

Kerby Water District project has detractors based on location for water tank

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the largish structure (24 to 30 feet tall) during a massive seismic event.

Furthermore he contends in so many words that the tank is bound to be a property-value wrecking eyesore straddling a denuded hillside.

The tank itself would not have been an issue, Plute

said, but the state wants the reservoir for fire protection. The water district, he explained, had eliminated a reservoir from its plans, as the 1-million gallon tank envisioned was quite expensive.

“The state actually offered to increase our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to include a

reservoir,” he said.

McNelly said he learned of the decision to locate the tank on a Glendon property a few weeks ago; when, he said, on the date comments were due, he received a letter requiring him to reply with his concerns to KWD.

“I have no objection to the reservoir, just the decision of where to put it,” McNelly said. “Why put this right over people’s heads?”

McNelly said he suspects that the water district took that route because it saves money. Otherwise, it would have to purchase a piece of property for this purpose.

Said McNelly, “The only reasoning behind where they’re putting the tank is how cheaply they’re getting the land to put it on.

“The property owner is desperate,” McNelly said, “and not too bright.”

Glendon resident Wally Aiken, a correspondent for *Illinois Valley News*, who has agreed to allow the tank to be built on his property, was pleased enough with the plan that he offered to donate to KWD half the value of the required quarter-acre. KWD

declined, Aiken said, because it didn’t want to foot the cost of hiring an assessor to help complete that transaction.

KWD will pay Aiken market value for the property, as well as build a road and pad for the tank. But he admits not all of his neighbors are happy with this idea.

“They tell me,” he said, that ‘We’re not part of Kerby.’ And I say “I’m part of a larger community.

“I think the tank will be beneficial to the community,” Aiken said. “It will allow for five fire hydrants through Kerby, and that would be a huge help, for instance, if the burl shop caught fire again or something. There will be water available to fight it.”

Aiken admits that the cash (approximately between \$6,000 and \$7,000) is something of a minor windfall, and that he had plans of his own to build a road to the top of the ridge, so he is happy with the water district’s plan.

He said that the tank will sit below the top of the ridge, and probably will be difficult to see. As for his neighbors’ safety concerns, Aiken trusts that there are enough checks

in place to prevent a mishap. “(Commissioner Dave) Toler told me the county would never sign off unless the geologists and engineers agree that it’s safe. I trust the experts,” he said.

“As far as addressing their safety concerns,” Plute said, “everything will be engineered to the latest USDA requirements.” The project is funded primarily through a grant from USDA for rural development. The remaining 20 percent of the cost will be repaid through a general obligation bond agreed to by those property owners who

signed on with KWD. “We’ll do our engineering,” said Plute, “then it will have to go through state and federal approval. I’m sure that because government money is involved all standards will be met.”

The next step is to determine if the hillside can even support the reservoir.

“We have geologists coming to take core samples,” Plute said. “Only bad geology will stop this thing.”

But McNelly insists: “Bottom line: you don’t need a geology report for an eyesore.”

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Obituaries

Tom Green

Longtime Illinois Valley resident Tom Green, 70, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in Cave Junction.

A memorial service beginning at 9 a.m. will be held Saturday, Dec. 22 at Bridgeview Community Church with Pastor Frank Salerno officiating.

The memorial also will allow time for discussion regarding Green’s wishes, location of any family members and related legal matters, and a planned memorial scholarship fund. (See story elsewhere in this issue).

Funeral arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

‘Marty’ Case

Marsden “Marty” Case, 63, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret E. Yeckley

Cave Junction resident Margaret Ellen Yeckley, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007 at home.

A private service was held with mausoleum entombment at Hawthorne Memorial Gar-

dens in Grants Pass. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to the American Lung Association, Oregon Chapter, 7420 S.W. Bridgeport Road, Suite 200, Tigard OR 97224.

Mrs. Yeckley was born on Oct. 20, 1922 in Logansport, Ind. She graduated from high school in Niles, Mich. On Oct. 26, 1940 in Hastings, Mich. she married Homer E. Yeckley, a former mayor of Cave Junction, who preceded her in death. In 1983 she moved from California to Cave Junction.

Her hobbies included playing bingo and cards. She also loved flying.

Surviving are a son, Terry Yeckley, of Marathon, Fla., seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hazel L. McIntosh

Hazel L. McIntosh, 83, of Cave Junction, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 at her home.

A family service will be held at a later date. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by five sons; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Alma B. Hulsey

Former Illinois Valley resident, Alma B. Hulsey, 96, of Tracy, Calif., died Sunday,

Dec. 9, 2007 in Hughson, Calif.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at Hull & Hull Chapel in Grants Pass. Officiating was the Rev. Terry Bess, a longtime family friend. Interment followed at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens in Grants Pass.

In lieu of flowers, the family said that contributions can be made to Alexander Cohen Hospice House, 2202 Euclid Ave., Hughson CA 95326; or Hospice of San Joaquin, 3888 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95204.

Mrs. Hulsey was born on Nov. 14, 1911 in Dierks, Ark., and lived near Wright City, Okla. In 1950 she and her husband, John, moved to Cave Junction, where they raised their family. In 1997 she moved to Tracy to be with family.

Mrs. Hulsey was known for always being ready for a fishing trip or a game of dice. She loved gardening, and many enjoyed the flowers that she shared, as well as canned soups and vegetables. In her later years, she enjoyed a day at a casino, where she always seemed to have the family luck.

She is survived by her children, Faye Bunch, of Oakley, Calif., Norma Jean Arnold, of Tracy, Ruth Shutes, of Bel- lingham, Wash., Dale Hulsey, of Modesto, Calif., and Scott Hulsey, of Tracy; 11 grandchil-

dren; 24 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchil-

dren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; a son, Harel; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Root

No service is planned for former Selma resident Robert L. Root, 86, of Grants Pass, who died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007 at his home.

Southern Oregon Crema- tion Services is in charge of arrangements. Remembrances may be made to Asante Hos- pice, 2825 E Barnett Road, Medford OR 97504.

Mr. Root was born on April 18, 1921 in Vacaville, Calif. to Frank & Hazel Root. He worked as a Greyhound Bus Lines driver for 38 years. In 1980 he moved from Santa Rosa, Calif. to a ranch in Selma and later to Grants Pass.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Root, of Grants Pass; three sons, Ronald Root and Terry Root, both of Tacoma, Wash., and Robbie Root, of Jacksonville, Mont.; a stepson, Dan Newell, of Hidden Valley, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Zerelda Walton, of Grants Pass; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hull & Hull Funeral Di- rectors was in charge of ar- rangements.

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