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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 19, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Linda Austin, Chair, 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.

Charlotte Wilson commented on the Arroyo Grande candidate forum; leadership at the District; lack of civility at meetings; electing Director Hill as the Chair of the Board; removing the censure of Director Hill and increasing the Board to five members.

Julie Tacker commented on rescinding the censure of Director Hill; requested an investigation and censure of former Chair John Shoals and correction to inaccurate statements of former Director Mary Lucey regarding recycled water.

Jim Coldwell commented on inaccurate accusations against Oceano.

Mary Lucey commented on a letter in a local tabloid written by Jim Hill and moving forward.

Kris Victorine commented on a civil suit against former District Administrator John Wallace and money that the rate payers are due back and civility at District meetings.

Kelly Myrich commented on a previous investigation.

Patricia Price commented on a CalCoast News article written by Jim Hill and her hopes of coming together as a community and working together.

Patty Welsh commented on members of the public and hopes of moving forward.

Clark De Souza commented on a member of the public.

Director Hill responded to the speakers and said that all citizens are welcome to speak at public meetings.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

Chair Austin clarified previous inaccurate comments of Ms. Tacker regarding the infiltration of Oceano water. Chair Austin said Oceano has a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) and submits monthly reports. They are complying with regulations and are aware of some hot spots they have submitted to the Regional Quality Control Board RWQCB. Oceano has set aside reserves to do the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the wastewater system. Chair Austin said Oceano has taken measures to prevent water infiltration in manholes. Oceano is working in the black. The organization is sound and solid. Oceano has secured water sources for future generations and the community is thriving. Oceano is in sound fiscal condition, they are taking care of business and the previous comments made by Ms. Tacker are completely out of line.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 05, 2018

5C. Notice of Contract Completion; Valve Replacement Project

5D. Notice of Contract Completion: Digester No. 1 Rehabilitation Project

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the warrants; suggested an infiltration and inflow study; the City of Pismo Beach warrant; the Rincon Consultant warrant and legal expenses.

Clark De Souza commented on the previous speaker.

Patty Welsh commented on the Certified Public Accountant, CPA, warrant.

Mary Lucey commented on the warrants and in-house duties vs. contracted.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

Administrator Ghent said the Board gave previous direction to hire a C.P.A. to provide financial support. He also clarified the roles of legal counsel. District Counsel serves to represent the Board at the meetings and Outside Counsel is used to review contracts and provide the ok for the District to enter into those contracts.

Motion: Director Nicolls motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second: Director Hill

Action: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

6A. Technical Consultants and Plant Operations Report

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He said staff has received the 60% plans from Kennedy Jenks for the Redundancy Project. He said staff continues to work with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and it does remain promising that Oceano will qualify for partial funding with favorable lending terms from USDA. He said Digester No. 1 is back on-line, producing gas and heating and mixing. Staff has an updated draft for a brine disposal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that will be presented to the Board at a future date. An agency working for the Department of Defense has submitted a request to place a small piece of radio equipment for the navy at the plant. The agreement will be presented to the Board for review. He said that Chair Austin and Keith Storton toured the plant. He also presented the Operations Report and said the plant is running well, no exceedances or violations.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the engineers estimate of the Redundancy Project; USDA financing and plant tours.

Mary Lucey commented on the Supervisory Control Data Acquisition system (SCADA).

Administrator Ghent responded to the comments. He said USDA has put it on staff to come up with a formula for pro rata share. He said he is working with Michael K. Nunley & Associates (MKN) and they are looking at the most beneficial formula to capitalize the most money the District can capture and is the most advantageous to the District. There is an updated engineer estimate that will be presented to the Board. He said SCADA is bringing value to the plant and those trends and historical data have allowed staff to solve problems that would have required continuous samples.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

Action: The Board received and filed the report.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

9. CLOSED SESSION:

(A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED 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 Closed Session and hopes that it is about John Wallace.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:47 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 6:54 p.m.

The Board took no reportable action.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 03, 2018.