



**Oceano Community Services District**  
**Summary Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**OCSD BOARD ROOM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Called at approximately 6:00 p.m. by President Varni
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: President Varni, Vice President Joyce-Suneson, Director Gibson, and Director Villa. Absent: Director Austin  
 Staff present: Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager, and Robert Schultz, Legal Counsel
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Varni
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Approved as presented
5. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2024:**

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code §54956.8) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to have a conference with its Real Property Negotiators concerning the following: Property Descriptions: APN 062-271-023:024; 062-051-021; 022, 062-271-006, 062-271-026, 062-271-001; 003; 027, and 062-261-022; 080. Agency Negotiators: Oceano Community Services District, Paavo Ogren, President Varni, and Director Austin. Parties with whom Negotiating: County of San Luis Obispo. Instructions to County Negotiator: Price, Terms, and Conditions.
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1) -- Title: General Manager
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1) -- Title: District Legal Counsel
- D. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(a): Conference with legal counsel regarding Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, et al.,

No reportable action was taken by the Board of Directors.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Brenda Auer	In opposition to Central Coast Blue.
Amanda	Asked for assistance with the unhoused population on S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street.
Julie Tacker	Inquired about the open General Manager position.

7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**A. STAFF REPORTS:**

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Commander Ian Doughty - Absent
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – Craig Angello, Battalion Chief  
 Fire Chief Scott Hallet will start his tenure on the 29<sup>th</sup>. FCFA received a response from the County of SLO regarding divestiture and it is in review. Weed abatement notices have been mailed to owners, with follow-up inspections occurring in May.
- iii. **Operations** - Tony Marraccino, Utility Systems Manager  
 Lopez is at 100.3% full (49,613 AF)  
 6 work orders, 8 USAs, 7 customer service calls and -0- after hours call outs.  
 Continuing with samples, trash pick up and the service line inventory. The first route will be completed next week.  
 Raised meter boxes, attended a free UCMR class provided by the EPA, assisted the SSLOCSD with preventative maintenance, and hung door hangers.  
 The tank 2 project is going smoothly.  
 All air bacs have been repaired or replaced.

**B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- i. **President Varni:** Regional Water Mgt Group, State Water Subcontractors, Airport Land Use – None
- ii. **Vice President Joyce-Suneson:** Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, CA Special District’s Association – OPARC Day of the Child event was postponed due to rain. Fundraising efforts for the track at OES are still being discussed.
- iii. **Director Austin:** South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, Zone 1/1A – Absent
- iv. **Director Gibson:** Zone 3, Regional Water Quality Control Board – None
- v. **Director Villa:** Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission – None

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:** None

<b>8. CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on April 10, 2024</li> <li>b) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2024</li> <li>c) Review of Cash Disbursements</li> </ul>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Villa to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second from Director Gibson with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin</p> <p>Public Comment: Julie Tacker – Provided comment regarding 8(C).</p>

<b>9A. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Review and consideration of the Community Based Organization and Preventative Health Grant applied to by the Oceano Parks and Recreation Committee for the Oceano Elementary Track Project</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Joyce-Suneson to affirm the Preventative Health Grant application previously submitted to the County of San Luis Obispo with a second from Director Villa with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin</p> <p>Public Comment: Sonny Paz – Asked a question regarding funding.</p>

<b>9B. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Review and consideration of the Water Resource Advocacy Platform on Central Coast Blue, including possible actions to modify, eliminate, or create a new statement</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and discussion with the Board and staff, President Varni made a motion to create an Ordinance to protect the District’s name and logo use without permission, with a second from Director Villa and a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin</p> <p>Public Comment: Debra Early – In support of an advocacy platform. Victor Early - In support of an advocacy platform. Pamela Storton - In support of an advocacy platform. Julie Tacker - In support of an advocacy platform. Lauren Westfall - In support of an advocacy platform.</p>

<b>9C. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Discussion and consideration of entering into a contract with Ecologistics as the 501c3 sponsor of the Oceano Parks and Recreation Committee.	After an opportunity for public comment and discussion with the Board and staff, President Varni made a motion to move forward with an application to Ecologistics and to continue negotiating the contract while also obtaining approval from OPARC and bring the contract back for Board approval, with a second from Director Villa and a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin  Public Comment: None

<b>10A. HEARING ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
A public hearing on an appeal by Erik Benham regarding past due amounts and late fees and provide staff direction as deemed appropriate	After an opportunity for public comment and discussion with the Board and staff, President Varni made a motion to deny the appeal with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson and a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin  Public Comment: None

<b>10B. HEARING ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
A public hearing on an appeal by Nancy Bull regarding a water bill and provide staff direction as deemed appropriate	After an opportunity for public comment and discussion with the Board and staff, Director Gibson made a motion to approve a leak adjustment of \$602.52 with a second from Director Villa and a 3-1 roll call vote. Dissented: President Varni Absent: Director Austin  Public Comment: None

11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None
12. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None
13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Oceano Waterline Improvement Projects Mitigated Negative Declaration by Rincon; Budget Workshops; One Cool Earth; and Draft Ordinances
14. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** None
15. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Varni adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM.