

LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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FOLLOWING IS THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT(LCSD). THE MEETING WAS HELD MAY 28, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION, LOCATED AT 20799 S. FOWLER AVE., LATON, CALIFORNIA. ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board Members in attendance were Carol Hall, Marina Mendiola and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Jim Wegley, Daniel Chapa, Chief Pentecost, Jonathan Avedian with Fresno County, and Ty Mizote, the following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia and Tim Wolfe.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There was no oral presentation.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) INCOME SURVEY:** Mr. Jonathan Avedian from Fresno County informed the Board that new income surveys will be mailed to district customers. Mr. Avedian is hoping that the new surveys will allow LCSD to receive grant funding. The income surveys are scheduled to be distributed by mail on May 30, 2025.
5. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Chief Pentecost reported for the month of April 2025, there were 11- medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 0-vegetation fire calls, 0- 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 PURCHASE OF TWO MULTI-GAS DETECTORS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of three multi-gas detectors. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
Chief Pentecost informed the Board they need 1000ft of 1 1/2-inch fire hose for structural fires. Ms. Mendiola made a motion to approve the purchase of the fire hose. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
Chief Pentecost informed the Board that they will be needing a new set of jaws of life. The chief will be getting price quotes or trying to find a grant to purchase them.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATES TO THE CUSTOMER UTILITY BILL PRICING AND GUIDELINE POLICIES TO REFLECT CURRENT LCSD COSTS:** Mr. Chapa is still working on the updates. Tabled to next month's meeting.
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 April 2025: well #4 Static water level is at 104.97, and drawdown is 8.76; well #5 Static water level is at 106.52 and drawdown is at 8.38; well #6 Static water level is at 107.91; and drawdown is at 7.37. BOD removal: 91.87% and TSS removal: 84.42%. Freeboard pond level: #1-Out of service, #2-Out of service, #3-Out of service, #4-3.0ft, #2.48ft, and #6 2.2ft.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REPAIR OF THE TRACTOR:** The tractor has been repaired along with a complete service maintenance.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH RT DENNIS ACCOUNTANCY:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the audit contracts with RT Dennis Accountancy. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that Walsh Montgomery Construction has ordered the water meters, and Mrs. Rempp submitted the second drawdown request for approval.

10. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley had nothing to report.
11. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
12. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that he is working on the Preliminary Budget and the updates to the Backflow Ordinance. Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Hall had a meeting with the employees regarding some issues they were having and felt it was a very productive meeting.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: JoAnne Rempp
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