

# SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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# AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCSD Board Room 1655 Front Street Oceano, California 93445

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Board Members**

John Shoals, Chair Linda Austin, Director Jim Hill, Director

#### **Alternate Board Members**

Karen White, Director Tim Brown, Director Barbara Nicolls, Director

#### **Agencies**

City of Grover Beach Oceano Community Services District City of Arroyo Grande

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. AGENDA REVIEW

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

This public comment period is an invitation to members of the community to present comments, thoughts or suggestions on matters not scheduled on this agenda. Comments should be limited to those matters which are within the jurisdiction of the District. The Brown Act restricts the Board from taking formal action on matters not published on the agenda. In response to your comments, the Chair or presiding Board Member may:

- Direct Staff to assist or coordinate with you.
- Direct Staff to place your issue or matter on a future Board meeting agenda.

Please adhere to the following procedures when addressing the Board:

- Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes or less.
- Your comments should be directed to the Board as a whole and not directed to individual Board members.
- Slanderous, profane or personal remarks against any Board Member, Staff or member of the audience shall not be permitted.

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#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA:

The following routine items listed below are scheduled for consideration as a group. Each item is recommended for approval unless noted. Any member of the public who wishes to comment on any Consent Agenda item may do so at this time. Any Board Member may request that any item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion or to change the recommended course of action. The Board may approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda on one motion.

- 5A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 16, 2016
- 5B. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 07, 2016
- **5C.** Approval of Warrants

#### 6. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Staff recommends the Board receive and file this report.

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

# 7A. APPROVAL OF WASTEWATER BILLING AND CONNECTION FEE AGREEMENT(S) WITH THE CITIES OF GROVER BEACH AND ARROYO GRANDE

- 1. Approve the City of Grover Beach Billing Agreement
- 2. Approve the City of Arroyo Grande Billing and Collection Fee Agreement

#### 7B. ELECTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2017 BOARD OFFICERS

Consider and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017 Calendar Year

#### 8. MISCELLANEOUS WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

#### 9. ADJOURN MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 4, 2016, at the City of Grover Beach, California

#### SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

OCSD Board Room 1655 Front Street Oceano, California 93445

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday November 16, 2016 6:00 P.M.

#### 1. CALL. TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Alternate Barbara Nicolls, City of Grover Beach; Alternate Tim Brown, City of Arroyo Grande; Acting Chair Mary Lucey, Oceano Community Services District

District Staff in Attendance: John Clemons, Plant Superintendent; Gerhardt Hubner,

District Administrator; Gilbert Trujillo, District Legal Counsel

#### 2. FLAG SALUTE

#### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

Acting Chair Lucey requested to remove Closed Session Item from the agenda.

Motion: It was moved by Alternate Barbara Nicolls to table Closed Session to a

different date.

<u>Second</u>: Acting Chair Mary Lucey <u>Action</u>: Approved by roll call vote

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Alternate Barbara Nicolls and Acting Chair Mary Lucey

NOES: Alternate Tim Brown

ABSTAIN: None

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Acting Chair Lucey opened public comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on Cambria CSD's Brine Disposal proposal and requested it be agendized for a future meeting.

Acting Chair Lucey closed public comment.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 05, 2016
- 5B. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2016
- 5C. Approval of Warrants

Item 5B., Approval of Warrants will be presented as 7D.

Acting Chair Lucey opened public comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on follow up to meeting of September 21, asking when misinformation that was presented will be corrected.

Alternate Brown would like to know what format the corrections will be provided in. He wants the record to show he objects to fact that information from meeting of September 21 has not been corrected and provided to the public. He objects to characterization that issue has been resolved.

Administrator Hubner said he spoke to Chairman Shoals and he is satisfied with the response that has been provided to date.

Motion: It was moved by Alternate Brown to table minutes of October 05 and

October 19, 2016.

**Second:** Alternate Nicolls

Action: The minutes of October 05, 2016 and October 19, 2016 were tabled.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Alternate Barbara Nicolls and Alternate Tim Brown

NOES: Acting Chair Mary Lucey

ABSTAIN: None

#### 6. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Administrator Hubner gave updates on Cherry Ave Sewer Bridge Project, Mechanical Bar Screen, Redundancy Project, Satellite Facility Grant Study, Regional Efforts, and Public Outreach.

Plant Superintendent reported on effluent plant data, operational maintenance, homeless issue and removal of bridge leading to levee, and raccoon infestation.

Acting Chair Lucey opened public comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on permit for Administrators trailer, raccoons, payoff of CoGen project and Redundancy Project permit timeline.

Acting Chair Lucey closed public comment.

Acting Chair Lucey asked Administrator Hubner to follow up with Mr. Rickenbach regarding timeline for permit from Coastal Commission.

