



Oceano Community Services District

Summary Minutes

Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Location: OCSD BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Called at approximately 6:05 p.m. by President Villa
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: President Villa, Vice President Gibson, Director Austin, Director Joyce-Suneson, and Director Varni
Staff present: Will Clemens, General Manager, Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager and Chase Martin, Legal Counsel
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Villa
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Director Austin requested agenda item 8A be moved up on the agenda.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Amanda	Concerns regarding trees by her residence
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6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. STAFF REPORTS:

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Commander Keith Scott – Absent
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – Steve Lieberman, Fire Chief – Absent
- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino
Lopez is 100.3% full / 49,545 AF
0 SSS's in March 2023
18 Work Orders / 38 USAs / 16 Customer Service Calls / 4 After Hours Call Outs / 3 Ready 311 Tickets
All OCSD light poles are fixed and operable (Hwy 1)
Weed abatement at all OCSD properties – completed.
Equipment maintenance, 1st of the month equipment runs, paving, cleaning of lift station, FOG inspections - completed.
Hydrant maintenance, sewer jetting, meter replacements, weekly & monthly samples – continuous
Repaired a broken service line.
Located utilities on Hwy 1 for Caltrans project.
Assisted SSLOCSD with a clogged sewer.
Hung door hangers for past due bills.
Working on the CCR to go out in the May utility bills.
Staff attended several training courses.
- iv. **OCSD General Manager** – Will Clemens
Congressman Carbajal recommended funding of our request for a \$3 million grant for waterline replacement through a USDA Rural Development grant. Provided an update on fire services in Oceano on 7/1/2023. LAFCO informed us there will be a study-session at the May 18, 2023, meeting at 9am for divestiture of fire services in Oceano. Two feasibility studies are currently underway: Kenmar Gardens and Halcyon water systems – to ensure compliance with water quality. It is currently recommended that Kenmar Gardens connect to the District's system. We continue to work on the CEQA and NEPA process for our CIP upgrade projects.

Public Comment:

Julie Tacker	Provided comment regarding emergency and fire service funding.
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8A. Public Comments:

Christina Casillas	In opposition of a study or merger with Grover Beach
Joe Schacherer	In opposition of a study or merger with Grover Beach
Rick London	In opposition of a study or merger with Grover Beach
Shawn Ivey	In opposition of a study or merger with Grover Beach
Bonnie Ernst	In support of a study
Lynn Pearson	In support of a study
Vanessa Rozo	In support of a study
Kathy Cann	In support of a study
Catherine Sells	Provided comment that the City of Grover Beach may not be aware or in support of a study or merger
Nick Presher	In opposition of a study or merger with Grover Beach
Mike Scherner	Provided comment on vacation homeowners being able to vote in Oceano
Oceano resident	In opposition of a study or merger with Grover Beach
Gina McMahon	In opposition of a study
Jimmy Paulding, County Supervisor	In support of a study to research all available options
Jennifer Rokes	In opposition of a study
Julie Tacker	Provided comments regarding OCSD budget

8A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Consideration of a LAFCO Memorandum on mergers and provide staff direction on whether to pursue a feasibility study for merging with the City of Grover Beach.	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, Director Varni made a motion to direct the General Manager to meet with the other principals involved to begin a discussion of what the potential scope and cost of doing a phase I assessment of a possible merger and to bring that back to the Board for further discussion with a second from Director Joyce-Suneson and a 2-3 roll call vote with Director Austin, Vice President Gibson and President Villa dissenting.</p> <p>President Villa requested that the record reflect that she voted “No” due to the lack of community outreach, particularly for the Latino and Latina community, and noted if the community continues to show interest in a study, she will request to place this item back on the agenda but doesn’t support Oceano paying for a study since the community didn’t request this item.</p>

The Board recessed from 7:45 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. **President Villa** – reported on the 4/4/2023 WRAC (Water Resources Advisory Committee) meeting.
- ii. **Vice President Gibson** – None
- iii. **Director Austin** – reported on the 4/5/2023 SSLOCSD (South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District); reported on Zone 1/1A meeting.
- iv. **Director Joyce-Suneson** – None
- v. **Director Varni** – reported on the 4/26/2023 Five Cities Fire Authority meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Julie Tacker	Asked a question regarding emergency and fire services funding/budget.
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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 22, 2023 b) Review of Cash Disbursements 	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, Director Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second from Vice President Gibson and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment : None</p>

8B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Review of Water Supply and Direction to Staff on Additional State Water Drought Buffer	<p>After a presentation by Dan Heimel of Confluence Engineering Solutions, Inc., an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, Director Austin made a motion to notify the County that District is interested in purchasing 400 AF of additional State Water Drought Buffer with a second from Vice President Gibson and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In favor of purchasing drought buffer; provided commented regarding Central Coast Blue project.</p>

Director Varni made a motion to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m. with a second from President Villa with a 5-0 roll call vote.

8C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to execute agreements with the California Department of Transportation for the Oceano Highway 1 Beautification Project for a Clean California Grant Application	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, Director Varni made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute agreements with the California Department of Transportation for the Oceano Highway 1 Beautification Project for a Clean California Grant Application with an amendment reflecting Director Austin's non-financial interest in the Oceano Depot property with a second from President Villa and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

8D. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Approval of a Letter to SLOCOG	<p>After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, Director Joyce-Suneson made a motion to approve the letter to SLOCOG with a second from President Villa and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>

- 9. **HEARING ITEMS:** None
- 10. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 11. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** A discussion on whether to conduct a performance review for the General Manager and to add a standing agenda item for updates on the Five Cities Fire Authority contract.
- 13. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** None
- 14. **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

a. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators. Agency designated representative: General Manager, Will Clemens; Employee Organizations: a) Service Employees International Union 620 b) Unrepresented Management Positions

The Board entered closed session at approximately 10:00 p.m. The Board agreed to adjourn the meeting after closed session and conclude the remainder of the meeting at the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The report from closed session will be announced, and the April 26, 2023 meeting concluded, on May 10, 2023, at 6:00p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 10:30 p.m.