

# 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 MARCH 19, 2025, 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, Marina Mendiola and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Chief Pentecost, Jim Wegley and Ty Mizote, the following individuals were absent from the meeting: Dan Chapa and Tim Wolfe
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There was no oral presentation.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2025 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mrs. Hall 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 February 2025, there were 4- medical calls, 0-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 1-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.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE WATER METERS FOR THE APARTMENT COMPLEX ON PIO PICO AVENUE:** The Board informed the owner of the property that he was able to separate the water meters into four separate units. The owner will be responsible for paying the cost of having the water lines installed from the water meter to his property connection. The owner will also be responsible for paying for each new water meter at the cost of our new meter prices and inspection fees for each new water meter installed.
7. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**
  - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mrs. Rempp reported the well depths and drawdowns for February 2025: well #4 Static water level is at 102.81, and drawdown is 9.20; well #5 Static water level is at 106.15 and drawdown is at 7.14; well #6 Static water level is at 110.03; and drawdown is at 7.08. BOD removal: 82.38% and TSS removal: 79.14%. Freeboard pond level: #1-Out of service, #2-Out of service, #3-Out of service, #4-3.4ft, #3-5.2ft, and #3.2ft. The signs of property removal at the abandoned homeless encampment have been posted near the garbage that has been left on our property. The Polymer machine has been ordered and shipped.
  - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REPAIR OR PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH RT DENNIS ACCOUNTANCY:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** The Board opened and reviewed the four bids submitted and after much discussion, Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve Walsh Montgomery Construction as the winning bid for the water meter project. Ms. Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wegley will prepare the Notice of Award for Mr. Garcia to sign.
10. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley had nothing to report.
11. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mrs. Rempp had no accidents or injuries to report.

12. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mrs. Rempp reported that the Financial Transaction Report has been completed and submitted to the State. Mr. Chapa completed the survey for Fresno County's 5-year Plan. Mr. Chapa provided a support letter for the Kings River Conservation District's Kings River Elevation Data & Hydrologic Model Post-Flood Update Project Grant Funds. Mr. Chapa is working on a detailed cost breakdown of the LCSD charges for the new automatic-read meters and administrative fees for next month's meeting.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

District Secretary for Laton Community Services District