**Action:** The Board received and filed this report.

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

7A. FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 FIRST (1<sup>ST</sup>) QUARTER BUDGET PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-361 AUTHORIZING THE BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT A.

The Board received a verbal report from Administrator Hubner on 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Performance and recommended budget adjustments.

Acting Chair Lucey opened public comment period.

Julie Tacker recommended showing budgeted amounts and to date expenses. She commented on SCADA account, and Office Equipment account.

Acting Chair Lucey closed public comment.

<u>Motion:</u> Alternate Brown made a motion to move Resolution No. 2016-361, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District amending the FY 2016-17 Budget at First Quarter including amendment to Attachment A.

Second: Alternate Nicolls

**Action:** Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 7B. NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE

Ted Kapner, District contracted web designer, gave a demonstration on new website. He highlighted the security of website and ease of access.

Acting Chair Lucey opened public comment period.

Julie Tacker recommended the information brought over from old website be edited and updated.

Ron Holt wanted clarification that new website is kept on a server outside of Districts server.

Administrator Hubner clarified it was.

Acting Chair Lucey closed public comment.

**Action:** Board received and filed this report.

## 7C. FINAL SETTLEMENT AND ORDER ENDING LITIGATION FROM DISTRICT'S 2010 SEWAGE SPILL

Administrator Hubner gave a power point presentation giving details about Settlement Agreement and projects that Final Settlement will be contributing to.

Acting Chair Lucey opened item to public comment.

Julie Tacker commented on the modeling and asked how much Pismo is contributing.

Acting Chair Lucey closed public comment.

**Action:** The Board received and filed this report.

#### 7D. WARRANT REGISTER

Alternate Brown asked if high cost of legal bills was related to personnel issues.

Administrator Hubner responded, answering yes.

Acting Chair Lucey opened item to public comment.

Julie Tacker commented on expenses related to Administrators trailer and legal services.

Acting Chair Lucey closed public comment.

Motion: Alternate Nicolls entertained a motion to approve warrants as

presented.

**Second:** Alternate Tim Brown

Action: Approved unanimously by roll call vote

#### 8. ADJOURN MEETING

This meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 07, 2016, 6 pm at the Oceano Community Service District Board Room, 1655 Front Street, Oceano, California

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#### SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

OCSD Board Room 1655 Front Street Oceano, California 93445

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday December 07, 2016 6:00 P.M.

#### 1. CALL. TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman John Shoals, City of Grover Beach; Director Jim Hill, City of Arroyo

Grande; Director Linda Austin, Oceano Community Services District

District Staff in Attendance: John Clemons, Plant Superintendent; Gerhardt Hubner,

District Administrator; Gilbert Trujillo, District Legal Counsel; Wendy Stockton District Legal Counsel; Amy Simpson;

District Bookkeeper/Secretary

#### 2. FLAG SALUTE

The Board welcomed Linda Austin as the new Oceano CSD Director.

#### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

**Motion:** Director Hill made a motion to add election of Officers to the next

agenda.

Second: Director Austin

**Action:** Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chairman Shoals opened public comment period.

Patty Welsh commented on medical benefits, believing them not sustainable.

Julie Tacker commented on Cambria CSD's Brine Disposal and requested it be agendized for a future meeting. She also asked that opinion piece written by Ms. Lucey presented at the meeting of September 21, 2016 be corrected.

Mary Lucey commented on medical benefits, censure of her statements, and the Cambria CSD's Brine Disposal.

Patricia Price commented on the medical benefits and there sustainability and Ms. Lucey's comments from September 21, 2016.

Terri Klier commented on health benefits.

Chairman Shoals closed public comment.

Chairman Shoals and Administrator Hubner said that work is continuing on the benefits package, and will be brought to the Board at some future date.

Chairman Shoals clarified that there was direction to find a way to identify the misinformation presented at the September 21, 2016 meeting and provide the proper information with the District and how it is operating.

Director Hill requested to move forward providing the proper information. Chairman Shoals concurred and gave direction to Administrator Hubner.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 05, 2016
- 5B. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2016
- 5C. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 16, 2016
- 5C. Approval of Warrants
- 5D. Financial Review at October 31, 2016

Administrator Hubner clarified that the Lara HR invoices are for both October and November.

Director Hill would like the Board to be informed of the Cambria CSD brine disposal project in the near future. He also would like budget line item *Source Control* be changed to *Public Outreach* on the warrant register for the warrants related to the District Newsletter.

Chairman Shoals pulled the minutes of November 16, 2016 and asked that they be brought back at the next meeting to take action.

Chairman Shoals opened public comment period.

Ron Holt, Patricia Price, Julie Tacker, Patty Welsh and Mary Lucey all commented on the warrant register.

**Motion:** Director Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5,

2016 and October 19, 2016.

Second: Chairman Shoals
Action: Motion carries

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chairman Shoals and Director Hill

NOES: None

REFRAIN: Director Austin

**Motion:** Director Hill made a motion to approve the Warrant Register with a

change to the description as discussed, and the Financial Review

at October 31, 2016

**Second:** Chairman Shoals

**Action:** Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote

#### 6. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Administrator Hubner provided update on the settlement, Cherry Ave Sewer Bridge

Project, Grit Removal Project, Mechanical Bar Screen, Redundancy Project, Satellite Facility Grant Study, Regional Efforts, and District website.

Plant Superintendent reported on effluent plant data, operational maintenance and the Hazardous Material surprise inspection.

Chairman Shoals opened public comment period.

Patty Welsh and Julie Tacker commented on the Administrators report and Mary Lucey commented on the Superintendents report.

Chairman Shoals closed public comment.

**Action:** The Board received and filed this report.

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

#### 7A. DISTRICT'S 2016 RECEIVING WATER AND OUTFALL INSPECTION REPORT

Administrator Hubner gave a power point presentation. He presented background information and highlights from this Report which showed contaminant concentrations during the 2016 survey are very similar to sampling results from previous surveys conducted in 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. Evidence suggests that contaminants are not accumulating in the area over time and no evidence of leaks, damage, erosion, holes, or cracks along entire length of the diffuser or pipe.

Chairman Shoals opened public comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the report and believes it is a good outcome.

Chairman Shoals closed public comment.

**Action:** The Board received and filed this report.

#### 7B. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAILER

This was an item requested by Director Hill as a discussion item. He questions the need for the trailer and believes the apparent need for the trailer has outlived its purpose. Director Austin feels the staff needs to continue with the trailer until the offices are ready to move back into. The Board agreed they do need to discuss how to move forward with addressing the needs of the current facilities and the permitting issues that have come to light.

Chairman Shoals opened public comment period.

Patricia Price, Julie Tacker and Ron Arnoldson commented on the trailer and the recommendations of the industrial health and safety and ergonomic evaluations.

Mary Lucey is in favor of the trailer.

Chairman Shoals closed public comment.

Administrator Hubner said the remodel and the recommendations have not been completed. He had the analysis completed because he was concerned of the health and safety issues and privacy. These are all factors for professional office space for support of the District Administrator.

**Motion:** Director Austin made a motion to move forward with the plans for

the trailer.

Second: Chairman Shoals
Action: Motion carries

AYES: Chairman Shoals and Director Austin

NOES: Director Hill

ABSTAIN: None

#### 8. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Shoals opened public comment period.

Ron Arnoldson, Julie Tacker, Beatrice Spencer, Patty Welsh, Patricia Price feel Administrator Hubner should be dismissed. Ron Arnoldson submitted a CalCoast News article be received into the record as Attachment No. 1.

Andrew Brunet feels there are two options: improvement and dismissal.

Mary Lucey is in favor of keeping Administrator Hubner.

#### 8A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code: one case

**Action:** The Board took no reportable action

#### 8B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

**Action:** The Board took no reportable action

Legal Counsel Trujillo reported the Board authorized a statement by the Chair.

Chairman Shoals stated the District takes all complaints of discrimination very seriously. Discrimination on the basis of any legally protected status not only violates the law but also violates the District policy and undermines efficient operations. Therefore attorneys for the District commissioned an independent investigation of complaints of discrimination presented to the District. There have been no sustained complaints of discrimination.

#### 9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNSEL

#### 10. ADJOURN MEETING

This meeting adjourned at 10:39 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 21, 2016, 6 pm at the Oceano Community Service District Board Room, 1655 Front Street, Oceano, California

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#### SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT WARRANT REGISTER 12/21/16 FY 2016/17

