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LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
January 22, 2024 – 8:30 AM
St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church
2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441

Posted: 1-17-2024

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Subcommittee Members: Director Fayram (Chair), Directors Parks, and General Manager Guy Savage

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fayram calls the meeting to order at: 8:34 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Fayram, 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 Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Kathryn Lohmeyer speaks.

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.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from December 11, 2023.

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Motion to approve minutes from December 11, 2023.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: GM Savage

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. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON REGEN 30% ENGINEERING DESIGN HYBRID COLLECTION CONTRACT

The Subcommittee will discuss progress of the contract with REGEN related to complete a 30% engineering design of a hybrid collection solution. Any issues raised by the contract will also be discussed.

Mr. Tristian Bounds from REGEN provides an overview of the current status of the contract and 15% design he is working on. He displays various configurations for where a treatment plant could be located. In response to questions, Mr. Bounds confirms that the configurations serve the entire District. GM Savage requests that Mr. Bounds create a set of configurations that shows just the commercially zoned parcels, separate from any residentially zoned parcels.

Mr. Bounds adds that he still needs to add the configuration for Advanced Onsite Treatment. The Subcommittee discusses the potential for a meeting on February 5th. The Subcommittee discusses the pros and cons of holding the meeting on February 5th and the impact to the Regular Board meeting on February 14th.

Chair Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Mark Herthel speaks.

GM Savage confirms direction to staff to regarding scheduling of a Technical Subcommittee and Regular meetings.

Chair Fayram reopens the floor to public comment.

Mark Herthel speaks again.

6. DISCUSSION OF TREATMENT OPTIONS

The Subcommittee will discuss options for the treatment of wastewater for the District. Given the Regen contract, this discussion will focus heavily on Treatment options, including Membrane Bioreactor (MBR), connection to Solvang's treatment plant, and other solutions previously brought up by members of the public.

GM Savage opens the discussion by commenting that there are other technologies the Technical Subcommittee could consider beyond MBR. Each of the technologies has its pros and cons. For example, Dunn is experiencing various issues with the management of their system. He posed the question about whether the Subcommittee thinks it would make sense to recommend hiring a consultant to provide an independent review. He says, he thinks a firm other than REGEN or Stantec could be considered.

Chair Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Kathryn Lohmeyer speaks.

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL OPTIONS

The Subcommittee will discuss options for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater for the District. Given the Regen contract, this discussion will focus heavily on Treatment options, including Membrane Bioreactor (MBR), connection to Solvang's treatment plant, and other solutions previously brought up by members of the public.

Chair Fayram comments on the relationship between connecting to the City of Solvang and the use of gravity collection system.

GM Savage comments that there is some interesting news about the City of Huntington Beach regarding easements. He adds that the lesson learned seems to be that it makes sense to keep homeowners aware of easements on their properties.

Chair Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Kathryn Lohmeyer speaks.

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8. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS GRANT AND WELL INSTALLATION AND TESTING

The Subcommittee will discuss progress of the grant and/or implementation of three new groundwater monitoring wells and related wells testing. See the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting agenda for the LOCSB Board of Directors for more details:

<https://www.losolivoscsd.com/files/211066245/2023-10-16+Packet+Los+Olivos+CSD+Regular+Meeting.pdf>

Discussion may cover finalizing locations of new wells, project coordination, subcontractors, County coordination, regulator interactions, and other activities related to the implementation and testing of the three new wells and testing of the District's two existing wells.

GM Savage opens by saying that the drilling firm, BC2, has requested a move forward in construction timing (date) to January 29. We are still working on various things to try and make that happen. For example, over the weekend he went out and marked the ground for 811 "Dig Alert" marking. He adds that the District is still awaiting confirmation of encroachment permits from the County of Santa Barbara.

The driver for whether or not 1/29 can be done is actually GSI, as they will perform the on-site project management during construction and well development. He closes by saying he did speak to two homeowners who live closest to the proposed sites over the weekend. They seemed fine with the wells and he will be placing signage up in the next day or two.

Chair Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

No comments.

9. CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER TO THE CITY OF SOLVANG REGARDING LOCSB CONNECTION TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

The LOCSB Board of Directors wrote a letter to the City of Solvang expressing interest in connecting to the City's wastewater infrastructure. The letter was submitted to the City and it is anticipated that the City will discuss the letter on January 22, 2024, at their regularly scheduled meeting. See the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting agenda of the LOCSB Board of Directors for more details:

<https://www.losolivoscsd.com/files/2d9f1238c/2024-1-10+Packet+Los+Olivos+CSD+Regular+Meeting.pdf>

As of the posting of this agenda, the City had not published their 1/22/24 agenda. However, once posted, it can likely be found at: <https://www.cityofsolvang.com/AgendaCenter>

GM Savage comments that the letter to the City of Solvang was sent in time for the City's meeting this evening, 1/22. He adds that the City has asked a few detailed questions about things such as wastewater makeup / constituents and flow rates. He has already responded with documents that can be found on the District's website. He comments that this item was left on the agenda in case the City had questions that the Subcommittee could answer. But, the City has only posted the District's letter on their website with no additional information. He closes by noting that both he and President Kennedy expect to attend the City's meeting tonight.

Chair Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Mark Herthel speaks.

GM Savage confirms that a line would be sized to support the District's effluent. He adds that the City of Solvang likely does not have the capacity to support significant additional effluent from parcels along Alamo Pintado.

Chair Fayram reopens the floor to public comment.

Kathryn Lohmeyer speaks.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

10. 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

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Chair Fayram – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at: 9:36 AM.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: GM Savage

Voice vote: 3-0

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guy W. Savage".

Guy W. Savage

General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:

Director Tom Fayram (Chair)