

## SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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### SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 4, 2019

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Ray Russom called the meeting to order and recognized a guorum.

Present: Barbara Nicolls, Alternate, 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, District Legal Counsel

Amy Simpson, District Bookkeeper/Secretary

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ray Russom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

Approved as published.

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

Jeff Edwards and Julie Tacker commented on the Central Coast Blue Project.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2019

There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Director Austin

Second: Director Ray Russom
Action: Approved by voice vote.

Alternate Nicolls abstained from the vote.

#### 6. ACTION ITEMS:

#### 6A. REDUNDANCY PROJECT NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He said the US Fish and Wildlife (USFW) agreed with the opinions and determinations as made in the District's Biological Evaluation with one exception, the federally listed California Red legged Frog. Without USFW concurrence, the District will not be approved for USDA funding. Currently, Staff and the Project Team recommends continued pursuit of USDA funding and complying with all Federal environmental requirements.

The Board had discussion.

Jeff Edwards and Julie Tacker provided comment.

**Motion:** Director Austin motioned to approve staff recommendation and

pursue USDA funding and comply with all environmental

requirements.

**Second:** Director Nicolls.

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

### 6B. CONSIDERATION OF CONFLICT WAIVER FOR THE LAW FIRM OF CARMEL AND NACCASHA

District Counsel Trujillo presented this item. This was a request to consider and waive, if it deems appropriate, any conflict of interest that may exist from the law firm of Carmel and Naccasha representing the City of Arroyo Grande as City Attorney and utilizing the services of Mr. Gilbert A Trujillo to assist the City Attorney.

The Board had a discussion and each of the members said that they had spoken to their City Attorneys to receive more information regarding this item.

There was one letter received from Patricia Price regarding this item. Julie Tacker and Jeff Edwards provided public comment. All commenters are not in favor of waiving the conflict of interest.

**Motion:** Director Ray Russom motioned to table this item until the January

15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Second: Director Nicolls

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

# 6C. CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 FIRST QUARTER (Q1) BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS; ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-412 AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Administrator Ghent presented this report. He said the increase of \$72,000 in Interest Revenue will be allocated as \$24,000 in increased Operating Expenditures and \$48,000 in Fund 26 Contingency.

There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Director Austin motioned to approve Resolution 2019-412 to adjust

the budget per the staff recommendation.

Second: Director Nicolls

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

#### 6D. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT

Administrator Ghent presented this item. He said Mike Arias, Plant Shift Supervisor, wrote the Operations Report while District Superintendent Jones was on vacation. District Administrator Ghent provided an update on the Halcyon Neighborhood that have incorrectly been charged for sewer service for the past 4 years. He said refunds are currently being processed and should be mailed by 12/18. He asked any residents of Oceano watching that are on septic call the District if they received charges on their property tax bill for sewer. He said he had reviewed the plans for the City of Arroyo Grande Bridge Street Bridge Replacement and that the District received a copy of the City of Grover Beach Sewer Master Plan. There were no plant tours. Upcoming items will be revisions to the Kennedy Jenks ESDC contract for Compliance with the USDA, Central Coast Blue MOA and District goals and priorities. He then presented the Operation Report and said the District's facility met its Permit Limitations as required under the State of California's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit issued to the District.

Director Ray Russom asked that the Board revisit agency billing with member communities.

The Board received and filed this report.

#### 7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

There were none.

#### 8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

The Board wished everyone Happy Holidays and said the next meeting would be held on January 15, 2020.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

7:13 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2020.