		2/21/16 FY 2016/17				
	BUDGET LINE ITEM		WARRANT NO.	ACCT	ACCT BRKDN	TOTAL
AGP VIDEO	PROF. SERVICES	NOVEMBER	122116-1811	7080	775.00	775.00
ALLIED ADMINISTRATORS	EMPLOYEE DENTAL	JANUARY	1812	6025	862.26	862.26
ARAMARK	UNIFORMS	DECEMBER	1813	7025	488.51	488.51
ATLAS PERFORMANCE IND.	ADMIN OFFICE SPACE	DECEMBER	1814	7040	450.00	450.00
BANK OF THE WEST	TRAINING	SIMPSON	1815	7050	376.48	1,068.52
	HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	WASHER/DRYER		8035	666.46	,
	FUEL	FUEL		8020	22.94	
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	USPS		8045	2.64	
BRENNTAG	PLANT CHEMICALS	BPI682809	1816	8050	5,387.37	5,387.37
CENTRAL COAST TECHNOLOGY	COMPUTER SUPPORT	DECEMBER	1817	7082	493.43	493.43
CITY OF GROVER BEACH	BILLING					
		JULY - NOVEMBER	1818	7081	9,274.25	9,274.25
CULLIGAN CCWT	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	39273	1819	7032	60.00	60.00
CULLIGAN SANTA MARIA	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	63030	1820	7032	17.50	
ENGEL & GRAY, INC.	SOLIDS HANDLING	77961	1821	7085	3,382.10	·
FRUIT GROWERS LABORATORY	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	BIO SOLIDS MONITORING	1822	7078	2,146.00	· ·
GARING TAYLOR ASSOC.	CHERRY AVE BRIDGE PROJECT	NOVEMBER	1823	26-8065	287.50	287.50
GILBERT TRUJILLO	LEGAL COUNSEL	NOVEMBER	1824	7070	6,615.00	6,615.00
GORDON SAND CO	SOLIDS HANDLING	0624220	1825	7085	335.14	335.14
I.I. SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	42564; 42601	1826	8030	362.28	362.28
JB DEWAR	FUEL	832339	1827	8020	174.14	174.14
	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	153731	1828	8030	411.50	
JESSICA MATSON	NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE	NOVEMBER	1829	7065	270.00	
LEXIS NEXIS	SUBSCRIPTION	NOVEMBER	1830	7071	250.00	250.00
MINERS	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	NOVEMBER	1831	8035	518.72	518.72
MULLAHEY FORD	AUTOMOTIVE	54611; 55715	1832	8032	105.43	105.43
NOBLE SAW	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	3	1833	8010		
NOBLE SAVV			1033		2,033.54	2,338.79
0000	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	313837; 313838	4004	8030	305.25	000.0
OCSD	WATER	09/18-11/18	1834	7094	282.34	
PG&E	ELECTRICITY	11/08-12/07	1835	7091	9,654.31	·
POLYDYINE, INC	PLANT CHEMICALS	1097663	1836	8050	5,835.10	,
PRAXAIR	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	75161208	1837	7032	29.42	29.42
READY REFRESH	HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	10/27-11/26	1838	8035	174.77	174.77
ROYAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC	SCADA	434472; 434500	1839	20-8010	10,166.50	10,845.89
	TOOLS	434468		8055	679.39	
SO CAL GAS	GAS	10/27-11/30	1840	7092	1,450.82	1,450.82
SO. CO. SANITARY SERV.	GARBAGE	DECEMBER	1841	7093	664.28	664.28
SPEISS CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	GRIT REMOVAL	216157	1842	20-8015	6,597.75	6,597.75
STATE WATER RES. CONTROL	PERMIT FEES	WD-0117940; WD-0122341	1843	7068	16,182.00	· ·
USA BLUEBOOK	SAFETY SUPPLIES	129214; 124522	1844	8056	8,351.04	· ·
	EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	124569		8030	660.22	0,011.
VWR	LAB SUPPLIES	2016-902	1845	8040	302.43	302.43
WATER SYSTEMS CONSULTING	WATER RECYCLING STUDY	2313		20-7090		8,963.75
SUB TOTAL	WATER REGIOEING GIODI	2010	1040	20-7030	\$ 106,067.56	
SOB TOTAL					\$ 100,007.30	\$ 100,007.50
SO SLO CO SAN DIST. REIMB	PETTY CASH	NOVEMBER	1847		20.30	20.30
SO. SLO CO. SANITATION DISTRICT	RABOBANK REIMB. FOR NOVEMBER	PAYROLL	1848		88,108.36	111,862.94
		CALPERS RETIREMENT		6010	7,701.87	,
		CALPERS HEALTH		6060	15,887.36	
		WEBHOSTING		7011	165.35	
SUB TOTAL		WEBNOOTHVO		7011	\$ 111,883.24	\$ 111,883.24
PAYROLL	12.09.16	29,955.69				
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 217,950.80	\$ 217,950.80
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We hereby certify that the demands numbered serially from 122116-1811 to 122116-1848 together with the supporting evidence have been examined, and that they comply with the requirements of the SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT. The demands are hereby approved by motion of the SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, together with warrants authorizing and ordering the issuance of checks numbered identically with the particular demands and warrants.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	DATE:	
Chairman		Board Member
Board Member		Secretary



# SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

1600 Aloha Oceano, California 93445-9735 Telephone (805) 489-6666 FAX (805) 489-2765

Date: December 21, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Gerhardt Hubner, District Administrator & John Clemons, District Superintendent

Subject: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Today's report presents ongoing information on latest Direct staff activities of possible interest to the Board and members of the public, project updates, regional efforts, our regular Superintendent report, and operation and maintenance activities. *Updates since the last report are provided in italics below:* 

<u>RWQCB NPDES Permit Renewal:</u> District and RWQCB staff met (in conjunction with another meeting) on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the RWQCB's office to discuss the District permit renewal process and schedule. At this point, a draft permit will not be released for public review any sooner than mid to late 2017.

