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Brad Ross, Vice-President
Julie Kennedy, Director
Lisa Palmer, Director
Greg Parks, Director



LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2023, 6PM

St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church, Stacy Hall

2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Fayram called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Was acted upon as agenda item #3.

3. ROLL CALL

Was acted upon as agenda item #2.

President Fayram requests a roll call be taken.

PRESENT: President Fayram, Vice President Ross, Director Kennedy, Director Palmer, Director Parks

ABSENT: None

4. 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 District 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.

President Fayram opens the floor for public comment.

Paul Rohrer, Kathryn Rohrer, Mark Herthel, Anna Marie Gott, and Tom Nelson 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 Administrative Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Board, in

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which event the matter may be removed from the Administrative Agenda and considered as a separate item.

5. APPROVALS

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2023.

B. APPROVAL PAYMENT OF INVOICES RECEIVED BY APRIL 3, 2023.

The invoices below have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and are recommended for approval.

No.	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Provider	Amount
1.	1/31/2023	459	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim – Audit Services	\$ 2,500.00
2.	2/23/2023	GEN110822-44	County of Santa Barbara – Elections Services – Short Term Election	\$ 163.90
3.	2/23/2023	GEN110822-45	County of Santa Barbara – Elections Services – Full Term Election / General Election	\$ 409.74
4.	3/6/2023	74136	Aleshire & Wynder – Legal Services	\$ 3,476.00
5.	3/7/2023	876.001-24	GSI Water Solutions – Groundwater Monitoring	\$ 1,612.48
6.	3/15/2023	82597	MNS Engineering – District Engineer Services	\$ 1,931.25
7.	3/31/2023	20233	Savage – General Manager and District Services	\$ 4,050.00
8.	4/1/2023	326BDB28-0004	Streamline – Website software (annual fee)	\$ 600.00
9.	4/3/2023	151	Regen LLC – Technical Services	\$ 1,250.00

Project	Vendor	To Date (inc. above)	Remaining Authorization
Effluent Study	GSI	\$ 15,317.50	\$ 4,182.50
Effluent Study	ConfluenceES	\$ 19,421.20	\$ 1,578.80
Groundwater Monitoring	GSI	\$ 95,900.00	\$ 0.00
Audit	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,275.00
Technical Recommendation	REGEN	\$ 10,470.00	\$ 530.00

President Fayram opens the floor for public comment.

No commenters.

Motion to approve the items 5A and 5B.

Motion by: Director Palmer, Second: Director Kennedy

Voice vote: 5-0

6. EFFLUENT DISPOSAL STUDY

The Board will receive and file the attached Final Effluent Disposal Study. The Board received a presentation on Effluent Disposal options on 12/14/2022. The agenda included an accompanying study document which was left in draft status, pending input at the December meeting. As noted at the December meeting, finalization of the document was scheduled for early 2023.

Director Kennedy asks about the life of chambers. GM Savage notes that the consultants essentially said, “forever” lifetime; however, we know that nothing is forever. Design life is typically 30-50 years. Director Kennedy then asks about ponds, chambers, and reuse. District Engineer Pike responds that reuse from secondary treatment systems are not typically considered for direct reuse; instead, it is indirect reuse such as reinjection into the groundwater table. Director Palmer asks if an MBR system’s effluent could be used for direct purple pipe type reuse. District staff confirms it could. Director Palmer then comments on the collocation of treatment and effluent disposal, asking if things must be collated. DE Pike notes that it is all a question of how much storage is wanted. Treatment and disposal could be separated, particularly if direct reuse is planned. Director Parks asks about where primary treatment is done when using an effluent sewer (ie. STEP) versus when using a gravity fed system. District staff responds that primary treatment is done at each site with STEP. Director Palmer asks about percolation rates and what a “good” number is for percolation. DE Pike responds that a perc rate of 3-10” per hour is what is often targeted.

President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Paul Rohrer speaks.

Vice President Ross asks District Counsel a clarifying question about whether this is just accepting the work of the vendors. Counsel Trindle responds that VP Ross is correct, the action is typically just acknowledging that the work product is complete.

President Fayram reopens the floor to public comment.

Anna Marie Gott and Tom Nelson speak.

Motion to receive and file the Final Effluent Disposal Study.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: Vice President Ross

Voice vote: 5-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

7. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 (FY 2023-24) BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

General Manager Savage will speak to the attached budget schedule for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023-24. The District's FY 2023-24 budget year runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The Board will also discuss its goals for the coming year(s) at this time. New assignments to subcommittees or District staff may be given at this time.

GM Savage introduces the item, describing that it is again time for the annual budgeting process. He walks through the timeline put before LAFCO and his strategic suggestions for the Board's consideration.

Vice President Ross notes that he will be likely be gone in July and asks if there could be a special meeting in earlier July, if needed? President Fayram and GM Savage respond that earlier meetings are possible and that the timeline is tentative; but, that there are regulatory timelines that must be met. VP Ross then asks about voting requirements for budget adoption. Counsel Trindle responds that the more in attendance at a budget hearing the better, but one missing Director would not be an issue.

President Fayram opens the floor for public comment.

