

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 19, 2026, 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 Tim Wolfe, Marina Mendiola, Paul Garcia, 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 JoAnne Rempp. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Carol Hall.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** The community talked extensively about the increase in graffiti throughout the town as well as the growing number of thefts in Laton.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2026 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:** Battalion Chief Beavers reported for the month of January 2026, there were 5- medical calls, 3-traffic accident calls, 1- 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, 1-Citizen Assist, and 1-Other.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A DOMAIN NAME FOR EMAILS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve LCSD paying the annual fee for the email domain. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Fire Department will also apply for a 501C3.
 - C. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NFIRS/NERIS):** Tabled to next month's meeting. Board wants more research and information.
 - D. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE FULL SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR:** The Fire Department's current loan ends in September, and the Board will consider a new loan for needed gear.
 - E. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF EXTRICAION EQUIPMENT:** Tabled to next month's meeting. Board wants more research and information.
6. **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 2026: well #4 Static water level is 112.09, and drawdown is 7.18; well #5 Static water level is at 110.87 and drawdown is at 7.75; well #6 Static water level is at 111.72, and drawdown is at 8.33. BOD removal:70.73% not TSS removal: 83.63%. Freeboard pond level: Pond #1-Out of service, Pond #2-Out of service, Pond #3-Out of service, Pond #4 – 2.8ft, Pond #5 – 2.5ft, and Pond #6 – 2.5ft. The person that accepted the WWTP position has decided to no longer take the position. Wipes are clogging the lifter pump, leading to town overflows. Dan would like to install a bar screen to prevent wipes and rags from getting through. Kelly Granger gave a proposal for services he could provide for the water and sewer facilities.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley has received the final progress payment request and change orders and will review them for approval.
8. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley has been working on the new building plans for the homeowners at 6014 DeWoody.
9. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL CROSS-CONNECTION HAZARD ASSESSMENT SURVEYS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2024 STATE WATER BOARD CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY HANDBOOK:** Tabled to next month's meeting.

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY COMPENSATION:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE 401(K), QUALIFIED CASH OR DEFERREDARRANGEMENT CODA:** Mr. Orbe gave a short presentation on different retirement plans available for employees.
13. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that he will be working on the EAR and Volumetric reports. Updates provided to the Board included the completion of the USA811 map update and submission of the response to Cal OSHA. Mrs. Rempp also reported that the GCC report has been completed. Additionally, the next round of PFAS testing is scheduled for May 2026
14. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 7:34pm.
 - 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
15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** No action taken in close session.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:51pm.

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