



Oceano Community Services District

Summary Minutes

Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

Location: TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** at approximately 6:00 p.m. by President White
2. **ROLL CALL:**
Board members present: President White, Vice President Villa, Director Replogle, Director Austin, and Director Gibson.
Staff present: General Manager Will Clemens, Business and Accounting Manager Carey Casciola, and Jeff Minnery, Legal Counsel.
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** led by President White
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Agenda accepted as presented.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Charles Varni	Provided feedback on the special tax FAQs listed on the District's website and asked questions regarding the proposed special fire tax.
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6. **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 29.02% full which is 14,418 AF.
8 Work orders / 10 USAs / 6 Customer Service Calls / 0 After Hours Call Outs.
Continuing with daily, weekly, and monthly samples & rounds.
First of the month equipment startups.
Meter reads, re-reads and leak notifications completed. Comment codes are in progress.
Hydrant flushed to put into service and a hydrant hit on Pier Ave.
Continuing with trash/Ready 311 pick-up.
Identified utilities for CalTrans for a project on Hwy 1.
Accolades and appreciation to Casey Stewart for his years of service with the District.
- iv. **OCSD General Manager – Will Clemens**
We've met twice with RCAC who is assisting Ken-Mar Gardens and Halcyon Water Systems through a feasibility study to help with water quality issues. MKN engineering has been selected to do the study and will begin work once the State Water Board, who is funding the project, approves the contract. The District will provide assistance to the process as needed. We met with CalTrans regarding their overlay project (Oceano to Pismo Beach on Hwy 1). We will need to relocate utilities, raise, and lower water valves and move a fire hydrant. Project will begin end of 2022 and should complete early 2023.
Drought continues to worsen. State Water deliveries reduced from 15% to 5%, however, Oceano will be able to receive all state water requested for the year. County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors directed staff to work with CCWA to work on a drought mitigation strategy wherein we can get additional state water supplies into the County up to 1,000 AF. Appreciation to Casey Stewart and his years of service. Job recruitment is in progress.
April 13, 2022, Board Meeting will be in person at the District office.
Reminded the public that Special Districts can only provide services that the Local Agency Formation Commission authorizes. Curb, gutter and sidewalks and flood control are not powers that the Oceano CSD is authorized to provide, and our Board cannot authorize providing those services nor can we provide funding for those powers. The lead agency for these powers are the County of San Luis Obispo and the Flood Control District.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. Vice President Villa – reported on the 3/10/2022 & 3/17/2022 Oceano Advisory Council (OAC) meeting.

- ii. Director Austin – None
- iii. President White – reported on the 3/18/2022 Five Cities Fire Authority meeting and the 3/22/2022 Zone 1(1A) Flood Control District meeting.
- iv. Director Replogle –Verbally notified of her resignation from the District Board.
- v. Director Gibson – reported on the 3/17/2022 Zone 3 Committee meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Charles Varni	Expressed appreciation to Director Replogle for her service to the District. Asked questions regarding the CalTrans overlay project (Hwy 1)
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7. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review and Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2022 b. Review of Cash Disbursements c. Recommendation to Approve the General, Auto, and other Liability Insurance Coverage for 2022 and authorize payment in the amount of \$34,324 	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, Director Austin made a motion to approve consent agenda items as presented with a second from Director Replogle and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

8. BUSINESS ITEMS: None

9A. HEARING ITEM:	ACTION:
Public Hearing for Public Input on Board Selected Focus Maps for a Division Based Election System and Election Sequencing	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, a Presentation by Dr. Phillips of NDC, Board and staff discussion, Director Gibson made a motion to adopt map 202 with a second from Director Austin and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

9B. HEARING ITEM:	ACTION:
Public Hearing for Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Voting Divisions for Elections and Defining Division Boundaries for the Five Board of Directors Divisions	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, a Presentation by Dr. Phillips, Board and staff discussion, Director Gibson made a motion to accept staff direction to adopt the resolution with plan map 202 as exhibit "A", with a second from Director Replogle and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

- 10. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 11. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Addendum (attached)
- 12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
Deferred Infrastructure Program (as needed), Lopez Water Contract Amendments (2022), Wastewater CIP (Future year), Social Media Policy/Live Stream Board Meetings (as directed), Bill insert/mailling policy (as directed), Policy & Procedure Manual review (As directed), CSDA Transparency Certification (as directed), Solid Waste Education Center (As directed), Measure A-22 Town Hall Meeting (April 30, 2022 at 1:30 PM)
- 13. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** None
- 14. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
- 15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Approximately 7:07 pm



March 21, 2022

Re: 2022 OEDC WORK PLAN 3.1.22

TO: Nick Alter
CC: OEDC PAC; OAC

FROM: Oceano Advisory Council

Dear Nick,

The Oceano Advisory Council (OAC) has reviewed the document and appreciates the opportunity to share the following reactions. We were disappointed you declined our invitation to meet with us on March 10 to discuss our questions and concerns.

I.A.

From information presented at the March 16 Project Advisory Council meeting it appears this report will not be available for some time into the future. What is the new expected date?

I.C.

In addition to emailing the report to OAC, we expect a public presentation by the principles which includes significant time for public questions and discussion. OAC will schedule a special meeting for this.

II.A.1.

The OAC requests that the Spring 2022 City Regional Planning (CRP) studio include the SLO Council of Governments ATP Grant Proposal for a \$17 million curb, gutter, sidewalk, and flood control infrastructure project. Specifically, we request that the CRP team research and recommend coordination and funding for a concurrent street lighting project (for which OCSD has authority).

On March 16 the CRP students presentation on transportation infrastructure in Oceano displayed a poor understanding of the historical and current situation of what is happening and

the dynamics of preparing a ATP grant application (for example, identifying the Safe Routes Project as lead agency rather than SLOCOG). A closer relationship between the students and the leaders of this grant proposal needs to be developed. Offers by OAC have not been responded to.

III.

We are extremely concerned that this section is devoid of any reference to specific Oceano individuals or organizations as valuable sources of input and advice on land use and development strategies for the community (other than OCSD). For example, the names of four specific individuals are listed. Not one is from our community. For example, three organizations are mentioned. Not one is from our community. In fact, two of the organizations are on record as supporting the continued operations of the SVRA and vehicles on the Oceano beach and, in the case of SOCO Chamber, formally rejected OAC as a member of their organization and refused to work with us, instead promoting VACO.

The organizations listed have no history or record of supporting the general Oceano community and represent profit-oriented business and development interests. The OEDC, in its literature, has promoted equitable economic development with an emphasis on social and environmental justice. We see no reference to these values, nor do we see any organizations (including Latino organizations) or individuals listed from such organizations.

The fact that the OAC is not listed as a “Key Organization” is of profound concern to us. We are an official body of SLO County and report to the Board of Supervisors on planning and development issues in Oceano. To ignore us is tantamount and symbolic of ignoring the people of Oceano—or, at least, gives that impression. Additionally, no other Oceano based organization is indicated as being “Key:” not the Oceano Beach Community Association; not VACO; not the schools. Given the history of County neglect of the community it is hugely disappointing that the OEDC would perpetuate the appearance of such disrespect.

Finally, our representative to the PAC has expressed concern that there is a lack of transparency regarding what specific issues are involved in the delay of the community survey and what steps are being taken to successfully complete the project.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Océano Advisory Council,

Allene Villa/Chair