



**Oceano Community Services District**  
**Summary Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 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: Director Gibson, Director Austin, Vice President Joyce-Suneson, and President Varni. Absent: Director Villa  
Staff present: Peter Brown, General Manager; Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager; and Rob Schultz, Legal Counsel.
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Varni
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Accepted as presented
5. **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:**
  - A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1) -- Title: District Legal Counsel
  - B. 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:**

Julie Tacker	Requested a status update on the case with the DA office.
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7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**A. STAFF REPORTS:**

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Sr. Deputy Kyle Nudson  
July 2024 Stats for Oceano  
498 Calls for service (543 prior year)  
Calls included domestic violence, theft, burglary, suspicious circumstances, and enforcement stops.  
Phone scams are on the rise – people calling about warrants for missing jury duty and posing as people from local internet companies.  
A vacate notice has been posted on the levy for transient.  
There was a residential burglary on 17<sup>th</sup> and Ocean St. where a male suspect was caught in a home and arrested.
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – FCFA Chief Hallet  
A special board meeting will be held on 9/16/2024 at the Arroyo Grande Council chamber to approve an amendment between the County of SLO and FCFA for CalPERS pension liability. There is a LAFCo meeting on October 17, 2024, to finalize the agreement for fire protection services in Oceano.  
Recruitment – there were 4 vacancies, and recruitment is moving forward.  
Standards of Coverage – The proposal deadline is approaching, and several firms have already submitted it.  
Total Calls to Date: 2,950 (492 were in Oceano)

- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino – Absent.  
 Update provided by Peter Brown, General Manager  
 Lopez is at 96.7% (47,865 AF) / 61.95 AF State Water / 0 Lopez  
 0 SSO's for July 2024  
 Weekly and monthly samples completed  
 First of the month equipment runs and equipment repairs completed  
 11 work orders / 26 USAs / 9 customer service calls / 1 after hours call out  
 Power outage last Friday – used emergency generator to power the lift station  
 Well 7 has been disconnected from power as it will be decommissioned  
 Utility operators completed a hot tap for Fairgrove Elementary School  
 Several service lines were replaced and a manhole was repaired  
 A 4" water meter was replaced on Hwy 1  
 Flushing and weed abatement continue and "No Dumping" signs were placed at Well 8
  
- iv. **General Manager** – Peter Brown  
 The RFP for engineering services (Wastewater CIP) is completed and posted.  
 The 5-year water rate study expires 7/1/2025 and is currently being reviewed by staff for the next assessment.  
 Attended the CASA (California Association of Sanitation Agencies) conference in Monterey.  
 The main topic was recycled water on a national level.  
 8/1 staff met with the County of Santa Barbara regarding a new internet broadband relay facility that will help improve broadband within Oceano.  
 8/6 met with John Diodati, SLO Co Public Works Director – asked for a list of investments the County has made in Oceano. Once received, the list will be brought to the Board.  
 8/7 attended the monthly General Manager's meeting and discussed the solid waste rate application.  
 8/12 attended the NCMA technical group meeting for strategic planning. A RFP is coming out as the 3-year agreement with WSC is set to expire.  
 Working with Co of SLO Public Works on an encroachment permit template for the Oceano Plaza. This will be a 1-year pilot program for the District to assist the County with the maintenance of the plaza.
  
- v. **OCSD – District Counsel** – Rob Schultz  
 Brown Act/ Conflict of Interest Presentation

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS (STAFF REPORTS):**

Julie Tacker	In support of Brown Act training, provided information and asked about special meetings.
April Dury	In support of Brown Act training. In opposition of closed session.

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

- i. **President Varni:** Regional Water Mgt Group, State Water Subcontractors, Airport Land Use – No reports
- ii. **Vice President Joyce-Suneson:** Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, CA Special District's Association – Reported on the August 6<sup>th</sup> OPARC meeting being cancelled due to lack of quorum; Reported on the Oceano Memorial Park renovation meeting.
- iii. **Director Austin:** South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, Zone 1/1A – Reported on the 8/7/2024 SSLOCSD meeting
- iv. **Director Gibson:** Zone 3, Regional Water Quality Control Board – No reports

- v. **Director Villa:** Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

<b>8. CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2024</li> <li>b) Review of Cash Disbursements</li> <li>c) Information: Submittal of the District’s Fiscal Year 2023-24 Quarter 4 Investment Report ending June 30, 2024</li> <li>d) Action: Approve the Oceano Community Services District applying for the 2025 Route to Parks Grant Program for the Oceano Elementary School</li> <li>e) Action: Approval of a Letter of Intent to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments regarding the potential use of OCSD property as a host site for future public electric vehicle charging, at no cost to the OCSD</li> </ul>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Austin to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second from Director Gibson with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa</p> <p>Public Comment: April Dury – In support of attending the CSDA Conference. In opposition of Ecologistics or another agency taking donations for OPARC.</p>

<b>9A. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Action: Accept Resignation and Appoint and Alternate to SSLOCSD and Consider and discuss the 2024 Committee Assignments</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Vice President Joyce-Sunson motioned to accept President Varni’s resignation letter as an alternate to SSLOCSD, with a second from Director Austin and a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p> <p>A second motion was made by Director Austin to appoint Director Gibson as an alternate to SSLOCSD with a second from President Varni and a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

<b>9B. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Information: Review of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 related to District Infrastructure, including FCFA Fire Station #3 rehabilitation</p>	<p>This information item was received and filed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

<b>9C. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Action: Review of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Status as of June 30, 2024, and approve the year-end encumbrances	After a presentation by Carey Casciola, an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by President Varni to approve the year-end encumbrances with a second from Director Gibson with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa  Public Comment: None

<b>10A. HEARING ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Action: Review and adoption of the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the District's Waterline Improvement Project	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson approve the resolution adopting Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the District's Waterline Improvement Project, with a second from President Varni with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa  Public Comment: None

- 11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** Correspondence from Ecologistics
- 12. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** ACA No.1 resolution; Policy on committee reports; alternate appointment for OPARC; Media Policy; Wastewater project(s)/CIP
- 14. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** None
- 15. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
- 16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice President Joyce-Suneson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM.