



# Oceano Community Services District

## Summary Minutes

Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

Location: TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** at approximately 6:10 p.m. by President Austin
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: President Austin, Vice President White, Director Gibson, Director Villa, and Director Replogle. Also present, General Manager Will Clemens, Legal Counsel Jeff Minnery, and Business and Accounting Manager Carey Casciola.
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** led by President Austin.
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:**  
A motion was made to approve the agenda as by presented Vice President White with a second from Director Villa. 5-0 roll call vote.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Public comment was received from:

Christopher Hamma	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Gary and Suzanne Wells	In opposition of fireworks and in support or limiting the dates for safe and sane fireworks.
Lucia Casalnuovo	In opposition of fireworks and in support of change in Oceano.
Lea Hensley	In opposition of Director Replogle's actions.
Written comments submitted by Jeremy Dundon.	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments at the California Coastal Commission meeting.
Written comments submitted by an anonymous writer.	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Written comments submitted by Jessica Rodlin.	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments.
Written comments submitted by Jennifer Breault.	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments.
Written comments submitted by Nicolle Culbert.	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments.
Written comments submitted by Patricia Brown.	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Written comments submitted by Stacie Garcia.	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Written comments submitted by William Findley.	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Written comments submitted by Grant Orton.	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments.
Written comments submitted by April Smith.	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments.

## 6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:

### A. STAFF REPORTS:

- i. **Sheriff's South Station**, Commander Michael Manuele – Reported the May 2020 stats at the June 10, 2020 OCSD Board. Gave an update pertaining to fireworks this July 4<sup>th</sup> – the Sheriff's department planned on increasing support for this year, however, due to COVID-19

and the economic impact, the budget constraints are prohibiting additional staffing and support. Reviewed the fines, prosecution, rules and regulations.

- ii. **FCFA** - Chief Steve Lieberman – Provided updates on the fires in Avila/Shell Beach and Paso Robles and how FCFA provided support.
- iii. **Operations** – Utility Systems Manager, Tony Marraccino – Lopez is currently at 49.6% full. Continuing with daily rounds, water samples and weed abatement. 4 work orders, 10 USAs, 9 customer service calls, 0 after hour call outs. We were invited to participate in EPA water testing - UCMR (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule) which is a 4 month process. Recycled 8,000 lbs. of concrete and asphalt. Hydrant maintenance is complete and staff is now painting hydrants; this includes the town of Halcyon. Ready311 trash pick up is ongoing with the 72 hour wait in place. Replaced a check valve at the booster station. Repaired a leak on the 1100 block of Norswing. Installed a new high-level alarm at the lift station as the old one failed when tested. Fiscal year inventory (yard and all trucks) is due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. **OCSD General Manager** – Staff continues to be healthy and taking necessary precautions to remain healthy. Obtained letters of support for the Prop 1 LID Projects (Oceano Elementary and 19<sup>th</sup> Street) from Lucia Mar School District and the County of SLO. Working on Prop 1 funded grant for HWY 1 water line; we hope to complete this project before CalTrans overlay project. Reimbursement and work are anticipated to be received/started by next Spring

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

- i. Director Villa – Reported on Oceano Advisory Council.
- ii. Director Gibson – None
- iii. Vice President White – Reported on Five Cities Fire Authority.
- iv. Director Repogle – Reported on IWMA.
- v. President Austin – None

**b. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

Public comment was received from:

Julie Tacker	In support of an update if the District has used any of the extended powers during the emergency declaration during COVID19. In support of Legal Counsel reviewing the conflict of interest with the Board and the Central Coast Blue project. In support of reviewing the cease and desist with the SSLOCSD due to their Zoom meetings.
Suzanne Wells	In support of reading the Zoom chat that asked to address concerns with safe & safe and illegal fireworks.

<b>7 CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>a. Review and Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting June 10, 2020.</p> <p>b. Review of Cash Disbursements.</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board discussion, staff recommendations were approved as presented with a motion from Vice President White, and a second from Director Villa and a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>No public comment.</p>

<b>8A BUSINESS ITEM:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve the Third Amendment to the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Joint *Exercise of Powers Agreement.</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board discussion, staff recommendations were approved as presented with a motion from Director Gibson, and a second from Vice President White and a 4-1 roll call vote. Direct Replogle dissented and made a request for the record to reflect that she voted no as she feels this is fiscally irresponsible.</p> <p>Public comment was received from:</p> <p>Julie Tacker – In opposition of the FCFA exploring an independent fire district; and a future tax measure and in support of divestiture.</p> <p>Suzanne Wells – In support of Measure A-20 and FCFA but was confused by the options available for fire service in Oceano. In support of the need to know how our money can best be spent and the application for divestiture.</p>

<b>9A HEARING ITEM:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<p>Consideration of recommendations to adopt resolutions approving the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Preliminary Budget and the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Appropriation Limitation and to set August 26, 2020 as the date of the public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2020-21 Final Budget.</p>	<p>After an opportunity for public comment and Board discussion, staff recommendations were approved as presented with a motion from Vice President White, and a second from Director Gibson and a 4-1 roll call vote. Director Replogle Direct Replogle dissented and made a request for the record to reflect that she voted no as she feels this is fiscally irresponsible.</p> <p>No public comment.</p>

**10. RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**11. LATE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Wes Williams	In support of opening the Oceano Dunes.
Erica Andrade	In support of a future agenda item for Pride Month.
Gary and Suzanne Wells	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Sharina Arevalos	In opposition of Director Replogle's comments.
Paige McDonald	In opposition of illegal fireworks.
Carol Hughes (2 emails)	In opposition of illegal fireworks.

