	500
5.	Sampling Stations (Recommended for SDWA Compliance)	0%	0
6.	Standby Power at Well	100%	1,500
7.	Disinfection (Required by 1996-97 for SDWA Compliance)	0%	0
WASTEWATER SYSTEM:			
1.	PS No. 1 Rehabilitation	50%	10,000
2.	PS No. 1 Water Service	100%	1,000
3.	Sewer Force Main ARV Replacement	50%	1,000
4.	WWTP General	90%	20,300
5.	WWTP Pond Liner/Meter	100%	100,000
6.	Expansion Study	50%	10,000
	Subtotal		151,800
	35% Contingency		53,200
	TOTAL		\$205,000

* Increased from Nolte estimate of \$15,000 based on recent bid results.

** Decreased from Nolte estimate of \$145,000 based on recent engineering.

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File

COUNTY of MARIPOSA

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Divisions of:
Design & Construction
Administration
Operations

May 6, 1994

Michael D. Edwards
Director

Mrs. Joan Tune, Chairperson
Coulterville Service Area Advisory Board
P. O. Box 80
Coulterville, CA 95311

RE: Availability of Grant Money for Rehabilitation of
Coulterville Sewer and Water Systems

Dear Joan:

In your April 25 letter to the Board of Supervisors, you discussed the possibility of grant monies available to small sewer and water districts. I have done some research and have determined that potential grant funds for use by the Coulterville district are very limited.

The grant program that was mentioned by Mark Richardson of RCAC is a program through the State Department of Health Services and Department of Water Resources which is known as the Safe Drinking Water grant program. Those grants are available only for water systems that have an ongoing, well-documented, public health problem such as constant positive bacteria tests. As you know, that condition does not exist in Coulterville.

There has been no grant money available through the Clean Water Act, Small Community grant program administered by the State Water Resources Control Board for several years. Congress and President Clinton have been discussing re-authorization of the program, but so far, nothing fruitful has occurred.

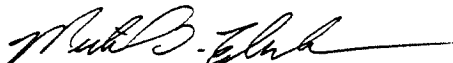
There may be some grant programs still available through the Farmers Home Administration; however, it is my understanding that Coulterville would not be eligible because of prior use of FhMA grant funds.

I have been working with Jim Evans on the possibility of community development block grants for Coulterville. This seems to hold the best possibility of grant funds outside of the County Water Agency. We have about ten months to get a program together relative to the CDGB program. I envision applying for those funds along with a combination of grant money from the Water Agency.

Joan Tune, Coulterville CSA
May 6, 1994
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As you are aware, there are a many low-interest loan programs available. I think the County understands that the district has very little, if any, ability to repay these loans. It may still be possible to use such loans in the total financing package that would involve the Water Agency agreeing to make the loan payments on behalf of Coulterville. I will keep you and the Advisory Board informed of these possibilities as they develop.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Edwards
Director of Public Works

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cc: Supervisor Doug Balmain
Jim Evans, H.C.D. Director

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Water Agency Funds for Correction of
Problems Identified with the Coulterville
Water and Sewer Systems
Resolution Number 94-179; and
Contract for Pump Replacement/Rehabilitation
Re Pump Station No. 1 (PW No. 93-06)
Resolution Number 94-180

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on May 17, 1994

ACTION AND VOTE:

Mike Edwards, Public Works Director;

A) Discussion and Direction by the Board of Supervisors and the MARIPOSA COUNTY WATER AGENCY on Request from the Coulterville County Service Area Advisory Board to Provide Water Agency Funds for Correction of Problems Identified with the Coulterville Water and Sewer Systems; and

B) Resolution Awarding Contract for Pump Replacement and Rehabilitation of Coulterville Wastewater Pump Station No. 1, Public Works No. 1, Public Works Project Number PW 93 Service, Coulterville and Appropriating Funds from Water Agency and Coulterville Capital Fund for this Project (\$18,815) (4/5ths Vote Required)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Mike Edwards. Input from the public was provided by: Walt McClary and Carl Harla. (M)Erickson, (S)Balmain, Res. 94-179 adopted directing that the immediate costs be funded from the

MINUTE ORDER
Mike Edwards, Public Works Director
May 17, 1994
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Coulterville Capital Fund with request to be made for reimbursement from Water Agency Funds; Public Works staff to come back with information on the full costs next month and pursue other funding options; and Res. 94-180 adopted awarding contract for pump replacement and appropriating funds/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Ken Hawkins, Auditor
Edward Johnson, Planning & Building Director
Jim Evans, Housing and Community Development
Agency Director
Joan Tune/Chairman
Coulterville Town Planning Advisory Council
Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel