



**Oceano Community Services District**  
**Summary Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 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: Director Gibson, Director Austin, Vice President Joyce-Suneson, and President Varni.  
Absent: Director Villa  
Staff present: Peter Brown, General Manager; Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager; and Jeff Minnery, Legal Counsel.
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by President Varni.
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Accepted as presented.
5. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, AT 9:45 AM AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, AT 9:45 AM**  
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957(b)(1) -- Title: District Legal Counsel

No reportable action was taken under the Brown Act that requires reporting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

- A. STAFF REPORTS:**

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Commander Ian Doughty – Absent  
September 2024 Oceano Stats  
339 Calls for service (385 in 2023)  
6 assault & battery for domestic violence / 41 disturbances / 0 burglary / 2 petty theft / 2 vandalism / 0 mail theft / 36 assist other agencies / 6 suspicious circumstances / 53 enforcement stops / 14 arrests / 0 Narcan use  
ReadySLO Pamphlets for zones and evacuation information
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – FCFA Chief Hallet – Absent
- iii. **Operations** - Utility Systems Manager - Tony Marraccino  
Lopez is at 94.8% full (46,419 AF) / 58 AF delivered / 0 pumped  
0 SSOs for September  
10 work orders / 19 USAs / 11 customer service calls / 1 after-hours call-out / 5 Ready311 tickets  
Completed meter reads, re-reads, comment codes, leak adjustments, and vegetation clearing around meter boxes.  
Continuing with rounds and samples / first-of-the-month equipment runs – the natural gas Waukesha booster failed and has been repaired.  
Surplus of two items: 1984 backhoe and an air compressor.  
Sewer jetting and cleaned two manholes on Strand.  
1 employee attended a cross-connection class at Nipomo CSD for new requirements coming in 2025.  
State water will be shut down for maintenance in a week, and we will solely rely on Lopez water. This may increase water hardness and present a chlorine smell.  
Village AA at the Old Fire Station – cleared a backup sink.
- iv. **General Manager** – Peter Brown  
Staff is working with the Cal Rural Water Association to evaluate grant eligibility for redesigning our lift station and has an upcoming field meeting.  
Staff is working with Cannon regarding our water CIP projects to achieve 90% design and improve our chances of getting grants through USDA and Clean Water State Revolving Grants.  
Continuing to meet with partners regarding the Halcyon & Ken-Mar consolidation plans.  
Required letters for AB52 consultations were sent this week.

9/20/2024 toured the SSLOCSD with President Varni.  
 Staff is working to maximize the return on investments in reserve funds.  
 10/02/2024 participated in an NCMA review committee for the RFP on annual reporting.  
 Assisted One Cool Earth with creating an educational flyer for the stormwater recharge basin.  
 Staff is working on evaluating low-cost modular options for the utility staff at the yard.

**B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- i. **President Varni:** Regional Water Mgt Group, State Water Subcontractors, Airport Land Use – Attended the SLOCOG meeting; Attended Safe Routes to School meeting at Oceano; Elementary School; SLOCOG annual Road to Zero conference; Attended the Oceano Elementary School PTA meeting.
- ii. **Vice President Joyce-Suneson:** Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, CA Special District’s Association – No reports
- iii. **Director Austin:** South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, Zone 1/1A – SSLOCSD will be presenting in item 9A.
- iv. **Director Gibson:** Zone 3, Regional Water Quality Control Board – No reports
- v. **Director Villa:** Water Resource Advisory Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Julie Tacker	Inquired on the irrigation costs for the Oceano Plaza.
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<b>8. CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
a) Action: Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on September 18, 2024	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Gibson to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second from Director Austin with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa
b) Action: Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on September 20, 2024	
c) Action: Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on September 23, 2024	
d) Information: Review of Cash Disbursements	
	Public Comment: None

<b>9A. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
Information: Update on the Existing Ocean Community Services District (OCSD) Sewer System and the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (SSLOCSD) Redundancy Project	After a presentation from SSLOCSD District Administrator, Jermy Ghent, Board and staff discussion, this information item was received and filed by the Board of Directors.  Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In opposition to the SSLOCSD logo on the CCB website, Asked questions regarding the reactor. Arthur Young – Inquired about the design error with the redundancy project. Giselle Naylor – In support of the redundancy project.

<b>9B. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Action: Provide direction to staff regarding payments up to \$9,500 to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for expenses incurred to date and possible direct mailers.</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by Director Austin to approve staff recommendation #2: support staff recommendation to deposit only an additional \$3,500 for LAFCO staff costs, use alternative noticing methods such as website and newspaper advertising, and forego direct mailers, with a second from Director Gibson with a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa</p> <p>Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of an insert in the water bill. April Dury – Asked questions regarding the mailers. Gina McMahon – In support of direct mailers. Giselle Naylor – Asked questions regarding the mailers.</p>

<b>9C. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Action: Consideration of recommendations to award a professional contract for the District's Sanitary Sewer CIP Engineering &amp; Related Services to Water Systems Consulting.</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Austin made a motion to direct staff to designate MKN as the top ranked applicant and begin negotiations, with a second from President Varni and a 4-0 roll call vote. Absent: Director Villa</p> <p>Public Comment: Julie Tacker – In support of MKN. Giselle Naylor – In support of information relating to materials. Arthur Young – In support of an independent review for design engineers.</p>

<b>9D. BUSINESS ITEMS:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>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.</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made by President Varni to approve option #1 and #3: the application to the County and to approve the purchase of a pop-up tent, banner, and a \$2,000 spending limit for OPARC through the remainder of 2024 with a second from Vice President Joyce-Suneson with a 2-1-1 roll call vote. The motion does not pass. Dissented: Director Gibson Abstained: Director Austin Absent: Director Villa</p> <p>Public Comment: April Dury – In support of asking the County to waive fees. Giselle Naylor – In support of sewer business items.</p>

10. **HEARING ITEMS:** None
11. **RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None
12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The District's Clean and Green Programs.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Varni adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 PM.