

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 JANUARY 21, 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 Carol Hall, 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: Tim Wolfe.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved to add Board Reorganization and the Appointment of a Board of Directors to the Agenda.
3. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE BOARD REORGANIZATION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF DIRECTOR:** Mrs. Hall made a motion for all Board Members to keep their current board positions. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** : Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Fire Chief Pentecost reported for the month of December 2025, there were 11- medical calls, 1-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, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
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 December 2025: well #4 Static water level is 114.57, and drawdown is 8.40; well #5 Static water level is at 114.03 and drawdown is at 8.34; well #6 Static water level is at 113.90, and drawdown is at 9.34. BOD removal:81.66% not TSS removal: 92.20%. 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. Due to the diffusers in the aeration tanks being old and not working properly it has caused to be violation with the BOD and TSS removal. Sanger has offered us to buy their used diffusers when they come available. SWRCB will do an annual inspection of the well sites on January 28, 2026. Well sites #4 and 5 did test positive for PFAS. Well #6 was non-detected. Mr. Chapa did a presentation on what testing positive means and the process moving forward. Mr. Chapa responded to Cal Osha's letter and has developed a safety program and training manuals. Mr. Chapa also had site specific training with the employees. The interviewed candidate has agreed to take the job and will begin work on February 9, 2026.
8. **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. Mr. Garcia made a motion giving Dan Chapa approval to sign the final progress payment and change orders. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE LCSD FEES FOR INSPECTIONS, WATER METERS, WATER CONNECTIONS AND SEWER CONNECTIONS:**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Garcia opened Public Hearing at 6:39pm.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Chapa gave a presentation explaining the fees. No public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mr. Garcia closed the public's comments.
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION:** The Board had discussion and asked Mr. Chapa questions.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mr. Garcia closed Public Hearing at 6:47pm.
 - f. **DECISION ON THE LCSD FEES FOR INSPECTIONS, WATER METERS, WATER CONNECTIONS AND SEWER CONNECTIONS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the fees for inspections, water meters, water connections, and sewer connections. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. **TO DISCUSS THE 2026-2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT APPLICATION LIST:** The Board's top priority is the addition of the WWTP Pond, followed by Traffic Enforcement as the second priority.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley had nothing to report.
12. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE OVERTIME COMPENSATION:** Ms. Marina made a motion to change Holiday Time as hours "not worked." Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY COMPENSATION:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
15. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that the Auditor will have the annual Financial Audit completed for approval at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Chapa will be working on the EAR annual report that is due by April. Mrs. Rempp went over the new Form 700 filing system Netfile.
16. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 7:21pm.
 - 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
17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** No action taken in close session.
18. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: JoAnne Rempp
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