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**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Posted: 11-16-2023

November 20, 2023 – 8:30 AM

**St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church
2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441**

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Subcommittee Members: Vice President Kennedy (Chair), Director Parks, and General Manager Guy Savage

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kennedy calls the meeting to order at: 8:35 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kennedy, Director Parks, General Manager Savage

Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Subcommittee on any items of interest within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Subcommittee but not on the agenda today (Gov. Code - 54954.3). The public may also request future agenda topics at this time. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. Due to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the District cannot take action today on any matter not on the agenda, but a matter raised during Public Comments may be referred to District staff for discussion and possible action at a future meeting.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder constitute an administrative / consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Subcommittee. Matters listed on the Administrative Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Subcommittee, in which event the matter may be removed from the Administrative Agenda and considered as a separate item. A single public comment period will be heard for all the matters on the Administrative Agenda.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from September 18, 2023.

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Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

Motion to approve minutes from September 18, 2023.

Motion by: Director Parks, second: Chair Kennedy

Voice vote: 3-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder will be acted upon separately and public comment will be held for each item. As a Subcommittee of the full Board of Directors, Business Items may include one or more recommendations for further discussion or action at a full Board of Directors meeting.

5. STATUS UPDATE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RECYCLING FUNDING (WRF) AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (EHS) GRANTS

The Subcommittee will discuss the District's two outstanding grants:

1. State of California Water Recycling Funding (WRF) planning grant in an amount of \$150,000 (to be disbursed in two tranches each of \$75,000) and
2. County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services (EHS) grant to install three new groundwater monitoring wells and testing of the three new wells, plus the testing of the District's two existing wells; in an amount up to \$121,445.

GM Savage gives a brief summary of both grants. He notes that representatives from the WRF are engaged with the District to get the first half of the WRF grant. GM Savage adds that District Engineer Pike sent the State a series of invoices (bills) that could be used to justify the expenses on Friday, 11/17. GM Savage then adds that he will be sending County EHS the necessary signatures related to the groundwater monitoring grant later today.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

6. DISCUSSION OF WATER FX (WFX) PROPOSAL

The Subcommittee will discuss and consider making a recommendation on the attached engagement proposal and resolutions. As part of its submittal to the District, WFX also included a link to a water related video: <https://youtu.be/I5cH6sm77-I> that may be discussed. The WFX proposal was first discussed at the Subcommittee's July 2023 meeting. Subsequently, at the full Board of Directors meeting on August 24, 2023, the Board of Directors provided direction to staff to, "work with the Grants Committee and WFX on the engagement letter and resolution and bring them back in September."

The subcommittee discusses the Resolution put forth by WFX. Chair Kennedy leads a conversation about removing the comments about "regional solution" in the next to last Whereas and the Resolved statement. GM Savage takes direction to work with Counsel to get the Resolution to a District acceptable format and content. All agree that it should be brought back to the Grants Subcommittee prior to going to the full Board of Directors.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRANT PLAN

The Subcommittee will discuss the development of a plan for funding known, future District activities. Discussion may include, but will not be limited to, potential grant opportunities that can be targeted for each activity, assignments related to pursuing grant opportunities, grant email lists, and existing meetings of other agencies where grants are discussed.

GM Savage starts the conversation about development of a grant plan by showing attendees the most recent District project plan. He points out several items that may require future funding, such as the 60% design, site identification, environmental, and more. He suggests that a plan be put together that ties each item to a specific set of funding opportunities.

The discussion then shifts to how to best engage the State in District efforts. GM Savage notes that the first step is to get a State "Project Manager" assigned. He describes how this could lead to the District being part of the State's future funding approaches. He notes that the State works on the 2-year timeline. He adds that planning has likely

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already begun for 2025. He adds that getting into the State’s planning cycle will increase the possibility of funding being available for projects and communities such as ours. Upon questioning from Chair Kennedy, GM Savage clarifies that influencing what gets funded is quite different from actually applying for grants. The former only requires us to know roughly what we are going to do and the make-up of the District. The latter will require detailed specifics about exactly how a grant’s funding would be used to further the District’s efforts.

GM Savage then describes that in addition to using the State, engagement with Federal representatives is also important. He adds that President Fayram and he both have relationships with Representative Carbajal’s office, from their prior county roles. He comments that in his experience, federal funding would more likely come in the form of an earmark.

Chair Kennedy notes that she updated a spreadsheet, which she will share with the subcommittee members, that she was keeping that highlights grants opportunities and how they might be used.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

After a brief discussion, GM Savage agrees to reach out to State representatives to get an example of what would need to be submitted to get a Project Manager assigned. Chair Kennedy agrees to use that sample to draft something for the District that could be submitted to the State.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder are informational only, no action will be taken, and public comment not received.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Subcommittee members will give reports on any meetings that they attended on behalf of the Subcommittee and/or choose to comment on various Subcommittee activities. Subcommittee member requests for future agenda items may also be made at this time.

Director Parks – None

GM Savage – None

Chair Kennedy – Set a date/time for the next meeting. Attendees agree on December 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 AM.

Motion by Director Parks, second: Chair Kennedy

Voice vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted:



Guy W. Savage

General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:

Vice President Kennedy (Chair)

Director – Los Olivos Community Services District