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

Posted: 3-15-2023

March 22, 2024 – 9:15 AM

**(this meeting will start at 9:15 AM or after the conclusion
of the Technical Subcommittee meeting, whichever is later)**

St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church

2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441

Please observe decorum and instructions from the Subcommittee Chair

Subcommittee Members: 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 9:17 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kennedy, Director Parks, General Manager Savage

Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any items of interest within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Board 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 a maximum of 3 minutes. Due to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board of Directors cannot take action today on any matter not on the agenda, but a matter raised during Public Comments can 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 Board. Matters listed on the Consent Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Subcommittee, in which event the matter may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Public may comment on any of the items prior to the vote being taken by the Subcommittee.

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from January 2, 2024.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.
No requests to speak.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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 provides an update and overview noting that District Engineer Pike continues to work on the WRF grant. He adds that the EHS grant is within budget, including the additional "split testing" requested by the CCRWQCB. He closes by saying that drilling an additional well will not fit within the current grant amount and does come with additional on-going costs.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.
No requests to speak.

6. 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 provides a brief introduction.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.
No requests to speak.

Chair Kennedy describes how the District is in a bit of a chicken and egg situation. She describes the need for partnership, and the likelihood of obtaining loans.

Chair Kennedy reopens the floor to public comment.
Mike Brady speaks.

Chair Kennedy responds to public comment, saying that even if you just look at the parcels within the District, the District is still not a "disadvantaged community." GM Savage adds that those individuals who are individually in need of assistance will be able to get help based on their particular situation.

GM Savage suggests that narrowing the focus to grants that support EIR and 60% design (planning) efforts may make sense. By general consensus, the Subcommittee agrees and will move forward in that fashion.

7. 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 previously discussed at the Subcommittee's July 2023 and November 2023 meetings. 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."

GM Savage provides a brief introduction. Director Parks talks about the benefit of using a group like WFX. GM Savage comments that he will reach out to WFX via phone.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.
No requests to speak.

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Subcommittee will discuss any grant opportunities that have become available. No specific new grants have been noted prior to the posting of this agenda.

GM Savage describes the ICARP grant phonecall he listened to last Friday. Director Parks asks about the Waterboard making mandates but not funding the resulting. GM Savage responds that the State level of the Waterboard does have some funding to help, but that it expects that locals property owners and citizens will bear most of the cost. As an example he describes communities that do not have water during a drought. The State does provide some help, but expects the "locals" to pay most of the bill.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.
No requests to speak.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

9. 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
Chair Kennedy – none
GM Savage - none

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 AM
Motion by: GM Savage, Director Parks
Voice vote: 3-0

Respectfully submitted:



Guy W. Savage
General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:


Chair – President Julie Kennedy