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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 17, 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
Keith Collins, 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 rescinding the censure of Director Hill; requested a censure of former Chair John Shoals; correction to the record of former Director Mary Lucey and consider civil action against former Administrator John Wallace.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5A. Approval of Warrants**
- 5B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 03, 2018**
- 5C. Request to Purchase a New Operations and Maintenance Electric Cart**

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the electric cart staff report, the legal counsel warrant, and the Minutes of September 19, 2018 specifically comments on Items not Appearing on the Agenda.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

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

Second: Director Hill

Action: Approved unanimously by voice vote. 3-0

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6A. District Administrator and Plant Operations Report

Administrator Ghent presented this item.

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He said staff has received the draft audit for Fiscal Year 2016/17 from Moss, Levy & Hartzheim and staff is reviewing. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has contacted staff and has provided staff a draft permit for review. The intention is to produce a public draft by the end of next month. The permit may require another update to the brine Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) due to this new permit.

Interim Superintendent Mychal Jones said overall the numbers are well within permit limits. There is a minor leak in the Digester 1 pressure relief valve. Operation staff has been coming up with a plan to repair. Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has been notified. He provided updates to maintenance activity at the plant.

Director Hill provided suggestions to assist with the Digester leak.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the Regional Board new permit requirements and the Central Coast Blue Project schedule.

Director Hill asked if staff is aware of potential conflicts on that schedule with the Pismo Beach grant application.

Administrator Ghent said yes, he brought this schedule conflict to City of Pismo's attention when he became aware of it. He assumes they developed their schedule off the very first Redundancy schedule which would have Redundancy complete by then. He believes Tech Memo 7 changed the schedule and some of that memo was not properly communicated between the two teams. Both WSC and City of Pismo are now aware of the schedule conflict. Mr. Ghent's position is that they would not be able to work on site at the earliest May of 2022 and a safe date of October 2022 based on existing schedule.

Action: The Board received and filed the report.

6B. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR BRINE WASTE SAMPLING

Administrator Ghent introduced this item and Superintendent Mychal Jones presented the item. This item came about with members of the Board and public expressing concern over not having a standard operation procedure for brine waste sampling practice used prior to allowing discharge. The staff report included a draft SOP.

The Board had a brief discussion and thanked staff for the thorough report.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the sensitivity of the land and the delivery route of the brine trucks.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

Administrator Ghent responded to the comments. He said there are two points of access and does not believe there is a need for further discussion with the Coastal Commission.

Director Nicolls and Hill requested Administrator Ghent reach out to the Coastal Commission.

Administrator Ghent said he would reach out to the commission and get some guidance from them to bring back to the Board.

Action: The Board received and filed this report.

6C. FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 END OF YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

District Bookkeeper/Secretary presented this item. She gave the highlights of the cash balance and the projects that were completed in the Fiscal Year.

Director Hill asked if these numbers fit within the schedule of the Redundancy Project.

Bookkeeper Simpson said that the District did not spend what was budgeted to be spent on the Redundancy Project.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on the budget review.

Bookkeeper Simpson responded to Ms. Tackers comments. She said the discrepancy mentioned in the staff report was a result of the type of report being presented. This report shows revenues and expenses and the Balance Sheet will show payables, receivables and deposits. She also pointed out the unanticipated

expense of the severance payouts in the amount of \$187,500 to Mr. Clemons and Hubner.

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-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

(B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9: *Carol A. Wolf v. Mathew Robert Dutra, et al.*, SLO County Superior Court Case No: 18CV-0402

Legal Counsel Collins announced Closed Session.

Chair Austin opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on Closed Session.

Chair Austin closed the Public Comment period.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 6:44 p.m.

The Board took no reportable action.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2018.