

Newberry Springs Civic Hub Strategic Plan

Comments and Questions –

The Newberry Community Services District is an independent special district governed by a five member board of directors, elected at large.

The Newberry CSD was formed in 1958 and currently has been authorized by LAFCO to provide water, fire protection, street lighting and park and recreation for the community of Newberry Springs. The Newberry CSD is not a retail water provider; rather it utilizes water from its own well for its facilities and for fire protection purposes. (Note- water at fire station #2 is provided by the school district and is not included in their Base Annual Production)

The Newberry CSD is supported by the local school district and many community groups.

The Newberry CSD is located at 30884 Newberry Road.

Due to its rural, agricultural, and industrial nature and the lack of a region wide provider for water the challenge for the Newberry CSD is to provide the best authorized services for their community while contending with the single most tangible factor that could limit growth, the availability of water. As we all know, water is the lifeblood for communities.

The most significant regional issue is present and future water supply, of which they have no power over, nor do they address this issue in their “strategic plan”.

The Newberry CSD has its own water issues. Having a Base Annual Production of 23 acre feet and being part of the adjudication which is ramped down leaving the Newberry CSD apx. 6.9 acres feet to accomplish all of the authorized tasks. (based on 30%)

The majority of income that supports the Newberry CSD comes from property taxes with occasional grants. (Unless you count the windfalls like Kiewitt and Solar Settlement)

The key objective to the community of Newberry Springs is for the Newberry CSD to provide the absolute best services authorized by LAFCO with the most financially sound decisions being made.

What is the current status on the number of fire department volunteers or their skill sets?

Where the pipeline connections ever placed?

Is the agreement with BNSF still in place for usage of their water tower, if so, is it utilized? Is this an additional source of water that is not included in their Base Annual Production?

How many of the 10,000 gallon tanks ever placed?

What is the current number of street lights the CSD maintains?

This new “Civic Hub” land purchase will still carry the adjudication and the ramp down of water. How will that be overcome by moving to a new location?

Please list all the current public infrastructures in Newberry.

Why hasn't the Chamber of Newberry enticed such businesses to our community already? If these businesses were dying to be here don't you think we would know??? Let's ask Paula.

Increase community volunteerism.

Is that like the volunteers that maintain the "garden" at the existing park, even though there is a PAID employee to do just that.

If the location is close to the existing station #2, how does it lower home insurance rates?

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If new fire station is close to station #2, how will communications improve?

If another well is needed wouldn't a location away from the existing wells be more prudent?

Issues left to address,

Cost for all the new items the fire dept. wants and where is the money to come from?

Cost for the civic hub and the land and the well(s) and where is the money to come from?

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The full version of my comments are available, this is the condensed version.

Thank You

Kathy