



Oceano Community Services District

Summary Minutes – Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM

OCSD BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Called at approximately 6:00 p.m. by President Varni
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: Director Gibson, Director Austin, Director Villa, Vice President Joyce-Sunesson, and President Varni.
Staff present: Peter Brown, General Manager; Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager; and Robert Schultz, Legal Counsel.
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Varni.
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Accepted as presented.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Kim Rose	In support of civility among the Board of Directors
Julie Tacker	Provided information regarding a political action committee.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. Presentation by the Science Discovery and the Integrated Waste Management Authority – Mike di Milo, Jordan Lane, and Peter Cron.

B. STAFF REPORTS:

i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Sgt. Clint Bird

Aug 2024 (Calls for service were down approximately 50 calls under last year)
1 assault & battery / 45 disturbances / 1 burglary / 1 grand theft / 0 vandalism and mail theft / 36 assist other agencies / 7 suspicious circumstances / 50 enforcement stops / 22 arrests

ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – FCFA Chief Hallet - Absent

iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino

Lopez is at 94.6% full (46,827 AF) / 57 AF delivered and 0 pumped
0 SSOs for Aug 2024

9 work orders / 15 USAs / 7 customer service calls / 2 after-hours callout

Hydrant hit on 21st and Nipomo

The PG&E meter application for the Oceano Plaza is pending since the District will need permission from the property owner to apply. The electrician's estimate is 15K.

Continuing with samples and rounds / dead-end flushing / weed abatement at well 8 and tree removal.

Completed meter reading and service line inventory inspections. Staff will now work on entering all 2,200+ service lines into the portal.

2 Ready311 tickets for August

The Sheriff substation had a sewer backup, and utility staff were able to assist County Staff

Flow logger data collection at Oceano Elementary School completed – an estimated 8,000 gallons (2.5 AF) have run through the groundwater recharge infrastructure

iv. **General Manager** – Peter Brown

8/30/2024: Tony and GM hosted a sewer CIP field review where 2 parties attended

9/4/2024: Attended the GM coordination meeting (countywide special districts)

9/8 – 9/11: Carey and GM attended the CSDA Annual Conference

9/12/2024: Attended the Oceano Plaza ribbon-cutting ceremony

9/13/2024: Attended the State Water Contractor Advisory Committee

9/17/2024: Attended the OPARC Community Meeting

C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. **President Varni:** Regional Water Mgt Group, State Water Subcontractors, Airport Land Use – Reported on the Safe Routes to School meeting and the Parent Teacher Association Meeting (Oceano Elementary School)
- ii. **Vice President Joyce-Suneson:** Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, CA Special District’s Association
 - 1. Information: Review of the Minutes for the Oceano Parks and Recreation Meeting held on June 4, 2024, and August 6, 2024.
 - 2. Reported on the 9/17/2024 Community Meeting regarding a potential Oceano Plaza event.
- iii. **Director Austin:** South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, Zone 1/1A – Reported on the 9/17/2024 Zone1/1A meeting.
- iv. **Director Gibson:** Zone 3, Regional Water Quality Control Board – No reports
- v. **Director Villa:** Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission – No reports

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS (STAFF REPORTS) AND COMMENT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Julie Tacker	Provided comments regarding the management and costs associated with the Oceano Plaza
April Dury	Asked for an update regarding the Oceano Airport. Asked for additional information regarding the next OPARC meeting.
Sunny Paz	Offered use of a generator for Plaza events

7. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
a) Review and Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 28, 2024	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Austin to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second from Director Villa with a 5-0 roll call vote.
b) Review and Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 28, 2024	
c) Review of Cash Disbursements	
	Public Comment: None

8A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Review and Approval of a Resolution adopting the Property Tax Exchange Agreement and the Assignment and Amendment of the District’s Ongoing CalPERS Liabilities and Responsibilities Following the Withdrawal from the Five Cities Fire Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Divestiture of the District’s Fire Protection Services	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, President Varni motioned to adopt the Assignment and Amendment of the District’s Ongoing CalPERS Liabilities and Responsibilities Following the Withdrawal from the Five Cities Fire Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Divestiture of the District’s Fire Protection Services, with a second from Director Villa and a 5-0 roll call vote.
	Public Comment: Julie Tacker – Provided information on Public Facility Fees and past elections.

8B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Review details of the Oceano Community Services District applying for the San Luis Obispo County Community Project Grant Application for the Community Celebration of the Oceano Plaza	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Vice President Joyce-Suneson motioned to recommend option 2: Request that OPARC hold future meetings to gather and refine event planning details and return to the Board at its October 9, 2024, meeting, with a second from President Varni and a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of OPARC coordinating with Supervisor Paulding regarding an event.

8C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Information: Review and discussion of the District’s participation in water transfers as a State Water Subcontractor within San Luis Obispo County	This information item was received and filed by the Board of Directors. Public Comment: None

8D. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Information: Review and discussion of the District’s Internal Controls and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation’s training program from July 17, 2024	This information item was received and filed by the Board of Directors. Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of payroll transparency.

