



# Oceano Community Services District

## Summary Minutes

Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Location: TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** at approximately 6:00 p.m. by President Austin
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: President Austin, Vice President White, Director Villa and Director Replogle. Staff present: General Manager Will Clemens, Business and Accounting Manager Carey Casciola and Jeff Minnery, Legal Counsel. Absent: Director Gibson
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** led by President Austin
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Vice President White made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, with a second from Director Villa and 4-0 vote. Absent: Director Gibson
5. **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:**
  - A. 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**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None
7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:**

### A. STAFF REPORTS:

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Commander Jay Wells – Absent
- ii. **FCFA** - Chief Steve Lieberman – Absent
- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino - Lopez is at 33.8% full which is 16,675AF. Continuing with daily rounds; weekly and monthly samples; 7 work orders; 7 USAs; 10 customer service calls; 0 SSOs; 1 after hours call outs; Completed meter reading, re-reads and comment code report. Started sewer jetting and continued trash pick-up. Completed weed abatement at the water yard.
- iv. **OCS D General Manager** – Will Clemens – Focus has been on agenda and reports. Attended webinars regarding CalPERS Rate of Return. There was a 21.3% return on investments. Due to a 2015 CalPERS policy adopted to bring expected rate of return down over time; rate of return dropped from 7% to 6.8%. For agencies this means a slight cost increase over time.

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

- i. Director Villa – Reported on the 7/15/2021 Oceano Advisory Council (OAC) meeting.
- ii. Director Gibson – Absent
- iii. Vice President White – Reported on the 7/16/2021 Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Meeting.
- iv. Director Replogle – None
- v. President Austin – None

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
b) Review of Cash Disbursements. c) Submittal of the District's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Quarter 4 Treasurer Report	After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Vice President White to approve the consent Agenda Items "B" and "C" as presented with a second from Director Replogle and a 4-0 roll call vote, Absent: Director Gibson  Public Comment: None

<b>8. CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
a) Review and Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2021.	After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Vice President White to approve the consent Agenda Item "A" as presented with a second from Director Villa and a 3-0 roll call vote, Absent: Director Gibson Abstained: Director Replogle  Public Comment: None

<b>9A. BUSINESS ITEM:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Drought Issues and Review of Water Supply	After a presentation by the General Manager, an opportunity for public comment, Board, and staff discussion the item was received and filed. Absent: Director Gibson  Public Comment: Jeff Edwards – Commented in support of selling water to the City of Arroyo Grande. Julie Tacker – Commented in support of selling water to the City of Arroyo Grande.

<b>9B. BUSINESS ITEM:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Consideration and approval of letters to the County Board of Supervisors and San Luis Obispo County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) regarding the Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA)	After a presentation by Paavo Ogren of the IWMA, an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Villa to consider representation on the IWMA after August 11, 2021 with a second from President Austin and a 3-1 roll call vote. Vice President White dissented. Absent: Director Gibson  Public Comment: April Dury – Commented in support of the County's participation in the IWMA and nominating Director Replogle for the alternate position. Janine Kennel Rands - Commented in support of the County's participation in the IWMA and nominate Director Replogle for the alternate position. Charles Varni - Commented in support of nominating Director Replogle for the alternate position.

<b>9C. BUSINESS ITEM:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Review of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Status as of June 30, 2021, and consideration of a recommendation to approve year-end encumbrances	After a presentation by the Business & Accounting Manager, an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Vice President White to approve the year-end encumbrances and accept the FY 2020-21 Budget Status report with a second from Director Villa and a 4-0 roll call vote, Absent: Director Gibson  Public Comment: None

10. **HEARING ITEMS:** None
11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None
12. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** email/letter from Janine Kennel Rands (attached).
13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Deferred Infrastructure Program (as needed), Lopez Water Contract Amendments (Late 2021), Wastewater CIP (Future year), Old Firehouse Art (June 2021), Social Media Policy/ Live Stream Board Meetings (As directed), Bill insert/ mailing policy (As directed), Policy & Procedure Manual review (As directed), CSDA Transparency Certification (As directed).

Public Comment: None

14. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** August 25, 2021, Fiscal Year 2021-22 Final Budget Hearing
15. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** at approximately 7:35PM

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Janine Kennel Rands [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Ltr Rep Replogle as CSD Rep Agenda 9b  
**Attachments:** Ltr OCSD IWMA Representative.docx

Dear Pres Austin and Board Members

I respectfully submit my letter to your Board to weigh in on the important issue of a representation to the IWMA from the Community Service Districts and Special District Members.

Thank you for all you do to better our community.

Sincerely,  
Janine Rands

P.S. I just realized your time to receive letters is 12 noon. It is 12:40. Please allow this later submission. Thank you.  
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[Janine Kennel Rands](#)

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[San Luis Obispo](#)

July 28, 2021

Oceano Community Service District Board

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 9b:** Consideration and approval of letters to the County Board of Supervisors and SLO County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association regarding the IWMA.

Dear President Austin and Board of Directors:

Over the past year, it has come to the public's attention that the SLO County Community Service and Special District Members to the IWMA have lacked an appointed representative to represent the members. On May 21, IWMA Brooks Stayer sent out a letter to all Member Districts alerting them of the procedure that was not followed in appointing a Representative and the Alternate to the IWMA. I would like to suggest that a focus is for the appointed representative where member districts have given input. The vacant "alternate" position is important when the representative is not able to attend; but we know that an alternate doesn't have a vote unless he/she attends the meeting as the Representative.

The absence of information pertinent to all JPA District Members to the IWMA was discovered when the issue of the Polystyrene Ordinance 2021-1 was in jeopardy of being repealed in February 2021. We learned that the districts for years were not being informed nor were aware of such postponement, or of other waste management issues that members might want to take action on.

Representation from the CSD/SD's is very important – so that all members have input. IWMA has a 27-year history of its beginnings in SLO County, starting in 1994. But, I believe that most County residents have no clue of even what IWMA stands for, let alone its services. I can attest that I also was not paying any attention to what IWMA was doing until hundreds of county citizens began working on an effort for a County Polystyrene Ordinance in 2018. By getting involved, I learned almost too late that IWMA Staff had recommended postponing the Polystyrene Ordinance 2021-1 in Feb 2020, using an excuse about the Covid Pandemic.

Working with all the issues of the IWMA requires hours of time and dedication. The position for the CSD/SD representative needs someone who has the skills and aptitude to spend time at the IWMA meetings and reading through all Agenda files. It would behoove the CSDA to select the candidate who has been following IWMA to avoid a long-learning curve. With the potential withdrawal of member districts from the IWMA, new legal details will need to be addressed, as well as the JPA and MOA updating.

I urge Oceano CSD Board to have a direct accountability to the IWMA Districts Representation, and what better, but to have the ideal candidate from Oceano CSD. I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Board Member Cynthia Replogle for the District Representative. Ms. Replogle has the experience with OCSD, has kept abreast of IWMA issues, and is attentive to details - thus a strong candidate. The County needs someone who is passionate about plastic reduction and solid waste - critical issues to the IWMA. Your decisions are important to change the tide of pollution to our ocean, rivers and lakes, health of wildlife, and the constant litter problem that plagues the whole County.

Thank you for your service to better our community and County.

Sincerely,



Janine Rands  
Chair and community organizer  
SLO Foam Free and SLO Down Plastics