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** District Policies, Roles and Responsibilities with Related Agencies, District Rules and Regulations, Cienaga Seabreeze Park, Inc. Continued, Deferred Infrastructure Program, Lopez Water

Contract Amendments, Wastewater CIP, The Place, EIR State Parks PWP, Old Firehouse Art, California Voting Rights Act

Review of OCSD Code 15.02.070 regarding fireworks

13. **FUTURE HEARING ITEMS:** 2020-2021 Budget August 26, 2020
14. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** at approximately 7:45 pm

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Jennifer Breault [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** [Public Comment to be Read Aloud at Meeting](#)

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in to express my concern over one of the board members and the vile things she posts to her public page, Cynthia for Oceano. She is showing a clear desire to divide the community for her benefit. The post that recently drew the most public comment was her statement that the Thin Blue Line flag represents “white supremacy”, she also took offence that someone used their private property to fly a flag of their choice. And lastly her use of the term “Latinx” is so incredibly disrespectful to the Latino community within Oceano, it’s repulsive. I find it absolutely distasteful that she continuously puts out there that she’s a member of the board at OCSD and then turns around and posts such vile things about the members of our community and our law enforcement officers. I have been a resident of Oceano for several years now and where I reside, we are a mixed community and we all get along together. Cynthia’s divisive words need to cease, she has now established herself as an instigator and not someone who is keeping our community’s best interest at heart.

Thank you,

Jennifer Breault  
[REDACTED]

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** jessica rodlin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Public Comment To Be Read Aloud

### To Be Read Aloud

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Oceano for over 40 years. I have never seen so much hate written about the people of our community, and the law enforcement who protect us. Cynthia has gone to far with her personal comments targeting the people of our community. Not to mention that she is using the platform of her position on the board of OCSD to spew her propaganda. It's clear she has no compassion for Oceano, and the people who live here. Her ignorance is clearly reflected in her comments. She should be instantly removed from office or a moratorium put upon her. Not allowing her personal comments to be intermingled with her position on the board. Most people would be terminated from their positions instantly. No matter their seniority in this situation. This is unacceptable and needs to stop!

Sent from my iPhone=

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Wes Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Fw: Dunes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** "Wes Williams" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "carey@oceanosd.org" <carey@oceanosd.org>  
**Sent:** Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 12:37 PM  
**Subject:** Dunes

It's time to open up public land to the public people's livlyhood is at risk small business,quality of life ECT,Family's vacation time we have paid for an RV rental big expense and are on the verge of no refund my reservations are mid July so who pays for this can I send the coastal committee a bill? ,You need to open up the dunes apart of California history since the 50's so we all can enjoy it,bird watching,walks, horses,and yes ohv.

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## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Erica Andrade [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** Carey Casciola  
**Subject:** Public Comment (Future Agenda Item)

Dear OCSD Board of Directors,

My name is Erica Andrade and I am the Treasurer of 5 Cities Hope. 5 Cities Hope is an LGBT+ non-profit that is located in Oceano that provides an inclusive space for the LGBT+ community and their allies. We organize various family events such as bonfires, hikes, and even organized the 1st Five Cities Pride in Arroyo Grande last year.

The reason that I am reaching out is that June is Pride month. The month of June was chosen for the LGBT+ Pride month to commemorate the riots held by members of the LGBT+ community against a police raid that took place at the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28th, 1969.

Recently, the City of Grover Beach has adopted a proclamation officially designating June as Pride month and has begun flying a rainbow flag at their City Hall for the remainder of June. The LGBT+ community and I would love to see Oceano Beach highlight June as Pride month and fly the rainbow flag as well to show that the OCSD is committed to advancing equality and respect for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erica



## Carey Casciola

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**From:** G&S [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Fireworks issue (for 6/24/20 OCSD meeting)

Dear Members of the OCSD Board:

Commander Manuele and his Deputies have informed us that prosecution of illegal fireworks is difficult due to the manner in which our (local) laws and ordinances are written. I have been researching this problem, and found that in 2016, the City of Bakersfield created new city regulations wherein police and firefighters can now issue administrative citations for illegal fireworks.

In 2016, Fire Chief Doug Greener stated in an article by Elizabeth Sanchez, [REDACTED] the following: "What does this (the new ordinance) mean? That means that we no longer need to have enough evidence to support a criminal investigation...We don't have to see someone physically light an illegal firework to cite them. We just have to have relative evidence that seems reasonable in our estimation, that makes a citation warranted." Similar legislation has occurred in other areas.