#### **Project Updates:**

- Cherry Ave. Arroyo Grande Sewer Bridge Project The purpose of this project is to perform regular maintenance on the existing structure, remove paint and debris and replace its anti-corrosion coating. At the Board's September 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project. A completed Notice of Determination has been filed with the County of San Luis Obispo, and necessary permit applications to the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Regional Water Quality Control Board. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, District staff received a Notice of Applicability (general permit) from the RWQCB. We still are awaiting the remaining permit from CDFW in order for the project to proceed to the next step, preparation of final specifications.
- **Grit Removal System** On Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> our Grit Removal System project was officially turned on and operational. The final steps will be making sure the system operates as specified, and completion of the final record drawings, inspection and contract close out. A meeting to go over the final punch list is scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mechanical Bar Screen At the September 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board approved an award
  of contract for this project. A Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractor on November
  2<sup>nd</sup>, with a start date of November 8th. A kickoff meeting with the contractor's representatives

from FRM was held on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> at the District's facility. The contractor has ordered the Headworks parts, and we are awaiting delivery.

• Secondary Process Redundancy Project – On March 16, 2016, the Board approved a design contract with Kennedy Jenks for Phase I of this project. On August 5, 2016, a cover letter outlining our response(s) to the Coastal Commission staff's April 15<sup>th</sup> letter to our Coastal Development Permit application was sent to Coastal Commission staff, including five attachments (which included site plans, biological surveys, sea level rise analysis, flood risk mitigation strategy, and site photos). Subsequently on August 16th, upon receipt by us, a one-page form from the County of San Luis Obispo on its permitting determination was transmitted to Coastal Commission staff.

At the September 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board approved an Addendum to the 2010 Mitigation Negative Declaration. This action updated the Redundancy Project's CEQA status. Subsequently, on September 9, 2016, we transmitted this Addendum, and supplemental information requested by Coastal Commission staff, via a cover letter. On October 13, 2016, we received a response from Coastal Commission staff to our September 8<sup>th</sup> submittal. Staff responded to this letter in short order on October 21st, with a cover letter providing answers to questions posed, and updated project facility design plans. The later also included project descriptions and project design plans on past and proposed projects at the District WWTP site.

State Revolving Funding (SRF) Loan Program - On August 30th, District staff participated in three meetings in Sacramento with SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance staff. At the October 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board approved authorization to proceed with a contract with Bartle Wells Associates for assistance in preparing the financial package and evaluating other financial options. BWA has since been in touch with us on their progress, and we in turn have been provided them with requested financial information to assist them with their draft work product(s).

- Satellite Water Resource Recovery Facilities Grant The Board approved a re-scoping of
  this grant funded project at its March 30, 2016. Regular monthly meetings are held with the
  consultant and City of Arroyo Grande staff, where project schedule, milestone and progress
  on report components are discussed. A meeting to discuss and schedule release of the draft
  report was held on December 12th. A workshop on the draft Report is planned for the Board's
  January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Energy Cost Reduction/Conservation Project, Co-Generation Unit Staff continue to
  work with representatives of PG&E, MKN and Envise on the feasibility of a co-generation
  system at the District's facility. Significant benefits of a co-generation system may include
  future saving on facility electricity costs, and a reduced carbon footprint (eliminated
  flare)/greenhouse gases.
- District Control Building and Office Significant issues and problems are evident in the
  District's Operational and Administrative Building. Identified issues include: Strong and
  persistent odors, noise and disruption from brine disposal trucks, multiple leaks in the
  ceiling/roof, mold, old desks and chairs (some decades old), old and stained carpets and
  flooring, infestation of pests, bubbling and peeling paint, break room/kitchen deterioration,
  identified leaks in the indoor plumbing, insufficient and overlapping utilization of space for
  administration vs. operations, IT integration, file storage, and others.

The current effort to directed toward replace the existing flooring, and staff is working to obtain quotes for a future Board consideration and approval.

On August 11th, a temporary construction trailer for administrative staff was delivered to the plant site, adjacent to the C-Train (containing a majority of the District's files). A completed CDP application was submitted to Coastal Commission staff in compliance with local and state requirements. At their December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Coastal Commission unanimously concurred with issuing a CDP waiver.

