

# 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 FEBRUARY 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 CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Garcia called the Meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Carol Hall, Francisco Orbe, Tim Wolfe, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Dan Chapa, Jim Wegley, Ty Mizote, Anthony Beavers, and Chief Pentecost. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: None.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mid Valley Clean-up will be April 13, 2024. Fliers were sent out with the monthly bills.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2024 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Orbe 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 January, there were 3- medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 1-vegetation fire calls, 2- structural fire calls, 2- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 1-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
  - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL FOR THE WINNING BID TO PURCHASE SCBA EQUIPMENT, FEMA GRANT ID # EMW-2022-FG-00817:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve L.N. Curtis as the winning bid for FEMA Grant ID # EMW-2022-FG-00817. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - C. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD PROCUREMENT POLICY:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the LCSD Procurement Policy. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - D. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the LCSD Equipment Management Policy. Mrs. Nino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - E. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FIRE DISPATCH SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, AND TERMINATES ON JUNE 30, 2027:** Tabled to next month. The Board directed Chief Pentecost to get quotes from different dispatching options.
  - F. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A USED FIRE TRUCK FROM THE CITY OF KINGSBURG:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to give Mr. Chapa the authority to approve and finalize the purchase of a used fire truck from the city of Kingsburg. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AND JUNE 30, 2023, PREPARED BY RT DENNIS ACCOUNTANCY:** Mr. Chapa presented the Audit and after Board discussion no action was taken.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Adhoc group will meet on February 27, 2024, to go over the different type and style of water meters.

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 January 2024: well #4 Static water level is at 100.92, and drawdown is 9.09; well #5 Static water level is at 107.02 and drawdown is at 6.39; well #6 Static water level is at 104.22 and drawdown is at 11.45. BOD-84.22% and TSS-96.35%. Well #6 is producing a lot of air and is causing a lot of complaints from the resident that lives across the street. The customer says that the force of the air is damaging a lot of his fixtures and is causing a lot of air in their lines from the well. Zim Industry will be out to check the well and the other two wells. The sewer ponds are all at capacity and the chief plant operator will be contacting SWRCB to get permission to waste off into the back fields.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CDBG #2242 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LCSD WASTEWATER POND 7:** No update
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve Lanare as the board seat and Riverdale as the alternate. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley had nothing to report.
12. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported no injuries or accidents.
13. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER.:** Mr. Chapa has completed and submitted the Volumetric Annual Report. Mr. Chapa is working on the EAR Annual report and will give a 6-month Budget update at the next meeting. Mr. Wegley and the Board have asked that the pond freeboards be added to the WWTP Monthly report.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
By: JoAnne Rempp  
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