Changing our laws and ordinances in a similar fashion will help our local law enforcement in apprehending illegal fireworks users.

I will try to obtain a copy of their specific ordinances, and submit them for your review.

Respectfully Submitted, Gary & Suzanne Wells

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Sharina Arevalos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Re: Public comment for tonight in regards to the Cynthia Replogle comments of Jerk Pirates Off road

Please read aloud at the meeting.

Sharina Arevalos

On Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 04:47:52 PM PDT, Sharina Arevalos [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

I would just like to say that about three years ago we found out about Pismo Beach and rented ATV's on the beach. We had so much fun that we since then have bought a used buggy and enjoy spending family time out at the dunes. It didn't take long when we were out our 1st time to get stuck- I admit I was a little scared but within 10 mins we had someone come up to us with a smile and offer to help us out and was proud to help us out. Many times since then we get help, we help others. I have to tell you it's a really nice community of riders out on the beach. Others are always willing to help, give a positive comment on our buggy or just say hi. A few years ago we met the organizers of Jerk Pirates when they pulled us out when we were stuck pretty good. They were so nice and welcomed us to like their Facebook group and be a member of the Jerk Pirates. I don't know where any of this racial talk is coming from and think it's complete ignorance the comments I have seen been posted. I am white but my husband is Hispanic and our 2 kids are blended. Race has never been an issue out on the dunes. In these times nowadays it is very rare to actually see happy people, being open and welcoming and that has always been my experience out on the sand. It really hurts my feelings to see all this drama and negativity by politicians and others that spread rumors and create hatred and problems. There are not many things or places that are safe to explore and have some good old fashioned fun that is not on an a screen. In closing I'd just like to say our family fun is made on the dunes, we travel 6 hours to get there from Northern CA and plan to come for many years.

Thank you,

Sharina Arevalos

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Paige McDonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:53 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fireworks

Hi,  
I realize it's not on the agenda, but I genuinely hope you will read through this and decide to put it on the agenda. This is something very important and if all the fuss on Nextdoor is anything to be paying attention to, you might want to get in front of this issue. I appreciate your time. Thank you!

What fireworks mean to me now.

When I was a kid, fireworks were something I looked forward to. I equated them with fun, food, laughter, pretty lights and exciting explosions. I thought they were harmless additions to a celebration of our Nation's History.

I'm 37 now, and I've learned a lot since then.

Now, when I hear that familiar boom, all I feel is dread and worry. Let me explain why. My fiancé is a war veteran; he has PTSD. Since I've been with him and experienced to the tiniest degree, what he goes through, I have a whole new understanding of fireworks, especially the unpredictable, illegal ones. The boom of fireworks sounds a lot like gunfire or mortar shells going off. Having never experienced it for myself, I can't say how close but watching him slip into a flashback, I think they are close enough to matter. Close enough for me to make a point.

The dread and worry I mentioned comes from empathy for him during flashbacks. I've seen him hide under cars in the street, behind bushes, and in corners of the room. I've seen him in fetal position on the sidewalk, covering his head with his hoodie, cowering in fear. Each and every time I stay with him throughout the flashback to tell him over and over, "You're not where you think you are. You are at home with me. You're safe. That happened a long time ago". I feel the asphalt on my knees and belly when I'm trying to coax him out from under the car, I get scratched up by the bushes when he pulls me in to protect me, because I'm in the 'line of fire'. Each and every time, my heart breaks a little at the recognition of what he sacrificed for this country, what he is STILL sacrificing.

But when your brain is in fight or flight and your sympathetic nervous system takes control of your body, for your own safety, it's really difficult to get out of that. He has recounted to me during calm conversations some of the things he went through during the war, but it's the insights I've gained during the flashbacks that have woken me up the most. He is recalling intensely, really horrific and awful memories. He's cried over his empty hands, only for me to find out that he's vividly remembering holding his friend's decapitated head in them. He's sobbed and recounted times when the government ordered him to do a thing that by a civilian's standpoint, would be horrendous. He's been angry at 'the enemy' and screamed and yelled at the top of his lungs. All because he is "back there". He's looked down at scars and sees fresh wounds, flowing with blood, saying how it burns.

When illegal fireworks go off, there is no way to expect them or prepare for them. He can't wear his headphones at full-blast, 24/7 for three weeks before and three weeks after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He does take medication for his PTSD, but the PTSD is stronger than the medication sometimes.

I would just ask you, if you plan on doing fireworks, please consider what others are going through while you're having your fun. For some of us, it's miserable.

Thank you,

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Paige

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Carol Hughes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:54 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** No More Fireworks

Oceano and Grover Beach need to get over the greed and put residents first. Fireworks are a great nuisance and are traumatic to Veterans, the elderly, pets and wildlife. If the currant elected officials can not get an ordinance asap, the people will vote you out of office. Please take action on behalf of your residents. Thank you

## Carey Casciola

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**From:** Carol Hughes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** carey@oceanocsd.org  
**Subject:** Fireworks

Limiting fireworks to July 4th and Jan 1st WILL NOT solve the problem. People will continue to use fireworks before and after holidays. You must stop the sale of firerworks.