Anna Marie Gott, Mark Herthel, Tom Nelson, Kathryn Rohrer, Mike Brady (passes), Laura Lippincott, and Paul Rohrer speak.

Director Palmer begins her comments with discussion about a draft Project Description. She adds that she would like to see the Central California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) review before final project description. President Fayram interjects that he would like to see the Technical Subcommittee take the engineering reports, plus discussions with firms such as Cloacina, as well as regulatory agencies such as the RWQCB and develop draft plans that can be reviewed by the full Board of Directors. This draft could then be vetted with the community in an open forum before becoming final. Director Palmer notes that she believes that getting a draft Project Description gets us in the pipeline for grants.

Vice President Ross comments that he would like to see the public workshops line go all the way across the chart shown by GM Savage. He adds that he would like to see some earlier polling, perhaps "preliminary" polling to ensure we have the right project for the Prop 218 vote.

Director Parks says he believes the Project Description will be critical. He would like to see Mr. Bounds from Regen come to the community to better see and understand our community's needs. He adds that he has had some initial discussions with Ms. Rohrer about tapping her knowledge related to grants.

Director Kennedy notes that she would like to see quarterly (minimum) workshops. She remembers the "army of volunteers" that were part of the formation process. She adds that she would like to see some of the work in the proposed plan brought forward at least a month.

President Fayram addresses the "GM Suggestions for Strategic Consideration" slides. Suggests the Technical Committee come back with an approach or multiple potential approaches. Through that process, regulators will be engaged to ensure they are generally supportive of the approach being pursued. He adds that for grants we need to think about things in a couple of different ways: 1) construction grants and 2) grants to get the proposed work on GM Savage's slides completed. He notes his concerns about the two-year timeline. He comments that in his experience "the fastest way to slow a project down is to try to go too fast." President Fayram then comments on

the Groundwater Monitoring Wells and his concerns that additional wells do open us to additional restrictions, depending on what the data shows – he refers to it as a “cloud” hanging out there. He finishes his comments by noting that for Los Osos, the County of San Luis Obispo funded a lot of what the District is now funding.

Director Palmer volunteers the Project Management Subcommittee to handle the “Communications and prep for Prop 218” activities noted in GM Savage’s slides. She notes that there could be some synergies to be had.

Vice President Ross helps close out the Subcommittee discussion. He then moves the “Confirm” slide, walking through each item and confirming his and the rest of Board’s concurrence. President Fayram notes that the implementation schedule may very well be driven by grant funding that comes available. Vice President Ross says he believes that a Zoned approach, with commercial first is the right one, and that Percolation Chambers should be our initial approach. Director Palmer adds that she believes it should be referred to as “Downtown” as opposed to just Commercial, as there are some small lots that could be included. Vice President Ross raises a question about what all is being tested for with our existing monitoring wells; asking if we are testing for things other than nitrates. GM Savage responds that there are indicators, such as caffeine, that can be tested for to indicate a human cause as opposed to naturally occurring causes; however, they are not part of current tests. Vice President Ross responds to earlier comments about other wells that might be tested, noting that they are possibly too deep for our purposes. Audience member Mike Buchardi from ID#1 confirms that the ID#1 wells are several hundred feet deeper than the shallow groundwater aquifer.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

These items are informational only, no action will be taken, and public comment not received.

8. REPORTS

A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee met last week as per its usual.

Project Management Committee met to discuss the timeline used for the LAFCO presentation.

Technical Committee had a couple of meetings to start discussions about how a draft project with multiple approaches might be pulled together given the Regen report.

President Fayram notes that he and GM Savage had a conversation with County Environmental Health Services (EHS) about the District being the administrator should additional OWTS be implemented.

Grants committee will be meeting on Friday.

B. GENERAL MANAGER AND DISTRICT ENGINEER COMMENTS

The GM and DE will give reports on any meetings that they attended on behalf of the District, report on various District-related activities and/or provide status on projects. The GM may also review Budget Reports. See packet for more details.

DE Pike did not have anything specific.

GM Savage walks through his monthly activities. As part of his discussion, he notes that LAFCO included two conditions for approval of the extension request. He adds that he spoke to Mr. Bounds earlier in the day and that the prior estimate for an effluent sewer design is probably too high given his familiarity with the community following his prior work. GM Savage then talks about potential EHS grants, noting that he has had prior conversations with County EHS and the \$75,000 the district was not able to obtain in prior grant applications is likely still available and that additional funds may also be available to help. He says he will work with the Grants committee to determine a scope and try to bring a recommendation back to the full Board in May.

9. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Directors will give reports on any meetings that they attended on behalf of the Board and/or choose to comment on various District-related activities. Directors may also request future agenda topics at this time.

Director Palmer passes.

Vice President Ross – make two points: (1) the RWQCB does not have infinite patience and expresses his desire to see us moving, (2) he believes the Board has been considering all viable approaches.

Director Parks – believes the RWQCB will work with us moving forward.

Director Kennedy passes.

President Fayram comments on a recent discussion with Cloacina and how their technology has evolved since the District's initial conversations.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM

Motion by: Vice President Ross, Second: Director Parks

Voice vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:



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General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:

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