

The public comment period was opened.

Lee Klime stated there are two communities who should join together and get a reduced cost to select a site that could serve 15,000 people which would include Cayucos and Morro Bay. Taxpayers should have a vote on this decision.

The public comment period was closed.

B-2 WRFAC SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS
https://youtu.be/4ip_UW0IWRQ?t=14m52s

Barbara Spagnola stated the Finance Committee is working with Mike Nunley and staff on the accounting template and recommends it to include revenue that was budgeted from the last water rate study to pay for Phase I of the plant. This would include changes, amendments or other fees associated with the WRF construction project. The Committee wants a holistic view of total revenue versus total expenditures associated with this project by quarter, fiscal year-to-date, and by the life of the project.

Ginny Garelick announced on May 10, 2016 at the San Luis Obispo City Library, there will be a presentation on 2016 California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding from 8:30am to 12:00pm followed with discussion on individual projects until 2:00pm.

The public comment period was opened, seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

B-3 SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 25, 2016, NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP
https://youtu.be/4ip_UW0IWRQ?t=17m42s

John Rickenbach presented the staff report.

The public comment period was opened.

Mary Jo DeSio, Charles Ash, Donna Burke, Marla Jo Bruton Sadowski, Tina Metzger and Jim Pauley stated there was poor notification of the meeting/workshop and other sites need to be evaluated for the WRF.

Karen Luhmann, stated there was poor notification of the meeting/workshop, poor location choice for a sewage treatment plant and agreed with Lee Klime's statement.

Jim Lance, Pamela Arsenault, David Nelson and George Martinez stated the workshop did not answer questions and stated there was poor notification of the meeting/workshop.

Judy Newman stated this is an appalling process and wonders if the City is in compliance with the Brown Act due to the lack of notification, lack of evolving process and lack of allowing public input.

Melinda Rice stated she wants details on where the piping is run.

The public comment period was closed.

John Diodoti addressed issues conveyed by the public.

Richard Sadowski called "point of order" and stated he was not aware of the workshop and was unaware that the Righetti site was being considered, the focus was Rancho Colina.

Dave Buckingham addressed concerns and questions from the public's comments. He encouraged the public to sign up for the e-mail blasts on the City's website for updates regarding this project and check out the City's Facebook page.

B-4 DISCUSSION OF WRF SITE RECOMMENDATION
https://youtu.be/4ip_UW0IWRQ?t=54m16s

John Rickenbach presented the staff report.

The public comment period was opened.

Bill Todd, Jim Lyons, Jim Pauly, Mar Jo Desio, Alice Kolb, Chasi Todd, Karen Luhmann, Jacqueline Marie, Kathy Gulley, Andrew Wilkie, Donna Burke, Bob Dalton, Charles Ash, Paul Dalton, Kathy Gulley and Andrew Wilkie stated the City needs to notify residents better regarding workshops, voiced concerns that a sewage plant may affect property values and wants a better location for the WRF.

Bob Church stated the streets need repairs and would like to know how much money is being spent for the sewer plant which should be separate from the corporate yard. The cost of the project needs to be kept down.

Dave Nelson would like to know how much money has been spent for the Rancho Colina study and stated the City needs to figure out what type of plant is being built and then purchase land.

Frank Lafrena commented on the poor street repairs on Ponderosa and wants to know what the City will do with the extra water from the treatment plant.

MOTION:

Dale Guerra made a motion for the meeting to go past 5:00pm. The motion was seconded by Richard Sadowski and carried 9-0.

Bart Beckman stated the report left off a summary appraising the property as agriculture versus a WRF and the City needs to get an arbitrator to work with Cayucos.

Louise Boxlin stated the City of Morro Bay is lacking leadership.

Nancy Lindholm and Marla Jo Bruton Sadowski stated there is lack of trust and issues need to be heard and addressed.

Tina Metzger asked what will be the cost for an average home for water and sewer rates and advises the City Council and City Manager to slow down on deciding a site selection.

Robert Davis has a concern regarding the geological base of the mountain regarding this site, it is a bad site.

The public comment period was closed.

Mike Nunley, John Rickenbach and Rob Livick responded to questions and concerns from the public comment period.

Discussion continued amongst the committee, staff and the consultants.

MOTION:

John Diodati moved to recommend City Council consider the Morro Valley for their EIR and let them hear from this community again and let them decide which site to move forward with. We recommend that if it is the Morro Valley that there is green space incorporated with all the remaining acreage that is not used by a wastewater treatment plant. That the corporation yard should not be considered at this point and if they want to they can take the time out, we are just advising them. We can't call the time out, the City Council is the one who calls the time out. We should move the project forward, we've been working on this for a very long time, we've been talking about the Morro Valley for almost the entire time, the Coastal Commission has said they want to see it in the Morro Valley so we are doing a big disservice to the process and to the public if we don't move forward with those recommendations. The motion was seconded by Steve Shively and failed 3-6, with Committee Members Richard Sadowski, Ginny Garelick, Bill Woodson, Paul Donnelly, Valerie Levulett, and Dale Guerra voting no.

MOTION:

Bill Woodson moved to recommend City Council pause in their decision on a site until John Rickenbach makes a presentation to them that includes the Morro Valley sites as well as the Tri-W and the Chevron site, much like the analysis we had tonight, and Mike Nunley grant research on water reclamation will include those sites for evaluation and that has to be expedited and would be part of the determination process for ultimate choosing of a site. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION:

Bill Woodson moved to push the pause button for 60 days to allow John to make a presentation on four sites just like what was done for two sites in the Morro Valley tonight and for Mike to include those two sites in the water reclamation study that is ongoing with that grant. Richard Sadowski asked for clarity: Does the motion include the Righetti site? Bill Woodson responded yes. The motion was seconded by Barbara Spagnola.

Mike Nunley asked for clarification on the grant guidelines. After the grants are awarded the study timeline is nine months to a year. Mike Nunley wants to clarify the need to separate the water reclamation part of the siting and the WRF siting which can be handled at this level considering reclamation without tying it into the grant. The grant funds are very limited. Rob Livick suggested the preliminary water reclamation analysis has been done for the sites and this will be reviewed and bring that to a level playing field. Bill Woodson stated ok, and withdraws that portion of the motion. Barbara Spagnola suggested putting a short time frame on this and update the information in order to make a solid recommendation. Ginny Garelick would like somebody from the City to have a meeting with Cayucos, before the Committee makes a decision. Rob Livick stated he will relay the message to the City Manager.

MODIFIED MOTION:

Bill Woodson modified the motion to push pause button for 60 days, and have John Rickenbach give a presentation to the City Council that was similar to the one tonight that would include Chevron and Tri-W. The motion was seconded by Ginny Garelick and carried 5-4 with Committee Members Richard Sadowski, John Diodati, Paul Donnelly and Dale Guerra voting no.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 5:30p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.