



Oceano Community Services District

Summary Minutes

Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Location: OCSD BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Called at approximately 6:12 p.m. by President Varni
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: President Varni, Vice President Joyce-Suneson, and Director Villa
Board members absent: Director Austin and Director Gibson
Staff present: Paavo Ogren, Interim General Manager, Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager; and Robert Schultz, Legal Counsel
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Varni
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** President Varni moved agenda item 6A ahead of agenda item 5.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**
 - A. Presentation on OCSD’s Code of Civility – Presentation by President Varni, Paavo Ogren, Robert Schulz and Ian Doughty.

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

Mark McGuire	Expressed concerns regarding the sand by Strand Way.
Julie Tacker	In support of the Board of Directors Oath of Office. In opposition to the redaction of signatures. In support of selling water to the City of Arroyo Grande.
Kerry Langford	In support of the Board supporting Spanish programs or creating a committee.
Sonny Paz	In support of access to the Oceano Dunes.
Mike	In support of removing the sand on Strand Way.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

A. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- i. **Sheriff’s South Station** – Commander Ian Doughty
368 Calls for Service (369 CFS in 2023)
4 Assault & Battery / 29 Disturbances / 5 Burglaries / 5 Thefts / 1 Vandalism / 1 Mail Theft / 27 Assist Other Agencies / 7 Suspicious Circumstances / 83 Enforcement Stops / 1 Narcan Use / 13 Arrests
The Rural Crime Deputy and Community Action Team Deputy are back at the South Station.
Please check Readyslo.org for zones and storm prep information.
Appreciation to the community for dropping off bicycles for the honor farm to refurbish and distribute.
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – FCFA Staff - Absent
- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marrassino
Lopez is at 96.1% full (47,468 AF)
0 pumping; taking State Water only
Continuing with weekly and monthly samples, trash pickup.
16 Work Orders / 21 USAs / 12 Customer Service Calls / 6 After Hour Call Outs
Lock-offs for past-due accounts.
Repaired an angle stop broken by a customer on 23rd Street.
Repaired a second break at 2300 Cienaga
Replacing valves and pipes on the water storage tank prior to its rehabilitation.
Replaced a broken air compressor.
A piece of heavy equipment on the sand by Strand Way broke a spigot on private property – it was handled by the time we responded.
Worked with an out-of-the-area homeowner to temporarily turn the water off for leaking irrigation so it can be repaired.

- iv. **OCSD Interim General Manager – Paavo Ogren**
 County meeting about divestiture. Established weekly meetings with Board Members.
 Reviewed appeals related to water bills.
 Explained how the District can support residents on Strand Way regarding sand, which is outside of our purview. Mr. Schultz clarified the state laws surrounding elections and how they affect people who own vacation homes here in Oceano.

C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. **President Varni** – Reported on the 1/9/2024 OPARC meeting
- ii. **Vice President Joyce-Suneson** – Reported on an OPARC meeting with the Beaver Brigade
- iii. **Director Austin** – Absent
- iv. **Director Gibson** – Absent
- v. **Director Villa** – None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

April Dury	In support of a written General Manager report for each agenda packet. In support of adding OPARC meeting minutes to the OCSD agenda packet.
Pam Spicer	Expressed concerns about the roads and potholes in Oceano.
Ann Quinn, League of Women Voters	Provide comments regarding the Code of Civility and what the LOWV is working on pertaining to this topic.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review the of Minutes for the Special Meeting held on December 4, 2023 b) Review of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2024 c) Review of the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on December 20, 2023 d) Review of Cash Disbursements e) Approval of a Resolution adopting the 2023 County Joinder Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority f) Approval of the Award Letter for the Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure Project ID AB617-2023-02 Installation of Two (2) Dual Port Level 2 Electric Vehicle Chargers at 1935 Wilmar Avenue in Oceano at the Oceano Community Services District's (OCSD) Water Yard awarding \$7,895 and authorize the Board President to execute a grant agreement. g) Approval of a contract appointing The JAM Law Group as special District Legal Counsel Vice President Joyce-Suneson requested this item be pulled for discussion – See Business Item 8C 	<p>Vice President Joyce-Suneson requested 7G to be pulled for consideration after 8B.</p> <p>After an opportunity for public comment and board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Villa to approve consent agenda items 7A-7F, with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson and a 3-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin and Director Gibson</p> <p>Public Comment: April Dury – Requested a correction to the minutes. Commented on Board stipend requests. Julie Tacker - Commented on payroll report.</p>

8A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Discussion and approval of the District Expenditure Control Guidelines	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Villa to approve the two proposed amendments: one to the Regular & Special Meeting Compensation Form and the other for a two-signature requirement of all checks to the District Expenditure Control Guidelines with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson and a 3-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Absent: Director Austin and Director Gibson</p> <p>Public Comment: April Dury – In support of the guidelines. In support of two signatures.</p>

8B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Discussion and appointment of the 2024 Committee Assignments	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Joyce-Suneson to approve the 2024 Committee Assignments as described by the General Manager (attached), with a second from President Varni and a 3-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Absent: Director Austin and Director Gibson</p> <p>Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of standing committees. April Dury – In support of standing committees and CSDA representation. Kerry Langford – In opposition of the airport representation.</p>

8C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Agenda Item 7G moved to 8C - Approval of a contract appointing The JAM Law Group as special District Legal Counsel	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, the Board gave consensus to bring back the item as a future agenda item.</p> <p>Public Comment: April Dury – In opposition of JAM Law Group representing the District. Julie Tacker – In opposition of JAM Law Group representing the District at this time.</p>

9. HEARING ITEMS: None

10. RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

- a. Received Communication from Vice President Joyce-Suneson

11. LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Received written communication from Julie Tacker

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: President Varni requested the JAM Law Group contract and OPARC Safe Routes to Beach Project.

13. FUTURE HEARING ITEMS: None

14. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- 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. 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.** Conference with Legal Counsel-Liability Claims (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2),(e)(3))
 - 1. Claimant: Mona Maria Dells Vasquez; Agency claimed against: OCSD
 - 2. Claimant: R. Burke Construction; Agency claimed against: OCSD
 - 3. Claimant: R. Burke Construction; Agency claimed against: OCSD
 - 4. Claimant: Will Clemens; Agency claimed against: OCSD

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

Julie Tacker	In support of the claims being attached and selling water to Arroyo Grande.
April Dury	In support of rejecting claim 14D1.

Director Villa motioned to adjourn to closed session with a second from President Varni and a 3-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin and Director Gibson.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:10 pm.

President Varni announced the return from closed session at approximately 9:30 pm.

Report out of closed session:

- 14A-C: No reportable action
- 14D(1-4): The Board rejected all claims

15. ADJOURNMENT: Director Villa motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm with a second from President Varni and a 3-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Austin and Director Gibson