

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 JULY 15, 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 6:00pm. Board Members in attendance were Tim Wolfe, Paul Garcia, and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: Ty Mizote, Jim Wegley, Battalion Chief Beavers, JoAnne Rempp, and Daniel Chapa, the following individuals were absent from the meeting: Fire Chief Pentecost and Marina Mendiola.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mrs. Hall requested that the Fire Department post its monthly report on its Facebook page to highlight its monthly activities and keep the community informed about the services it provides.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2026 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Wolfe 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 June 2026, there were 10- medical calls, 3-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 2- vegetation fire calls, 2- structural fire calls, 1- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 2-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other. The Fire Dept. needs approximately 300ft of new wildland fire hose. The Board has instructed Battalion Chief Beavers to get quotes for the next Board Meeting.
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 June 2026: well #4 Static water level is 112.24, and drawdown is 9.77; well #5 Static water level is at 113.41 and drawdown is at 10.56; well #6 Static water level is at 115.67, and drawdown is at 8.66. BOD removal:75.45% not TSS removal: 84.55%. Freeboard pond level: Pond #1-Out of service, Pond #2-Out of service, Pond #3-Out of service, Pond #4 – 4.3ft, Pond #5 – 3.58ft, and Pond #6 – 3.8ft. Mr. Chapa and Mr. Wegley had a meeting with Kings County Country Club regarding them using our reclaimed water. The Country Club will form an ad hoc committee and will be back in contact with us.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR MID VALLEY DISPOSAL GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES:**

Tabled to next month's meeting.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 2026-02:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget Resolution No. 2026-02. Mr. Wolf seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that the project has been completed and the final invoices are being prepared for reimbursement.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD PARTICIPATION IN THE PFAS CLAIM:**

After much discussion, the Board has asked Mr. Chapa to provide some additional information and set up a Special Board Meeting on July 22, 2026.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that we are now eligible to apply for a CDBG Grant for a new pond at the WWTP.
12. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported that there were no accidents or incidents reported for the period, reinforcing the District's commitment to a zero-incident workplace which serves to lower insurance premiums and protect staff.
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED WATER CONNECTION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21144 FOWLER AVENUE:** Mr. Chapa will notify the customer and explain what is needed to proceed to the next step.

14. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER: Mr. Chapa will be responding to the SWRCB site visit. Annual financial audit will begin on August 13, 2026. Board members whose seats are up for re-election this year need to have their paperwork turned in by August 7, 2026.

15. ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION: Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 7:08pm.

- 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

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: The Board has instructed Mr. Chapa to speak to the individual employees regarding their annual pay increase.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

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