

Oceano Community Services District

Summary Minutes
Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
Location: OCSD BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER: Called at approximately 6:00 p.m. by President Varni

2. ROLL CALL:

Board members present: President Varni, Vice President Joyce-Suneson, Director Gibson, Director Villa and Director Austin

Staff present: Paavo Ogren, Interim General Manager, Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager; and Robert Schultz, Legal Counsel

- 3. FLAG SALUTE: Led by President Varni
- 4. AGENDA REVIEW: Approved as presented

5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2024:

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code §54956.8) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to have a conference with its Real Property Negotiators concerning the following: Property Descriptions: APN 062-271-023:024; 062-051-021; 022, 062-271-006, 062-271-026, 062-271-001; 003; 027, and 062-261-022; 080. Agency Negotiators: Oceano Community Services District, Paavo Ogren, President Varni, and Director Austin. Parties with whom Negotiating: County of San Luis Obispo. Instructions to County Negotiator: Price, Terms, and Conditions.
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1) -- Title: General Manager
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1) -- Title: District Legal Counsel
- **D.** Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(a): Conference with legal counsel regarding Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, et al.,

No reportable action was taken by the Board of Directors.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Michael Sherdahl	In support of emergency and fire response out of Station 3 (Oceano).
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7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. STAFF REPORTS:

i. Sheriff's South Station – Commander Ian Doughty
 Provided information on local residential burglaries and the unhoused population.

ii. Five Cities Fire Authority – FCFA Staff – Interim Fire Chief Keith Aggson

The position of Battalion Chief was filled by Ryan Burn; Battalion Chief Rikki Heath retired in December 2023. Craig Angello was promoted to Battalion Chief, and Fire Chief recruitment is nearly complete.

Several new engine types have been purchased, and several are in service.

Oceano's one-year extension contract expires June 30, 2024. A multi-year extension contract has been submitted to the County of San Luis Obispo and is being reviewed.

Working on the 2024-2025 budget. Weed abatement inspections will begin the week of April 8th. Structure fire on Rochelle Way – 6 min response time and no injuries.

iii. Operations - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino

Lopez is at 100.2% and is full and spilling.

Continued with weekly and monthly samples and the service line material inventory. 6 work orders, 6 USAs, 5 customer service calls and 0 after hours call outs.

Meter reads, re-reads and leak notifications complete and meter replacements.

Completed weed abatement, first round of FOG inspections and upgrades to tank 2.

iv. OCSD Interim General Manager – Paavo Ogren

A written General Manager report included in the agenda.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. **President Varni**: Regional Water Mgt Group, State Water Subcontractors, Airport Land Use Reported on the Oceano Finance and Budget Committee (OFAB) meeting on 3/21/2024.
- ii. Vice President Joyce-Suneson: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, CA Special District's Association Reported on the OFAB meeting on 3/21/2024.
- iii. Director Austin: South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, Zone 1/1A None
- iv. **Director Gibson**: Zone 3, Regional Water Quality Control Board Reported on a 3/21/2024 Zone 3 meeting.
- v. **Director Villa**: Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

April Dury	In support of a report from FCFA at Board Meetings; Asked questions regarding OFAB;	
Julie Tacker	ie Tacker In support of citizen participation as a part of OFAB. In opposition of appeal	

8. (CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
a)	Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on March 8, 2024	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Austin to
b)	Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on March 13, 2024	approve the consent agenda with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson with a 5-0 roll call vote.
c)	Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2024	Public Comment: None
d)	Review of Cash Disbursements	
e)	Annual review of the District's Investment Policy and Consideration of a Recommendation to approve a resolution adopting the District's Investment Policy	
f)	Recommendation to Approve the Property, General, Auto, and other Liability Insurance Coverage for 2024 and authorize payment in the amount of \$44,752	
g)	Recommendation to Approve a Purchase Order for the replacement of four valves on 21st Street in the amount of \$41,000.	

9A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Review of the District's Budget Status as of December 31, 2023	After a presentation by Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager, an opportunity for public comment, and Board and staff discussion, the item was received and filed.
	Public Comment: April Dury – Provided feedback on straight line estimates. Julie Tacker – Provided feedback on legal fees.

9B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Approval of a proposal for \$22,555 for Grant Writing	After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff
Consultant Services for a WaterSMART Planning and	discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson to
Project Design grant to the Bureau of Reclamation	approve the proposal for \$22,555 for Grant Writing
and Water Resources Planning Department.	Consultant Services for a WaterSMART Planning
	and Project Design grant to the Bureau of
	Reclamation and Water Resources Planning
	Department with a second from Director Austin and a
	5-0 roll call vote.
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	Public Comment: None

9C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Discussion of a press release on Central Coast Blue and development of comments in preparation for the	After an opportunity for public comment, Board and staff discussion, no action was taken.
upcoming town hall meeting	Public Comment: Victor Early – In opposition to the Central Coast Blue project. Julie Tacker – In support of water conservation; in support of Oceano selling a portion of state water allocation. Debra Early – In opposition to the Central Coast Blue project. April Dury – In support of a town hall meeting.

9D. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Review and discuss possible additional projects in Oceano for funding under the "Local Roads Only" County sales tax increase initiative and review received correspondence from SLOCOG and provide direction as deemed appropriate	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson to send a letter to SLOCOG Local Roads First projects for Oceano with suggestions regarding Warner, Vista, 19th Street, 24th Street, Ocean St., Beach St., and Paso Robles St. with a second from President Varni with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: Michael Sherdahl – In support of collaborating with Caltrans for safer pedestrian corridors.

- 10. **HEARING ITEMS:** None
- 11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None**
- LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Local Roads Only Charles Varni
 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: OCSD mediator and Central Coast Blue/ Regional Water Planning updates
- 14. FUTURE HEARING ITEMS: None
- **CLOSED SESSION:** None 15.
- **16. ADJOURNMENT:** President Varni adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.