

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 JUNE 19, 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 THE CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Garcia called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Carol Hall, Francisco Orbe, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: Dan Chapa via phone, Jim Wegley, and Ty Mizote, The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Tim Wolfe, Chief Pentecost, and JoAnne Remp.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no unscheduled oral presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2024 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mrs. Nino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Asst. Chief Beavers reported for the month of May, there were 6- medical calls, 2-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 6-vegetation fire calls, 3- structural fire calls, 0 commercial/residential alarm, 1-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 1-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE TOM RIDLEY BENEFICIARY FOR THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Jenny Mizote explained to the Board that Tom Ridley was a dear friend and new how much the community meant to her and that is how Laton Volunteer was added as a beneficiary Ty Mizote (Legal Counsel) reviewed the beneficiary documents and sees no reason for the Board not to approve them. Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve Dan Chapa to sign the documents on behalf of the Laton Volunteer Fire Department. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSO WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley presented the Board with a Notice of Exemption to be approved by the Board. Mr. Wegley explained that since we are just replacing the existing meters that we should be exempt from the environmental, Class 2 "Replacement or Reconstruction". Mr. Garcia approved signing the Notice of Exemption. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
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 April 2024: well #4 Static water level is at 101.42, and drawdown is 6.31; well #5 Static water level is at 106.39 and drawdown is at 8.65; well #6 Static water level is at 104.09 and drawdown is at 9.12. No BOD and TSS was reported for May. Freeboard pond level: #1-2.8ft, #2-2.8ft, #3-3ft, #4-3.6ft, #5-4ft, and #6-3.8ft
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CDBG #2242 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LCSO WASTEWATER POND 7:** Mr. Wegley spoke with Jonathan with Fresno County and since it has taken so long to complete the studies he will be adding our CDBG Project Pond #7 to the next Fresno County board meeting to give them an update on the project and to continue with the funding on this project.
9. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley had nothing to report.
10. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa had no accidents or injuries to report.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that the 2025-2026 CDBG Project application is due by August 30, 2024. The Board discussed new effluent/influent meter at the WWTP and new streetlights as items for the project. Mr. Chapa will add an agenda item to discuss and approve at the next board meeting. Mr. Chapa reported that he is working on the following item: Preliminary Budget for next board meeting; Prop 218 water and sewer rate increase; employee evaluations and pay increase; auditor will be here in August to start the 2023-2024 Annual Audit.

12. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session.

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

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Mr. Chapa reported that no action was taken in closed session, and it was tabled for next month's meeting.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

District Secretary for Laton Community Services District