9A. HEARING ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Consideration of an appeal by Ro Palius regarding a late fee and provide staff direction as deemed appropriate	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Gibson moved to approve a credit of \$15.50 and advise the customer this is the final appeal, with a second from Director Villa and a 4-1 roll call vote. Vice President Joyce-Suneson dissented. Public Comment: Kim Rose – Inquired on local programs for low-income residents.

10. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Varni adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 PM.

OPARC Did not have quorum on Sept 17, 2024 to conduct an meeting, therefore, there was no meeting of the committee and no meeting minutes were taken, etc.

However, those in attendance decided to move forward with some initial planning efforts for the Grand Opening event of the Oceano Plaza. Notes of those planning efforts are below.

Attendance: Eleven people total were in attendance at the meeting (one left after the OPARC quorum wasn't met):

OPARC Committee members: Beverly Joyce-Suneson, Charles Varni, Ray Monson, Wanda Monson, Alternate member – Allene Villa. OCSD staff: Peter Brown. Members of the public: Diane Casteneda, Karen White, Christina Casillas. District 4 Supervisor's office rep: James Sofranko.

1. **Dates and Times.** Suggested dates, Christina Casillas – Nov 1, Friday - mariachi theme, adjacent businesses.

- Second suggestion Ray Monson. Same - Dia de las Muertos
- Wanda Monson talking about Folklorico... same theme.
- Nov 2nd.

- Karen White... Vaco FYI trunk or treat. Halloween event Oct 31 Thursday is already being planned so we may not want dates so close to each other.

- James Sofranko, Supervisor Paulding's office is present

- Diane Casteneda Oceano Elementary School "don't overdo it for events" once a month is plenty.

- Charles Varni, there's been discussion about holding the grand opening celebration after the election? Could be better, can avoid conflicts with Nov 5 election.

- Ray Monson – Nov 16 (sat) or 17th – Sunday, could be good days. Peter Brown asked if the group has thoughts/preferences regarding times of day and Sat vs Sunday.

- Diane OES – 16th. Sat is better than Sunday.

- Christina Friday the 15th?

- Some suggested 10am – 2pm midmorning, Charles suggested 1-4pm (other comments, if food is involved, it's good to plan a time when folks come with appetites, i.e. lunch time... better for food/biz)

2. **Planning team participants.** Who will volunteer to comprise the event planning team? Wanda Monson, Diane Casteneda, (Karen White can't but suggested that maybe another Vaco member may want to participate), Beverly Joyce-Suneson, Ray Monson, Allene Villa. (Charles Varni and Christina Casillas volunteered to support the team as needed)

3. **Themes.** Oceans, waves, community gather place, town center, plaza central. Ribbon cutting touched on some of the themes of the plaza, artwork, etched quotations. Charles Varni- something more general? – building community, county programs, tabling, IWMA, music, party, can also launch fundraising for community track and soccer field Peter Brown mentioned a Zocalo concept, town center, gathering place. Karen White- suggested Harvest theme, fall, day of the dead. Beverly - Day of the Dead... if we have no speeches, can it be before the election? Nov 2 day of dead. Celebrate ancestors

4. **Event Program.** Entertainment, music, DJ , Mariachi depending on day, ballet folklorico, Lack of electricity an issue. If a DJ or other, they will need to bring own generator Food – food trucks? Competing w local biz...may not be well received Efrens, La Tapatia, Sylvesters... local impacted businesses were most affected and could be front and center in providing food. (Chachos/deli/Market) also considered. Idea for 100-150 \$5 grant funded vouchers that can be given away to attendees for adjacent business/food.

5. **Peter Brown** to look into OCSD/County 5a Permits/fees, b Insurance, c TCP/road closure, e. electricity wont happen anytime soon. Peter also to contact South county sanitary and or IWMA to provide 3 stream bins.. or 3-6 yard bins Cost. Donate services, provide trash/recycling, empty bins

Christina Casillas - Graffiti removal needed? Sylvesters, if private property then owner is responsible.

d. church parking lot, st. francis church, can that be used?

f. restrooms handrooms, costed out for the event date

g. planning committee to work on set up and clean up. To involved jr high and HS kids for set up and clean up, rotary, optimists, eagles club, elks club

kids activities, art

6. **Budget, Co. Grant** – OCSD approved applying for a District 4 grant for \$2500, but event details and OCSD Board action needed prior to submittal. Earliest is after Oct 9 OCSD Board meeting
Other sources, Bejo, Deltina Coffee, sponsors, banners... ? publicity and promotion

7. **Next OPARC** Meeting date October 1st

James – promoting the event will matter. District 4 newsletter, KSBY, may useful to walk or bike promote.

Grant timeline – 30 days min... turnaround from the County perspective.

If it's a community resource event (tabling, non-profit, county dept/agencies), let me know asap so we can rally participants.

Action items:

Peter Brown to investigate item 5 details a. -c. .

Planning Committee:

- a. Convene follow up meetings – likely Sept 23 and Sept 27, finalize progress by Sept 30 for report to OPARC Oct 1st.
- b. Get quotes for portable potties, DJ's, other event participants for cost estimations.
- c. Do outreach with adjacent businesses to gauge interest
- d. Work on set up clean up volunteers list, willingness, availability 5 g.
- e. Seek Church input on parking 5 d.

James Sofranko – run idea up regarding \$5 vouchers in grant and other issues related to County participation.