

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 DECEMBER 17, 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:** Mrs. Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Board Members in attendance were Carol Hall, Marina Mendiola, and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: Ty Mizote, Jim Wegley, Battalion Chief Beavers, Fire Chief Pentecost, Daniel Chapa and Fresno County members Carlos Aguirre and Yvette Quiroga. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia, JoAnne Rempp, and Tim Wolfe.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no oral presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 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 DECEMBER 2025 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Francisco seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Fire Chief Pentecost reported for the month of November 2025, there were 7- medical calls, 4-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 1-vegetation fire calls, 1- structural fire calls, 0- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 1-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other. The Christmas Tree Lighting had 17 vendors and 20 golf cart entries.
6. **PRESENTATION BY FRESNO COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING ON THE 2024 GENERAL PLAN/HOUSING ELEMENT:** Carlos Aguirre and Yvette Quiroga with Fresno County, Public Works and Planning gave a short presentation on the newly adopted 2024 General Plan/Housing Element. The presentation included the recently adopted Fresno County General Plan Review, Housing Element Update, and ways the County is working with the Service Districts throughout the unincorporated communities in the County.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY WILL SERVE LETTER PROVIDED TO PROPERTY, APN# 057-223-08 OWNER BY LCSD:** Homeowner was not present. No action was taken.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION, ORDINANCE No. 2025-01:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-01. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD CONTROL OF BACKFLOW AND CROSS-CONNECTIONS, ORDINANCE No. 2025-02:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-02. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for November 2025: well #4 Static water level is 115.29, and drawdown is 8.82; well #5 Static water level is at 112.72 and drawdown is at 8.29; well #6 Static water level is at 115.87, and drawdown is at 9.50. BOD removal:82.52% not TSS removal: 91.26%. Freeboard pond level: Pond #1-Out of service, Pond #2-Out of service, Pond #3-Out of service, Pond #4 – 4.0ft, Pond #5 – 4.2ft, and Pond #6 – 4.2ft. Stan Vierra Electric has been working on the sensors for the wet/dry well and should be completed in the next week. The exceeded BOD monthly average violation has been reported to the SWRCB.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that is project has been completed and LCSD is working with Walsh Montgomery Construction to finalize the project within the next month.

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD FEES FOR INSPECTIONS, WATER METERS, WATER CONNECTIONS AND SEWER CONNECTIONS:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
13. **TO DISCUSS THE 2026-2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT APPLICATION LIST:** The Board listed a new retention pond at the WWTP as top priority for the 2026-27 CDBG Project Application and additional streetlights as second priority.
14. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that household median survey has about 87% needed in responses. Fresno County still needs about 12 more surveys to complete. PFAS testing initial reports must be reported by April 26-2027. Second round of PFAS testing will need to be completed in May-July 2026.
15. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE OVERTIME COMPENSATION:** Ms. Mendiola made a motion to approve Employee Overtime Compensation. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY COMPENSATION:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
18. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa has responded to Ca/OSHA request for more information on the site visit conducted on Sept 5, 2025. The safety manuals are now always accessible to employees via the Connecteam app. Mr. Chapa will arrange an interview with the candidate for the position at WWTP.
19. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mrs. Hall adjourned to close session.
 - A) **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
20. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** No action was taken.
21. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Hall adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

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