

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 20, 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 6:00 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, Ty Mizote, Jim Wegley, Chief Pentecost, Battalion Chief Beavers, and Daniel Chapa. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: None
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mid Valley Disposal trash clean-up will be October 4, 2025.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 12, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:** Ms. Mendiola made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2025 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Battalion Chief Beavers reported for the month of July 2025, there were 6- medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 2- vegetation fire calls, 1- structural fire calls, 0- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 2-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET.**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Garcia opened Public Hearing at 6:08pm. Mr. Chapa presented the Final Operating Budget to the public and the Board.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mr. Garcia closed Public Hearing Comments at 6:19pm.:
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION:** Board had no questions or comments.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mr. Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 6:20pm.
 - f. **DECISION ON THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 2025-02:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Final Operating Budget Resolution No. 2025-02. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. **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 2025: well #4 Static water level is at 110.59, and drawdown is 8.18; well #5 Static water level is at 112.23 and drawdown is at 8.60; well #6 Static water level is at 113.01; and drawdown is at 8.46. BOD removal: 89.85% and TSS removal: 87.21%. Freeboard pond level: Pond #1-Out of service, Pond #2-Out of service, Pond #3-Out of service, Pond #4-3.0ft, Pond #5-3.0ft, and Pond #6-2.6ft. Mr. Chapa reported that the wet well digital water level alarm has been ordered and that the WWTP facility had a through cleaning and was organized.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PLAN AND THE LCSD CROSS-CONNECTIONS ORDINANCE:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Cross-Connection Plan and the LCSD Cross-Connection Ordinance. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that the second drawdown of \$305,896.72 has been received. Construction part of the project has begun and they have run into a few problems with concrete under the meter boxes on some properties which has created a lot of extra work for the contractors. Due to the concrete issue Walsh Construction has submitted a Change in Condition form.

11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley asked legal counsel if the PFAS testing met the requirements to file a claim, legal counsel stated that the test results show that we do not qualify to file a claim.
12. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
13. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa is currently working on the revisions to the Financial Transaction Report and the Backflow Ordinance. Mr. Chapa will be looking to hire a new employee to help with the maintenance.
14. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 6:51pm.
- 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
15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** The Board has directed Mr. Chapa to have an employee meeting and go over policies and procedures.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:12pm.

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