



SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES Meeting of Wednesday, July 2, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Kassi Dee called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum.

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

District Staff: Jeremy Ghent, District Administrator
Mychal Jones, Plant Superintendent
Wendy Stockton, District Legal Counsel
Amy Simpson, District Bookkeeper/Secretary

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Action: Approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Pete Rapucci provided public comment on walking paths in Oceano.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025

There was no public comment.

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

Second: Director Austin

Action: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6A. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-463 HONORING WILLIAM “RICK” JACKMAN FOR HIS TWENTY-THREE (23) YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT**

District Administrator Ghent presented this item, reading and presenting Mr. Jackman with a framed copy of the Resolution. He also displayed a photo of a new forklift that will be labeled and named in honor of Mr. Jackman.

Mr. Jackman thanked the Board and the staff for getting him to retirement.

The Board thanked Mr. Jackman for his service. Billy Romhild, Chris Rigoni, Erika Frost, Mike Arias, and Mario De Leon were all present to congratulate Mr. Jackman and wish him the best in his retirement.

Motion: Director Ray Russom motioned to pass, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-463.

Second: Director Austin

Action: Motion approved by roll call vote.

6B. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-464 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF USDA FINANCING AND COMPLIANCE WITH RELATED PROVISIONS, AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-465 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SALE OF 2025 WASTEWATER REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$4,464,000 AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS**

Administer Ghent presented this item. He reported that proceeds of the \$4,464,000 Series 2025 Certificates will be used to defease and pay off the District's outstanding 2020 Series B Certificates which were issued to provide interim financing for a portion of the Redundancy Project and have a final maturity date of September 1, 2025. Issuance of the Series 2025 Certificates will obligate the District to make semi-annual installment payments totaling approximately \$147,000 annually for approximately the next 40 years.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Director Ray Russom motioned to adopt two resolutions including a) Resolution No. 2025-464 Loan Resolution (Public Bodies) authorizing issuance of USDA financing and compliance with related provisions, and b) Resolution No. 2025-465 authorizing the execution and sale of 2025 Wastewater Revenue Certificates of Participation in the maximum amount of \$4,464,000 and approving related documents and actions.

Second: Director Austin

Action: Motion approved by roll call vote.

6C. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING & APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1 AUTHORIZING INCREASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES

Administrator Ghent introduced the item. Alex Handlers of Bartle Wells Associates delivered a PowerPoint presentation. The District received 17 written protests. Staff verified that a majority protest had not been received; therefore, the protest failed.

There was no public comment.

The Board shared their comments and acknowledged that, while no one wants to raise rates, the increase is necessary. They also recognized Jeremy for his seven-year anniversary with the District. The Board noted that the ability to delay a rate increase during the COVID-19 pandemic and throughout recent years of inflation is a true testament to the talent and dedication of the District staff in effectively running and managing the plant.

Motion: Director Austin motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-1 authorizing five years of wastewater treatment rates reflecting 9% annual rate increases effective starting September 1, 2025.

Second: Director Ray Russom

Action: Motion approved by roll call vote.

6D. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT

Superintendent Mychal Jones presented the Operations Report. He reported that during the reporting period of June 1st – 27th there were no violations of the District's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. All process values were within Permit limitations. He also reported that the call out numbers have decreased significantly the last week.

District Administrator Jeremy Ghent presented the Administrator Report. He announced that construction was completed on June 27th and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for July 30th to celebrate the project's completion. He also provided an update on the SC2 claim.

In response to the Board's inquiry regarding the timeline for the claim, Mr. Ghent stated that the timeline is currently unknown. Kennedy Jenks will provide an update as soon as more information becomes available.

The Board took a moment to acknowledge Eileen Shields for her professionalism, reliability, clarity, and outstanding contributions throughout the project.

Ms. Shields thanked the Board for their recognition and kind words. She noted that they are tracking the lost interest that would have been accrued as part of the claim.

Action: The Board received and filed this report.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

The Board thanked the Staff for their presence and for doing an excellent job running the plant.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

6: 45 p.m.

***THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE
MEETING JULY 16, 2025.***