



Oceano Community Services District
Summary Minutes – Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 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: 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 APRIL 4, 2024, AND APRIL 10, 2024:**
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- 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.,

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6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Debra Early	Provided an update on the Central Coast Blue project.
Steve Montes	Inquired about EV chargers and a sand pit for horseshoes at the Oceano Park.

7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

- A. Oceano Elementary School (OES) regarding coordination with the District on Parks & Recreation related efforts – Principal Joshua Herrera and Wanda Monson presented thank you cards and an update from OES regarding the Parks CA Grant fieldtrips and the proposed track at OES.

B. STAFF REPORTS:

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Commander Ian Doughty
 March 2024 Stats
 338 Calls for service (376 for March 2023)
 2 assault & battery / 28 calls for disturbance / 1 burglary / 2 thefts / 0 mail thefts / 1 vandalism
 30 assist other agency / 10 suspicious circumstances / 32 enforcement stops / 0 Narcan use
 15 arrests
 Provided an update regarding the unhoused population located on S. 4th Street. They are collaborating with Union Pacific and other agencies to offer services and then will coordinate clean-up efforts.
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – FCFA Staff – Absent
- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino
 Lopez is 100.2% full and spilling (49,595 AF) / 45 AF State Water / >1 AF pumped for samples
 0 SSOs for the month of March
 7 work orders / 35 USAs (due to 17th & Beach St. project) / 6 customer service calls / 1 after hours call out
 Continuing with weekly and monthly samples; service line inventory; weed abatement on District properties;
 Completed 2 Ready311 tickets (illegal dumping)
 Replaced light ballasts at the yard; 4 air vacs replaced, service line replaced on York Ave.
 Tank 2 project is starting and neighbors have been notified of potential noise nuisance for the duration of the work.
- iv. **OCS D Interim General Manager** – Paavo Ogren
 A written General Manager report included in the agenda.

C. 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 – OPARC will be at the Day of the Child on 4/14/2024
- iii. **Director Austin:** South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, Zone 1/1A – None
- iv. **Director Gibson:** Zone 3, Regional Water Quality Control Board – None
- v. **Director Villa:** Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission – None

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

April Dury	Asked for an update regarding the Oceano Airport Land Use Commission
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8. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
a) Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on March 27, 2024 b) Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2024 c) Review and Approve of the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on April 4, 2024 d) Review of Cash Disbursements	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 Gibson with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None

9A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Discussion and Direction on Amendments to Ordinance 2006-01, Codified as Municipal Code Section 6.06.030, Relating to the Appeal of Water Services Fees to Allow Appeals to be Decided by the Finance and Budget Committee Prior to An Appeal to the Board of Directors.	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson to not move forward with the amendments to the ordinance with a second from Director Austin with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of the current ordinance. April Dury – In support of the current ordinance.

9B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Review of Capital Project efforts and consideration of recommendations to approve consultant proposals for engineering services in the amount of \$17,000 and for environmental services in the amount of \$19,332 for water system improvements.	After a presentation by Paavo Ogren, Interim General Manager, an opportunity for public comment and board and staff discussion, President Varni made a motion to approve staff recommendations, with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson and a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: Julie Tacker – Provided comment on rate structures, water conservation, and the sale of water. Pamela Storton – In support of public input for projects and not consolidating permits.

9C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Notification of a South County Sanitary Service Inc. Base Year Rate Application	After an opportunity for public comment, and discussion with the Board and staff, the item was received and filed. Public Comment: None

The Board recessed from 8:10-8:15PM

9D. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Discussion and consideration of hiring a mediator to work with the District	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, the Board came to a consensus to consider a facilitator during the strategic planning process. Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In opposition to hiring a mediator. April Dury – In opposition to hiring a mediator. Debra Early - In opposition to hiring a mediator.

9E. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Discussion and consideration of regional water resources planning for Oceano	After an opportunity for public comment, and discussion with the Board and staff, the item will be brought back for future consideration. Public Comment: April Dury – In support of selling water. Julie Tacker – In support of selling water and conserving. Debra Early – In support of a technical advisory committee. Pamela Storton – In support of the Boards collaborations.

10A. HEARING ITEMS	ACTION:
<p>Public hearing on customer appeals by Ro Palius regarding late fees and Erik Benham regarding past due amounts and late fees; ratifying recommendations of the Oceano Finance and Budget Committee (OFAB) and/or alternative actions including direction on waiving additional late fees once customer appeals have been filed</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mr. Benham hearing item will be moved to the April 24, 2024, Board of Directors meeting based on the customer's request to the Board. •Director Austin made a motion to approve the recommendation of OFAB regarding Ro Palius's appeal by issuing a credit of \$172.48 with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson and a 5-0 roll call vote. •Director Gibson made a motion to approve the recommendations of OFAB on waiving additional fees once customer appeals have been filed with a second from Director Austin and a 5-0 roll call vote. <p>Public Comment: None</p>

11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None
12. **LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Correspondence from Mr. Benham.
13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None
14. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** Mr. Benham appeal.
15. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Varni adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.