

LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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FOLLOWING IS THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT. THE MEETING WAS HELD AUGUST 21, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT THE LATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA LOCATED AT 6065 EAST LATONIA STREET, LATON, CALIFORNIA. ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Garcia called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Tim Wolfe, Carol Hall, Francisco Orbe, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: Dan Chapa, JoAnne Rempp, Chief Pentecost, Jim Wegley (by phone) and Ty Mizote, the following individuals were absent from the meeting: None.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no oral presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2024 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Chief Pentecost reported for the month of June, there were 13- medical calls, 4-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 3-vegetation fire calls, 0- structural fire calls, 0 commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 1- Water Rescue, 2-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other. Chief Pentecost reported for the month of July, there were 8- medical calls, 0-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 4-vegetation fire calls, 1- structural fire calls, 1- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other. The Board approved to paint the exterior of the fire station. The new fire engine needs new tires, and the Board directed Chief Pentecost to get 3 quotes, and it will be added to next month's agenda,
6. **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:15 pm TO DISCUSS THE 2025-2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT APPLICATION LIST.**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:17pm. Mr. Chapa went over the application and explained that the SWRCB has informed LCSD that we need to replace the effluent meter and install an influent meter to stay in compliance with the State requirements.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mr. Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 6:20pm.
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE 2025-2026 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** The Board discussed and decided that the effluent and influent meters were most needed at this time.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mr. Garcia closed the Hearing at 6:25pm.
 - f. **BOARD DECISION AND APPROVAL ON THE 2025-2026 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the effluent and influent meters. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - g. **BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE 2025-2026 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** The Board authorizes the submittal of the 2025-2026 CDBG Application.
 - h. **BOARD AUTHORIZING PERSON TO SIGN THE 2025-2026 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** The Board authorizes Paul Garcia to sign the 2025-2026 CDBG Applications.
7. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 6:29pm.
 - A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOV CODE 54957)
Employees: All
 - B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOV CODE 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: Daniel Chapa and Ty Mizote
Unrepresented Employees: All

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion made a motion to approve an employee raise. Mr. Francisco seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board has directed Mr. Chapa to inform the employees of their raises.
9. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET:**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:49pm. Mr. Chapa presented the Final Budget and explained how he balanced the budget.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mr. Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 7:06pm.
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION:** The Board had no comments or questions regarding the budget.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mr. Garcia closed the Hearing at 7:10pm
 - f. **DECISION ON THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 2024-03:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budget Resolution No. 2024-03. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD DEBT WRITE-OFF:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the LCSD Debt Write-Off. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that he is still establishing how many meters and meter boxes will be needed for the project.
12. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for July 2024: well #4 Static water level is at 101.25, and drawdown is 8.08; well #5 Static water level is at 106.41 and drawdown is at 7.88; well #6 Static water level is at 103.10 and drawdown is at 8.62. BOD removal 82.01% and TSS removal 78.10%. Freeboard pond level: #1-1.28ft, #2-1.09ft, #3-1.31ft, #4-1.77ft, #5-1.85ft, and #6-1.8ft.
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CDBG #2242 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LCSD WASTEWATER POND 7:** Mr. Wegley talked with Fresno County and the project is still being funded.
14. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley says that we need to get authorization from SWRCB to remove water from ponds to the back fields.
15. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa had no accidents or injuries to report.
16. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that the Financial Auditor came and completed the audit, and we should have a draft by the next Board Meeting. Mr. Chapa will get with Mrs. Rempp and complete the SDRMA Final Payroll report. The BAR fleet smog report will be completed by the next Board Meeting.
17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: JoAnne Rempp
District Secretary for Laton Community Services District