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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 05, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Austin called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum.

Present: Linda Austin, Director, Oceano Community Services District
Barbara Nicolls, Vice Chair, City of Grover Beach
Jim Hill, Director, City of Arroyo Grande

District Staff: Jeremy Ghent, District Administrator
Gil Trujillo, District Legal Counsel
Amy Simpson, District Bookkeeper/Secretary

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the censure of Director Hill; requested a censure of John Shoals; correction to statements of Mary Lucey; publishing a newsletter; civil action against former District Administrator John Wallace.

Kris Victorine commented on a civil suit against former District Administrator John Wallace; transparency and due diligence.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2018

Director Hill provided his comment regarding legal counsel. He has concerns of possible double billing and asked if there was going to be a Request for Proposals for Legal Counsel. Chair Austin requested an update on the Digester Rehab.

Administrator Ghent said the warrant to FRM for \$288,000 is the bulk of payment for substantial completion of the Digester Rehab Project. Staff is working on restarting the digester and expect the restart to take about thirty days.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on legal counsel; Request for Proposals for Legal Counsel; and board action from the minutes of the meeting Jones & Mayers contract was approved.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

Motion: Director Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second: Vice Chair Nicolls

Action: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

6A. Technical Consultants and Plant Operations Report

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He highlighted the Redundancy Project and said Kennedy Jenks will submit 60% construction plans on September 14th. These engineering plans will be submitted to Bartle Wells and they will submit a financial update. The Primary Digester No 1 project is nearly complete and the digester is expected to be up and running by the end of October. The Personnel Policy Manual update has been turned over to Alicia Lara for final adjustments and then will be sent to SEIU for their final review and concurrence. Moss, Levey & Hartzheim have completed their office visit and the FY 16/17 audit will be brought to the Board in the next six to eight weeks. He said that Central Coast Blue meetings have increased and there is interest in the Sanitation District taking a more substantial role in this project. There will be strategic meetings to discuss how to structure the governance of this project. Several agency members have toured the plant.

Administrator Ghent also presented the Operations report. He also said the plant met its permit limitations; work continues on the chlorine controller and staff is busy bringing the digester back on line.

Director Hill said he appreciates staffs increased attention to the chlorine contact chamber and asked if there was any progress in issuing the Request for Proposals for legal counsel.

Administrator Ghent said staff expects to see changes in the chlorine fluctuation once the digester is back on line. He also offered to give a higher priority to the RFP for Legal Counsel if the Board desired. He clarified that there is intent on the

roles of legal counsel. Mr. Collins is working on contracts and Mr. Trujillo serves as the Districts counsel.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the Personnel Policy Manual; the Redundancy Project; Central Coast Blue and USDA financing.

Coleen Kubel commented on her tour of the Plant.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

Action: The Board received and filed the report.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION:

(A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9:
(one potential case)

Legal Counsel Trujillo announced Closed Session.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on returning of the District records from former administrator John Wallace.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.