#### **Regional Efforts**

- Arroyo Grande Watershed MOU Group In 2006, various parties, including the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding. The purpose of this watershed group is to develop programs and policies for the maintenance, protection, and enhancement of Arroyo Grande Watershed and creeks within the Watershed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Zone 1-1A Flood Control Advisory Committee The Committee is focused on the goal to provide input and coordination on proposed improvement and maintenance of the Zone 1/1A flood facilities, working with the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District. At the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board approved District staff participation. On December 2, 2016, District staff was invited to participate with County of San Luis Obispo Public Works in a tour of the Arroyo Grande Creek levees and adjacent flood control facilities. This was in anticipation, and preparation for the upcoming wet weather season.
- Integrated Water Resource Management (IRWM) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort with the County of San Luis Obispo to manage all aspects of water resources on a region wide scale that:
  - o Crosses jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries
  - o Involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups
  - o Addresses regional issues and differing perspectives of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions.
  - Develops multi-benefit solutions

At the July 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board approved the District's participation in the IRWM program through adoption of a Resolution and becoming signatory under the existing Memorandum of Understanding.

- Water Reuse, Central Coast Chapter The Association is a not-for-profit association (501c6) of utilities, government agencies and industry that advocates for laws, policies and funding to promote water reuse. The Water Reuse Association provides a comprehensive and complementary approach to increasing water reuse in California. We were recently informed that the District Administrator was elected as the Vice Chair for the local Regional Water Use group.
- North Cities Management Area Technical Group The NCMA TG, which includes representatives from the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, and the Oceano Community Services District, was formed as a result of the Santa Maria Groundwater

Basin (SMGB) Adjudication. This group is exploring various ways to protect and enhance future water supplies in the basin through groundwater monitoring, and the collection and analyzing of data pertinent to water supply and demand. At the meetings, group members share hydrologic and water resources data and information, and water conservation efforts. The group's next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> with the County.

A meeting with Regional Board staff was held December 14th to coordinate expectations with the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) groundwater model development. The meeting went well, with discussions on how to administer the SEP and minimize costs, and how best leverage both Phase I (this effort) with Phase II funds from the County of San Luis Obispo.

- Regional Groundwater Sustainability Project: Staff participates in meeting with the various cities to collaborate one a potential regional recycling project in the South San Luis Obispo county and how might the District participate. The third meeting of this group was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Grover Beach, with topics that included updates on a collaboration structure, efforts to develop a groundwater model, a joint EIR, and the site selection process. District staff was asked and provided an update on progress with our recycling grant study.
- Countywide Water Action Team/Water Management Efforts: A Countywide Water Action Team has formed, with water managers throughout San Luis Obispo County convening to discuss and collaborate on water supply management solutions, especially in light of the severe drought. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Programmatic Initiatives**

- Outreach Initiative: At the September 21, 2016 Board meeting the Board approved moving forward with distribution of our Fall 2016 Newsletter. A separate flyer for the Oceano community highlighting the Redundancy project is anticipated to be distributed next week.
- Record's Management Initiative: As a first step, staff have recently compiled several other
  agencies' Record's Retention Policies. We intend to evaluate them and compare them to the
  District's existing Record Retention Policy, and at some future date, come to the Board with
  an updated Policy for consideration.
- Human Resources/Personal Policy Manual Update: Significant progress is being made to update the District's Personnel Policy Manual. Currently, review of and proposed revisions, have completed on draft Sections 100-5000. Work will now shift to Section 5000+, and then an update to some of our job descriptions. At this time staff has not decided whether to bring the entire revised Manual, or a partial Manual to the Board for consideration and approval. Note, the proposed revised sections of the Manual will also need further vetting internally, and through a "meet and confer process" with employee union representatives. We currently are on schedule to meet the Board's six-month deadline for completion.

Finally, we were also informed this week that our Lab Technician/Operator Ms. Fannie Mui has been selected as the "Tri-Counties Section Winner: TRIS Lab Person of the Year". Congratulations Fannie!

#### **Superintendent's Report**

During this reporting period (December 1st through December 15th) the District's facility continues to regularly meet its Permit Limitations as required under the State of California's National Pollution Elimination Discharge (NPDES) Permit issued to the District. All process values (lab test results) were within permit limits.

#### Plant Data (Monthly Data as Available December 15th), 2016

December	INF	Peak	INF	EFF	INF	EFF	Fecal	Cl2	BOD
2016	Flow	Flow	BOD	BOD	TSS	TSS	Coli	lbs/day	REM
	MGD	MGD	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L			Eff.%
Average	2.31	3.35	495	26	460	36	2.0	172	95
High	2.48	4.1	520	28	482	41	2.0	219	
Limit	5.0			40/60/90		40/60/90	2000		80
CY 2015									
Monthly									
Average	2.17	3.42	415	29	438	36	67	194	93
High	2.42	4.8	495	43	494	47	255	402	

<sup>\*\*</sup>Limit – 40/60/90 represent NPDES Permit limits for the monthly average, weekly average, and instantaneous value for plant effluent BOD and TSS.

