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Julie Kennedy, Vice President
Lisa Palmer, Director
Greg Parks, Director
Nina Stormo, Director



**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING**

Posted: 12-8-2023

**December 13, 2023, 6PM (PST)
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

Vice President Kennedy calls the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice President Kennedy, Director Palmer, Director Parks, Director Stormo

Absent: President Fayram

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GM Savage notes that after the agenda was posted, the District received information related to a Water Resources Development Act Funding Opportunity grant through Congressman Carbajal's office. He notes that given the approval of Resolution NO. 23-07, the Grants Subcommittee has authority to apply for the grant. After application, which is due January 5, 2024, the submittal would be brought back to the full Board for ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

After discussion, the Board decides it does not need to add the grant opportunity to the agenda and that it will follow the resolution, allowing the Grants Subcommittee to apply and bring the submittal back in January.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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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.

Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

Anna Marie Gott, Kathryn Lohmeyer, and Mike Brady speak.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Per public request, a brief report from the General Manager that conveys District status and updates is being added at the beginning of the agenda. This status report may touch on key items in the project plan or schedule. The General Manager will leave other detailed reporting, including budgetary reporting until the end of the meeting.

This item is informational only, no action will be taken, and no public comment will be received.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S DISTRICT STATUS REPORT

GM Savage notes that he held the planned State of the District community forum on December 5. Attendance was good and there was a good dialog. He adds that as Ms. Lohmeyer and Mr. Brady noted, there were some very good questions asked and he answered those he could.

GM Savage comments that the Groundwater Monitoring Well grant has been approved and that activities are underway, with a target for construction (drilling) in late January or early February.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 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 Board, 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 Board.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes of November 15, 2023.

B. APPROVAL PAYMENT OF INVOICES RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023.

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

No.	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Provider	Amount
1	10/1/2023	62083	California Special Districts Association (CSDA)	\$ 1,244.00
2	11/6/2023	1262	REGEN, LLC.	\$ 14,406.59
3	11/8/2023	81827	Aleshire and Wynder - Legal Services (through 10/31)	\$ 3,234.00
4	11/29/2023	202311	Savage – General Manager Services	\$ 4,071.21
5	12/1/2023	82496	Aleshire and Wynder - Legal Services (through 11/16)	\$ 1,430.00

Project	Vendor	To Date (inc. above)	Remaining Authorization
Audit	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 4,995.00
30% Hybrid Design	REGEN, LLC.	\$ 14,406.59	\$60,593.41
Groundwater Wells	Various	\$0.00	\$121,445.00

Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No comments.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A and B.

Motion by: Director Palmer, Second: Director Parks

Roll Call vote: 4-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

7. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR AND NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR LAFCO REGULAR AND ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBERS

The Santa Barbara County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO or SB-LAFCO) Board of Commissioners includes representation from Special Districts, such as the LOCSO. Commissioners serve a four-year term. Current

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representation includes: Jay Freeman, Isla Vista CSD, (3/1/26); Craig Geyer, Goleta West Sanitary District, (3/1/24); and Cynthia Allen, Vandenberg Village CSD, Alternate (3/1/24). As part of the election process, LAFCO requests that the LOCSD provide the name (plus an alternate) of the person who will cast a vote in the upcoming election on behalf of the LOCSD. Typically, the appointed President of the Board of Directors casts the vote, with the appointed Vice President serving as an alternate. While the LOCSD has yet to appoint its President and Vice President for the 2024 calendar year, LAFCO has requested that the District provide the information by January 4, 2024. The LOCSD board is requested to nominate the voting member and alternate by motion.

GM Savage introduces the item and explains what is before the Board this evening. He asks for, and received permission from VP Kennedy to just walk the Board and public through the item one step at a time. GM Savage verbally asks if any existing Board member wishes to sit on LAFCO. He then moves to the process of how the LOCSD will vote in the early 2024 LAFCO election. He suggests that the Board can vote this evening on who will submit the LOCSD vote and an alternate, or he can bring it back after the candidates are known.

Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No comments.

