



# SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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## SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES Regular Meeting of Wednesday, August 7, 2019

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Jeff Lee, Chair, City of Grover Beach  
Caren Ray Russom, Vice Chair, City of Arroyo Grande  
Linda Austin, Director, Oceano Community Services District

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

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ray Russom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

The Board agreed to amend the agenda to hear Item 6B. before Item 6A.

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

There was no public Comment.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA:

**5A. Approval of Warrants**

**5B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2019**

Bookkeeper/Secretary Simpson announced two changes to the Consent Agenda. She provided a Revised Agenda that included an additional warrant for Linda Austin, July Board Service in the amount of \$100. She also noted a correction to the Minutes of July 17, Item 6B. Public Comment. Ji Shen spoke in opposition to adopting the CWA.

Chair Lee opened the Public Comment. Julie Tacker commented on legal bills, recruitment bill and Item 6B. of the Minutes. Chair Lee closed the Public Comment.

Administrator Ghent said the expense for the recruitment was included in the budget and he corrected a statement he made at the last meeting. He clarified that the Cities of Grover Beach and Arroyo Grande collect the connection fees and that Oceano has never collected the connection fees for the District. Collecting connection income will be negotiated when he meets with the city managers.

**Motion:** Director Ray Russom made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with changes. The Warrant Register had an additional warrant in the amount of \$100 paid to Linda Austin for Board Service and the Minutes Item 6B. under Public Comment have Ji Shen speaking in opposition to the CWA.

**Second:** Director Austin

**Action:** Approved unanimously by voice vote.

**6. ACTION ITEMS:**

**6B. DRAFT COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT (CWA) FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REDUNDANCY PROJECT (UPDATE)**

Administrator Ghent provided this report. He said correspondence was not received prior to publishing the Board Pack. He gave a breakdown of the accounting effort to pursue a CWA.

Chair Lee said he has been in communication with the Trades and they are still taking the agreement under advisement.

Legal Counsel said a legal opinion was presented to the Board in the form of a memo regarding a threat of litigation received in an email.

The Board had a discussion and Director Ray Russom and Chair Lee are in favor of setting a seven-day deadline and if the Trades submit an agreement, there will be a second meeting in August with Closed Session to discuss the threat of litigation.

Chair Lee opened the Public Comment. Russel Johnson, Julie Tacker and Patricia Price commented in opposition to the PLA. Chair Lee closed the Public Comment.

Director Austin provided her comments and said the Trades had no response to the original deadline and she is not in favor of extending the deadline.

**Motion:** Director Lee made a motion to require an original signed document by all participating parties in the District Administrators hand by close of business on August 14<sup>th</sup>. There was an amendment added that there will be a Special Meeting scheduled if there is a yes to the agreement.

**Second:** Director Ray Russom

**Action:** Approved 2-1 by roll call vote. Director Austin voted no.

Administrator Ghent requested the record reflect that close of business is 4:30 p.m.

The Board took a three-minute recess and will return at 7:15.

**6A. CENTRAL COAST BLUE PROJECT UPDATE; PRESENTATION BY WATER SYSTEM CONSULTING, DAN HEIMEL**

The Board received a presentation on Central Coast Blue (formerly referred to as Regional Groundwater Sustainability Project) by Water Systems Consulting, Dan Heibel.

The Board asked questions about the site of the project. when phase II would be implemented; cost of the project to each household per month, cost sharing and benefit to the District.

Chair Lee opened the Public Comment. Julie Tacker commented on water conservation and O & M costs. Chair Lee closed the Public Comment.

The Board received and filed this report.

**6C. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND BENEFITS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He said the changes to the benefit package for this year include a 2.5% COLA; life insurance at the \$25,000 level for employees; and a formulaic increase for the health care benefit.

**Motion:** Director Austin motioned to approve the recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2019-408, granting Cost of Living Adjustments and Modifications to Benefits for Non-Represented Full-Time Employees.

**Second:** Director Ray Russom

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

**6D. CONTRACT FOR PRIMARY CLARIFIER NO. 2 REHABILITATION AND CONTROL VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CANNON CORPORATION**

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He reported that the District had received two proposals and recommend moving forward with Cannon.

Chair Lee opened the Public Comment. Clark De Souza commented on outreach for veterans. Chair Lee closed the Public Comment.

**Motion:** Director Ray Russom motioned to authorize the District Administrator to execute a contract for Professional Engineering Services with Cannon Corporation, in the amount of \$43,240.

**Second:** Director Austin

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

**6E. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT**

Administrator Ghent presented this report.

The Board received and filed this report.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

None

**8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

8:53pm

***THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019.***