

MINUTES

Final Administrative Draft as of April 11, 2025

**DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT / CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DSRSD District Office
Boardroom**

**7051 Dublin Boulevard
Dublin, CA 94568**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024
4 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) President Ann Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Committee Members (Elected Officials) Present:

- Ann Marie Johnson, Board President, DSRSD
- Dinesh Govindarao, Director, DSRSD
- Barbara Hockett, Board member, Central San

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Staff Present:

- Jan Lee, General Manager
- Steve Delight, Engineering Services Director
- Dan Gill, Operations Director
- Jason Ching, Senior Engineer

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) Staff Present:

- Roger Bailey, General Manager
- Emily Barnett, Communications and Government Relations Manager
- Nitin Goel, Operations Optimization Division Manager
- Melody LaBella, Resource Recovery Program Manager

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A. Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Discussion Items

4.A. Energy Master Plan and Policy (DSRSD)

DSRSD Senior Engineer Jason Ching presented DSRSD's new Energy Facilities Master Plan and Energy policy which were developed based on DSRSD's Strategic Plan. He provided a summary of baseline findings and a summary of the Energy policy which was developed based on these findings. The District has planned for 14 recommended CIP projects and 3 non-CIP projects, divided into 4 sections: Regulatory Compliance, Renewable Generation/Energy Diversification, Asset Replacement (Efficiency), and Electrical Resiliency/Reliability. Mr. Ching highlighted a few projects: on-site/off-site solar, battery storage and EV charging stations, and co-digestion of food waste and other high-strength wastes. The CIP projects total \$121.2 million and are estimated to reduce energy consumption by 50% and greenhouse gas emissions by 66%.

The Committee discussed DSRSD's approach to developing its Energy policy and specific energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Central San staff provided updates on Central San's Energy Optimization Roadmap and Solar Array Project. Central San has completed the installation of a 2.16-megawatt Solar Array Project that is estimated to reduce carbon emissions by nearly 2,000 metric tons annually. Central San Communications and Government Relations Manager Emily Barnett shared that a "Flip the Switch" event for the Solar Array Project is scheduled for June 20, 2024, and extended an invite to DSRSD Boardmembers and staff.

4.B. Nutrient Management Strategies (Central San/DSRSD)

Central San Operations Optimization Division Manager Nitin Goel reviewed Central San's concerns with the proposed third Bay Area Nutrient Watershed Permit that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider adopting on July 10 and discussed Central San's nutrient reduction strategy. Central San began a membrane aerated biofilm reactor (MABR) pilot test in April 2024. This innovative technology improves aerobic wastewater treatment with high nitrogen removal and energy efficiency and could result in significant savings for Central San by maximizing the use of existing infrastructure to meet future nitrogen reduction requirements.

DSRSD Engineering Services Director Steve Delight presented DSRSD's approach to pursue expanding its recycled water program as a strategy for meeting the proposed nutrient regulations. He also shared DSRSD's concerns with the proposed nutrient permit, including a lack of recognition of DSRSD's recycled water investments and nutrient reductions prior to the baseline year of 2022. The Committee and staff discussed opportunities for Central San and DSRSD (via DERWA) to continue collaborating on recycled water efforts and expressed interest in having staff report back at a future meeting on timeline and next steps for implementing a longer-term supplemental supply arrangement.

4.C. Agency Information Sharing (Central San/DSRSD)

Central San General Manager Roger Bailey and DSRSD General Manager Jan Lee shared information on the Central San Academy and DSRSD Citizens Water Academy, respectively. Both agencies offer an Academy in the year of Board elections to educate the community on

wastewater and water issues and build awareness of the services provided. Ms. Barnett also shared Central San's PFAS outreach efforts.

4.D. Future Topics

The Committee expressed an interest in PFAS and nutrient management as future agenda topics.

5. Next Meeting

The Committee members expressed interest in meeting in 2025. Staff agreed to schedule one or two meetings in 2025, as appropriate.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.