

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 JULY 16, 2025, 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 6:01 pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Tim Wolfe, Carol Hall, Marina Mendiola, and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Jim Wegley, Chief Pentecost, and Daniel Chapa. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Ty Mizote.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no Oral Presentation.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2025 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Ms. Mendiola 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 2025, there were 5- medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 1- vegetation fire calls, 1- structural fire calls, 0- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FIRE DISPATCH SERVICE WITH THE CURRENT FRESNO COUNTY EMS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, AND A POTENTIAL SWITCH TO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Fresno County Fire Protection District with the revisions Mr. Chapa made in Agreement. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 2025-01:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the 2025-206 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for June 2025: well #4 Static water level is at 108.41, and drawdown is 8.80; well #5 Static water level is at 109.11 and drawdown is at 8.10; well #6 Static water level is at 110.51; and drawdown is at 8.46. BOD removal: 84.82% and TSS removal: 94.74%. Freeboard pond level: #1-Out of service, #2-Out of service, #3-Out of service, #4-4.6ft, #5-5.0ft, and #6-4.4ft.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** A preconstruction meeting took place with the contractors. Water meters have been delivered; Cristy boxes and lids are pending delivery. Start date will be around the first week in August.
9. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley has formally requested that an additional PFAS test be conducted as soon as possible, ahead of the August 21, 2025 deadline, in order to facilitate timely filing of a claim should the results indicate contamination.
10. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported he will be working on the Final Budget, Cross Connection Control Plan, and the Recycle Ordinance for perishable foods.

12. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 7:15pm.

- 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
- C) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of
Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** The Board directed Mr. Chapa to speak with the employees individually regarding the Employee Performance Evaluations.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

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