



Oceano Community Services District
Summary Minutes – Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
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: Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager; and Robert Schultz, Legal Counsel
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Varni
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Agenda items 8B and 8E (May 6th and 13th meeting minutes) have been corrected.
5. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 22, 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, 062-271024; 062-051-021, 062-051-022, 062-271-006, 062-271-026, 062-271-001; 062-271-003, 062-271,027, and 062-261-022, 062-261-080. 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:**

Julie Tacker	In support of proper conduct by attendees at Board Meetings.
Kim Rose	In support of fiscal responsibility within the District.

7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

A. STAFF REPORTS:

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Sr. Deputy Hernandez
 April 2024 Stats – 304 Calls for Service
 23 Disturbance / 2 Burglary / 4 Theft / 7 Vandalism / 1 Mail theft / 20 AOA (Assist Other Agencies) / 7 Suspicious Subject / 34 Enforcement stops and 15 arrests.
 Collaborated with Union Pacific Railroad for a clean-up of an area where an unhoused population had been residing.
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – FCFA Chief Hallet
 SB 1205 – State-mandated inspections and a second round of weed abatement inspections will begin next week.
 Oceano's contract extension will go to the Fire Board on June 4th and then await LAFCo's decision in the fall.
 1,846 calls for the year (5 cities) – 7% increase over 2023

- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino
 Lopez is at 100% and is not spilling
 5 work orders / 9 USAs / 7 customer service calls / 1 after-hours call-out
 Continuing with weekly and monthly samples and sewer jetting
 Completed meter reads, re-reads, high/low reports and leak notifications, and weed abatement.
 OCSD hosted a 2-day prep class by Cal Rural Water; the District had one attendee who was free due to the District hosting the class. The District employee also toured the Lopez Water Treatment Plant in preparation for their upcoming test.
 Tank 2 is currently being sandblasted in preparation for paint
 The annual Consumer Confidence Report is completed and will be included in the June water bills and posted to the website.
 This is Public Works Week and several employees will be present at the SLO Farmer's Market this Thursday.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. **President Varni:** Regional Water Mgt Group, State Water Subcontractors, Airport Land Use – None
- ii. **Vice President Joyce-Suneson:** Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, CA Special District's Association – None
- 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 May 16, 2024, Zone 3 meeting.
- v. **Director Villa:** Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission – reported on the May 1, 2024, WRAC meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

April Dury	Requested an update on the Oceano Airport Commission.
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8. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
a) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on May 3, 2024, at 12:30 PM b) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on May 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM c) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on May 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM d) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on May 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM e) Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on May 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM f) Review of Cash Disbursements g) Consideration of a recommendation to receive and file a report on charges and delinquencies and to set a public hearing for July 10, 2024, to authorize collection on 2024-25 property tax bills	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson to approve the consent agenda with revisions to Agenda Items 8B and 8E with a second from Director Villa with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None

9A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Appointment of Peter J. Brown as General Manager / Discuss and determine compensation and fringe benefits / Approve Employment Contract	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson to appoint Peter J. Brown as General Manager and approve the amended employment contract with a second from Director Austin with a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of finding additional candidates and in opposition to severance clauses. April Dury – In support of including the Hispanic community and a long term engagement. Peter J. Brown – Excited for the partnership and opportunity.</p>

9B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Presentation by One Cool Earth regarding their “Earth Genius” program at Oceano Elementary School and consideration of a proposal for Fiscal Year 2024-25 of \$10,000 from the Garbage Fund for the “Earth Genius” Program and a second proposal of \$7,000 from the Water Fund for the Stormwater Capture and Groundwater Recharge Project Education	<p>After a presentation by Katharine Rondthaler Krieg, Executive Director of One Cool Earth, and an opportunity for public comment and board and staff discussion:</p> <p>Director Austin made a motion to approve the proposal for Fiscal Year 2024-25 of \$10,000 from the Garbage Fund for the “Earth Genius” Program with a second from Director Villa with a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Director Austin made a motion to approve the second proposal of \$7,000 from the Water Fund for the Stormwater Capture and Groundwater Recharge Project Education with a second from President Varni with a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: Wanda Monson – In support of One Cool Earth</p>

9C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Review and consideration of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Waterline Improvement Project	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and discussion with the Board and staff, the item was received and filed.</p> <p>Public Comment: Peter J. Brown – Suggested syncing CEQA and NEPA.</p>

10. **HEARING ITEMS:** None

11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None

12. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Director Gibson made a motion to Invite David Swift to speak at a future Board meeting with a second by Director Austin.

Director Gibson made a motion to discuss Lucia Mar accepting funds for the track and discuss the application to Ecologistics with a second from Director Austin.

President Varni added the South County Regional Water Management Update.

14. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** None

15. **CLOSED SESSION:** None

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Varni adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.