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Julie Kennedy, Vice President
Lisa Palmer, Director
Greg Parks, Director
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**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
December 11, 2023 – 8:45 AM
St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church
2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441**

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

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Fayram calls the meeting to order at: 8:53 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Fayram, Director Parks, GM 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.

President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

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 November 14, 2023.

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President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

Motion to approve minutes from November 14, 2023.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: President Fayram

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 update. He notes he is running about a week behind his original schedule, but things are moving forward. He is working on hydraulic analysis and related costs. He asks questions about Stantec versus Technical Subcommittee zoning approaches. President Fayram and GM Savage respond to Mr. Bounds' questions about zoning and why certain things were included. Their comments focus on implementation flexibility, collection for "all" of the small lots, including all parcels that face a sewer line that has been constructed. GM Savage comments that there is nothing specific about the zoning and that if REGEN has a reason for changing or modifying them, they should as part of their value engineering exercises.

Mr. Bounds asks about lift station location. He comments on why different locations might be considered. President Fayram responds that lift stations location could be changed. He notes that it had been placed so the lift station could avoid being placed near home. President Fayram comments that there was also consideration around a potential need for an equalization tank – given the potential for both effluent and gravity collection.

Mr. Bounds then comments on treatment location. He suggests that, like Stantec, a north and south location would be used. He suggests that looking at a third location, the elementary school, would be helpful from a comparison perspective.

President Fayram comments on allocation of costs as it relates to the commercial zone versus residential zones. Mr. Bounds responds that hydraulic load and waste stream from commercial parcels often drive the connection fee for a sewer.

At a prompt from GM Savage, Mr. Bounds comments that he would be ready to present to the full Board on February 14. He should be prepared to present to the Technical Subcommittee around January 21.

President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Lisa Palmer comments that she wants to be sure that Mr. Bounds has the technical contact and related information for setbacks.

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. Related to the City of Solvang potential collection. President Fayram and GM Savage met with representatives from the City to discuss their letter of 2018 and possibilities of District connection. President Fayram comments that he thinks there are some advantages to connection to the City and that it would be good to get the costs.

GM Savage comments on where the lines would connect to the City, how existing infrastructure runs, where SYCSD infrastructure lines go, and how and where sewer lines go under the river.

Director Parks asks questions about the community of Ballard and their status as a Special Problems Area. President Fayram and GM Savage respond that Ballard is not a District concern, but would be up to the County

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since no CSD exists for Ballard. Director Parks then comments on pushing effluent only to Solvang – which is technically feasible. Mr. Bounds confirms.

President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

Lisa Palmer asks if the Alamo Pintado corridor is the only option for connecting to Solvang and the importance of putting a price tag on the option.

President Fayram responds to the question noting that if the District connected to SYCSD, you would connect elsewhere. He adds that connecting to the City of Solvang is the shortest connection.

Director Parks asks Mr. Bounds about taking a gravity line to the City of Solvang (5 miles). Mr. Bounds comments that it would be converted to a pressurized line, with or without a booster station, which would help keep costs down. Otherwise, there would be a large number of manholes between the District and Solvang, which would be very costly.

President Fayram comments on the gaps between flows in the City of Solvang when compared to numbers we have calculated for the parcels in the District. Mr. Bounds responds that the City's numbers might be quoting design flows (with INI) as opposed to actual flows.

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.

No discussion.

President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

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 provides an overview of the status. The grant is approved. He has met with GSI who will be the "on the ground project manager"; BC2 who will do the drilling, and MNS is working on the final surveying to allow GM Savage to apply for encroachment permits with the County of Santa Barbara.

President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

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

The Subcommittee will discuss a letter to the City of Solvang regarding the possibility of connecting to the City's wastewater treatment infrastructure. The City had previously sent a letter to the District regarding the topic. A letter from the District should be sent to the current City Council to reconfirm the City's interest in having the District connect and to request that the City perform activities required to explore connection.

President Fayram provides an overview of the item and why it is on the agenda. Noting that the City Manager and their technical consultant requested that the District send a letter. GM Savage notes that he is open to any comments or suggestions on the letter.

Director Parks asks about where the City is in efforts related to the original letter. GM Savage responds he is not sure, but based on commentary from the City's consultant, it appears they are looking at option 1, with extra focus on reuse.

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President Fayram opens the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

Motion to recommend to the full Board a letter to the City of Solvang requesting that they do the necessary work to help the District understand the costs and ramifications of the District connecting.

Motion by: GM Savage, second: Director Parks

Under discussion, President Fayram notes that this is NOT a decision to connect to Solvang, that this is exploratory around costs.

Voice vote: 3-0

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: He is still interested in going to Avila Beach to see the Cloacina system. GM Savage responds that he will happily arrange a visit, he just needs dates from Director Parks.

GM Savage: None.

President Fayram: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at: 9:49 AM

Motion by: Director Parks, second: GM Savage


Respectfully submitted:



Guy W. Savage

General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:



President Fayram, Chair