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Action Summary Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 03, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Acting Chair White called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum.

Present: Jim Hill, Director, City of Arroyo Grande
Karen White, Acting Chair, Oceano Community Services District

District Staff: Richard Sweet, Technical Consultant
Gilbert Trujillo, District Legal Counsel
Amy Simpson, District Bookkeeper/Secretary

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker requested the Board rescind the censure of Director Hill, initiate an investigation of Chair Shoals, and increase the Board to five members.

Patricia Price requested the Board rescind the censure of Director Hill.

Ron Arnoldsen requested an investigation of Chair Shoals.

Coleen Kubel requested an investigation of Chair Shoals.

Shirley Gibson stated that she does not think a bigger Board is necessary.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 06, 2017.

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the warrants for Gilbert Trujillo, Technical Consultants, Human Resources Consultant, Payroll expense for Clemons, and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

Kris Victorine stated the Clemons settlement should be recorded as a settlement expense and not a payroll expense.

Patricia Price commented on the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore warrant.

Coleen Kubel asked why there was not a Cash Report for this period.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

The Board discussed the Warrant Register and questioned the absence of a Quarterly Cash Report. Director Hill stated that he has concern over the Clemons settlement being recorded as payroll. He hopes the high legal costs will come down and in line with similar districts. He supports the hourly rate of legal counsel but does not support the Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore warrant. Acting Chair White asked if the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore warrant is from previous periods. Technical Consultant Sweet responded that the settlement was processed that way because there is withholding the same as payroll and presently there is no other line item that would serve this purpose. He stated that he does not anticipate any further bills from LCW for any of these items.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 06, 2017 as presented.

Second: Acting Chair White

Action: Approved unanimously.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to approve the Warrant Register as presented with the exception of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

Second: Acting Chair White

Action: Approved unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6A. ELECTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BOARD OFFICERS

Technical Consultant Sweet presented the Staff Report.

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker, Kris Victorine, Coleen Kubel, and Richard Kubel stated that they support Director Hill as the Chair.

Shirley Gibson stated that she supports the Oceano representative as the Chair.

Ron Arnoldsen stated that he does not support Linda Austin as the Chair.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

Acting Chair White made a motion to nominate Director Austin as the Chair.

There was no second to this motion.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to continue this item to the next Board meeting.

Second: Acting Chair White

Action: Approved unanimously.

6B. ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUNDANCY PROJECT

Technical Consultant Sweet presented the Staff Report. He stated that the value on 20 points change in funding over a thirty year time frame on a twenty million dollar project could be very valuable and it could mean a savings of millions of dollars. Michael Nunley was also present at the meeting and available for questions.

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker spoke on the financing.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Environmental Services , attachment "A", in support of funding opportunities for the Redundancy Project.

Second: Acting Chair White

Action: Approved unanimously.

Acting Chair White stated that there had been a re-audit and the median household income for Oceano is lower than previously reported.

6C. REVIEW OF BRINE PROGRAM

Technical Consultant Sweet presented the Staff Report. He stated that the change of haul route was largely in response to neighborhood concerns. He also stated that the District has an aggressive brine testing program.

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Brad Snook and Julie Tacker commented on the brine program.
Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

The Board shared the concerns of the commenters.

Action: Receive and File Report.

6D. NOTICE OF VIOLATION: REQUEST TO EXECUTE “ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING”

Technical Consultant Sweet presented the Staff Report. He stated that on December 12, 2017, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board notified the District that it had violated its effluent limitations from July 31, 2015 to May 3, 2017.

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker agreed that the Board should accept the offer from the Water Board.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

Director Hill stated that it is valuable to make sure the record is accurate and strongly supported the staff recommendation.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-384; a resolution of the Board approving the “Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing” and direct the Technical Consultants to execute the “Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing” and authorize payment of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) as a “mandatory minimum penalty” for violations occurring from July 31, 2015 to May 3, 2017.

Second: Acting Chair White

Action: Approved unanimously.

6E. CALL FOR BIDS; BIOSOLIDS HANDLING FACILITY PROJECT

Technical Consultant Sweet presented the Staff Report. He stated that the Biosolids Handling Facility Project is actually a 20 x 20 reinforced concrete pad with drainage and curbing for containment that sits on the East side of the Centrifuge building. This project will allow sludge to be disposed of in the most economical way possible. He confirmed there is a Coastal Commission permit on this project.

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Patricia Price asked for clarification of the project description.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to authorize the call for bids for the “Biosolids Handling Facility Project.”

Second: Acting Chair White

Action: Approved unanimously.

6F. TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT

Technical Consultant Sweet presented the Staff Report. He stated that work continues on the Redundancy Project and staff is presently evaluating recommendations on sludge thickening processes. There is much discussion still continuing on Regional Collaboration on the RGSP project. He stated that staff is extremely frustrated with the inability to bring the audit before the Board and that the auditors say it will be February before it is brought forward. The Operations report showed that the numbers at the plant are extremely good at this point.

Director Hill asked staff to look into the chlorine usage

Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Kris Victorine, Ron Arnoldsen, Julie Tacker, and Patricia Price spoke regarding the audit, financing, and favorable lab results.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

The Board had a discussion regarding completion of the 2016/17 audit and Technical Consultant Sweet stated that staff has requested the auditors start the next audit as soon as possible.

Action: The Board received and filed this report.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

7A. Written Communications

Technical Consultant Sweet stated that a letter was received from Julie Tacker and is available for review upon request.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Director Hill stated that he would like to have an agenda item at a future meeting to discuss increasing the Board to five members.

9. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) (1)

Title: District Administrator/Interim District Administrator

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case)

After reconvening from closed session again, Acting Chair White opened the Public Comment period.

Kris Victorine, Ron Arnoldsen, Coleen Kubel, and Julie Tacker each expressed a comment or question.

Acting Chair White closed the Public Comment period.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8 p.m.

Action: District Legal Counsel Trujillo announced that there was no reportable action for both matters.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 07, 2018.