#### **Operation and Maintenance Projects**

- Conducted water test of FFR Emergency Back-up Piping Project.
- Collected and submitted biosolids samples for quarterly testing.
- Troubleshot #2 auger at headworks. Removed auger for further maintenance.
- Repaired electrical controls on FFR roll-up door.
- Removed and replaced back-pressure valve at ferric pump.
- Cleaned and painted piping at primary clarifier #2.
- Underground Service Alerts

#### **Training**

- Staff attended a training session on Proper Lifting Techniques/Back Safety.
- Staff attended a Hazardous Materials Business Plan Review training session.

#### Miscellaneous

• Staff toured the Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Plant.



# SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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Date: December 21, 2016

**To:** Board of Directors

From: Gerhardt Hubner, District Administrator

Subject: APPROVAL OF WASTEWATER BILLING AND CONNECTION FEE

AGREEMENT(S) WITH THE CITIES OF GROVER BEACH AND ARROYO

**GRANDE** 

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve the City of Grover Beach Billing Agreement

2. Approve the City of Arroyo Grande Billing and Collection Fee Agreement

#### **BACKGROUND**

Prior to this year, all wastewater fees for the District were collected on its behalf by its member agencies the Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, and the Oceano Community Service District. No written agreement was in place to formalize this arrangement or to reimburse the member agencies for their time and effort.

After several meetings on the subject, the Board at its June 1, 2016 Board meeting adopted Resolution No. 2016-347 approving the report of wastewater services and facilities charges and delinquent charges, and directing the filing of charges and delinquent charges from the community of Oceano for collection by the County Tax Collector.

The Board also directed at a prior Board meeting (May 4<sup>th</sup>) for: "staff to renegotiate the contracts with the member agencies and bring these negotiated contracts back to the Board for final approval, with no set with no set dollar at this time."

#### DISCUSSION

Per the May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> Board direction, the District Administrator engaged both cities with the intent to update and/or confirm the previous developed Agreement language, at least as a starting point.

After several discussions, and review by both the City of Grover Beach's and the District's legal counsel, all parties accepted the Agreement's language. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the City Council for Grover Beach adopted the Grover Beach Agreement (Attachment No. 1). Under this Agreement the District will reimburse the City at an annual "base fee" of \$15,000 plus a per account fee of

\$0.25 per account per billing period. The Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either Party. Grover Beach staff requested that connection fees be handled under a separate agreement or other legal mechanism, thus this language was taken out of the final Agreement. In addition, there was some language changes requested by the City of Grover Beach's legal counsel with concurrence by District's counsel.

Shortly thereafter, District staff engaged staff from the City of Arroyo Grande to see whether they were still agreeable to the Agreement executed back in March of this year. On November 23rd, via an email message received City staff indicated they concurred going forward since no changes were being proposed from the previous executed March Agreement. The City of Arroyo Grande's Agreement has the same basic terms and conditions for reimbursement as the City of Grover Beach's Agreement.

#### Conclusion

If approved today, the District will now have two Agreements in place to formally collect the District's wastewater fees, and in turn reimburse the Cities for their services.

At some point in the future the District may wish to direct staff to undertake a similar process recently completed for the Oceano community for the collection of the District's wastewater fees from the residents of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach through the County of San Luis Obispo's property tax roll.

#### Attachment:

- 1. City of Grover Beach Billing Agreement
- 2. City of Arroyo Grande Billing and Connection Agreement

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WHEREAS, CITY is a member agency of SSLOCSD; and

WHEREAS, CITY has provided billing services to account holders receiving SSLOCSD Services within CITY's jurisdiction for many years ("Billing Services"); and

**WHEREAS,** SSLOCSD desires that CITY provide these Billing Services as provided in this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** CITY agrees to provide Billing Services to SSLOCSD as provided in this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

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**1.1** <u>Incorporation of Recitals.</u> SSLOCSD and CITY agree the foregoing Recitals are true and correct, are considered contractual provisions of this Agreement and are hereby incorporated by reference.