VP Kennedy confirms with other Directors that nobody is interested in serving on LAFCO in either capacity. She asks if anyone knows if President Fayram is interested since he is not in attendance. GM Savage responds that given his conversations with President Fayram, he believes the President is not interested.

Director Palmer comments that the last time this was done, it was a lot of effort at the Board without much gain. She agrees with GM Savage that just appointing someone to cast the vote would be the best approach. She closes her comments by saying she would volunteer to take this on if nobody else is interested.

Motion to appoint Director Palmer as the person to vote on behalf of the LOCSD at the LAFCO 2024 Special District representative election.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: Director Stormo

Roll Call vote: 4-0

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 23-08 ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

The Board will discuss meeting schedule for calendar year 2024. The attached resolution 23-08 is recommended to be adopted to establish the regular meeting schedule for next year. In addition to the regular meeting schedule, there will be discussion about special meetings and workshops being planned for calendar year 2024. The LOCSD Board previously established that regular monthly meetings are to occur on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of each month.

GM Savage introduces the proposed regular calendar for 2024. He notes that the Board meets on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of the month. He adds that at last month's meeting, Director Palmer had suggested additional dates be put on the calendar as placeholders, given the large number of items facing the Board in the coming months. He adds that the Board will likely hear from REGEN in February. Consequently, an additional January meeting probably does not make sense at this time.

Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

Anna Marie Gott speaks.

Director Palmer responds to public comment that the public can attend Grant Subcommittee meetings. She adds that her inclination is to adopt the calendar as presented and then amend it next year. Director Parks notes that February is a likely candidate for an additional meeting. Director Stormo focuses her comments on the need for workshops with the public. GM Savage comments that the "15% report from REGEN" will be in February, he is not clear when the final report will be presented.

Motion to approve the regular schedule for 2024, as presented.

Motion by: Director Palmer, Second: Director Parks

Roll Call vote: 4-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

These items are informational only, no action will be taken, and no public comment will be received.

9. REPORTS

A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee (Vice President Kennedy Chair)

VP Kennedy notes that the subcommittee did meet. It recommended approval of the invoices on today's agenda. She then comments that the group did briefly discuss our outstanding bill with Moss, Levy, Hartzheim and the shortage, in general, of auditing individuals and organizations.

GM Savage responds to a comment/question from Director Palmer regarding the State WRF grant. GM Savage states that he has received an email stating the \$75k submittal is "approved" and the "check is in the mail."

Grants Subcommittee (Vice President Kennedy Chair)

VP Kennedy notes that the Grants Subcommittee did not meet. She adds that it will be meeting soon.

Project Management Subcommittee (Director Palmer Chair)

Director Palmer notes that the Project Management Subcommittee did not meet and that there are good reasons to have a meeting soon.

Technical Subcommittee (Director Parks or President Fayram Chair)

Director Parks notes that the Technical Subcommittee did meet. It was primarily a back-and-forth with REGEN asking questions. He adds that the subcommittee also discussed the possibility of connecting to the City of Solvang. GM Savage clarifies that the letter to the City of Solvang is not a commitment to connect to the City. Instead, it is a request that the City "do work" regarding a potential connection from the District. Based on the letter, the City could confirm their interest, and clarify costs and connection locations. He adds that the letter was drafted at the request of the City's City Manager and technical consultant.

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 the packet for more details.

Notable upcoming meeting items:

January – Officer and subcommittee member selection / appointments

January – Brown Act training

January/February – REGEN 15% check in and direction setting

GM Savage walks through the items in the packet. He reiterates that he did receive notification from the State that our \$75,000 grant submittal has been approved. Essentially, the check is in the mail. He comments that with the payment to REGEN and an outstanding bill, additional grant funds from Preservation of Los Olivos (POLO) will be needed soon.

10. 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 – Back to the City of Solvang, she wants to see what the costs would be when compared to other options.

Director Parks – Concurs that getting the cost information is important, the public will make the decision. He comments that he thinks the District is making progress, and that 2024 will be a big year for information and decision making.

Director Stormo – Concurs with prior comments.

VP Kennedy – No comments

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM.

Motion by: Director Palmer, Second: Director Parks


Voice vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



President Tom Fayram