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- 6.1 Termination Without Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement, for any or no reason, upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party. In the event of a termination, the date of termination shall be deemed to be the first business day occurring after the expiration of the notice period.
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#### SSLOCSD:

Attn: District Administrator South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District P.O. Box 339 Oceano, CA 93475

P: (805) 489-6670 F: (805) 489-2765

#### CITY:

CITY OF GROVER BEACH

Attn: City Manager 154 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street Grover Beach, CA 93433

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- **7.7** Authorization. All officers and individuals executing this and other documents on behalf of the respective Parties hereby certify and warrant that they have the capacity and have been duly authorized to execute said documents on behalf of the entities indicated.
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IN **WITNESS** \**WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement.

(Signatures appear on the next page)

"SSLOCSD" South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Date:\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED AS TO FORM: Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Wendy Stockton, Esq. District Co-Counsel "City" City of Grover Beach By:\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_-John P. Shoals, Mayor Attest: Donna L. McMahon, City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM: City of Grover Beach

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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David Hale, City Attorney

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Oceano, CA 93475 P: (805) 489-6670

F: (805) 489-2765

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#### 300 E. BRANCH STREET ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420

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### South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District	
By: Wendy Stockton Esq. District Co-Counsel	Date: 8/11/16
"CITY" City of Arroyo Grande	Date: 3/22/16
By:	Date:
Kelly Wetmore, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: City of Arroyo Grande	
By: Jean Allith Heather Whitham, City Attorney	Date: 3/22/14



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**Staff Report** 

Date: December 21, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Gerhardt Hubner, District Administrator

Subject: **ELECTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2017 BOARD OFFICERS** 

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017 Calendar Year.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Per the District's Bylaws, annually the District is required to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. The term is for one-year. Presently the City of Grover Beach representative Mr. John Shoals holds the position of Chair. The position of Vice-Chair is presently vacant.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

With the conclusion of the 2016 election, recent appointments of all new and returning Board members to the District's Board, and last Board meeting of the 2016 Calendar Year, it is appropriate to consider and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming Calendar Year 2017.

Staff recommends after discussion and deliberation, the Board elect a Chair, and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2017.

# ITEM 8

# MISCELLANEOUS WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

To: South County Sanitation District Board of Directors:

Chairman, Mayor Shoals, Grover Beach Director: Mayor Hill, Arroyo Grande

Director: Linda Austin, Oceano Community Service District

#### Dear Directors.

We request this correspondence be included in your board packet for December 21, 2016 and to please have it verbally read into the record.

Many in the community of Oceano have been paying close attention to the operations of the Sanitation District since the flood of 2010.

After a long and costly investigation by The State of California, and after several years of litigation it has been brought to closure. With Mr. Hubner's knowledge and experience, and his ability to negotiate, we were able to keep a portion of the million dollar fine to be used to upgrade the facility and support other projects in the South County. We are now at a point where the rates have been increased to perform vital functions to the plant if we are going to continue to use this facility.

Mr. Hubner was offered a contract in early April 2016 to oversee multiple upgrades and to bring the plant into compliance with the anticipated State regulations for waste water treatment plants and to oversee all functions of the operations.

We are speaking up today in support of Mr. Hubner. As the community that houses this important project, it is imperative that we maintain the highest standards of the plant.

Recently we have once again, seen our plant come under attack with false accusations against our Administrator, Mr. Hubner. We have a voice. We demand that the best qualified person with the most experience oversee ALL plant operations. Mr. Hubner has been targeted out by a few vocal Arroyo Grande rate payers and their representative on the Board.

Mr. Hubner has 25 years experience in the field. We were lucky to have him consider this little plant as a salvageable project. In return his reputation has been called in question. At the last meeting there was a closed session item to discuss a recent investigation into allegations of racism. The allegations were of a personnel nature and the reason it became public knowledge was because of a leak to an online news source that wrote about it. This article was also brought to the meeting and presented into the record by a resident of Grover Beach. This kind of unfair, unfounded publicity is doing damage to the district and it's reputation in the business world.

After the closed session, the Board returned and reported that there was no discrimination. None. The damage done to this man's reputation, along with the time and money wasted on this is despicable. I would like to see the Board come out and show support for this Administrator who has in spite of all the disruption and attacks on his character and integrity continued to do a good job for the district. We ask this Board today to formally apologize to Mr. Hubner. We ask that only the Board as a whole give him direction, under the guidance of the chairperson of the Board. We ask that this Board let this man do what we hired him to do and that is to oversee

operations. Our wish is that only the best and most qualified people operate the plant. After all, this project is housed in our boundaries and we deserve only the best.

In closing we would like to add that this District needs Mr. Hubner's professionalism, his knowledge of issues affecting water, sewer and reclamation, and his skills in representing the District well to other agencies. With the trend being toward collaboration and regional plants for water reclamation it is imperative to have someone with Mr. Hubner's expertise on our side. He is well known and respected throughout California and is a valuable asset to this District.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lucey

and the residents of Oceano