

# 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 NOVEMBER 20, 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:** Mrs. Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Board Members in attendance were Lucy Nino, Tim Wolfe, Carol Hall, and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: Dan Chapa, JoAnne Rempp, Chief Pentecost, Jim Wegley and Ty Mizote, the following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no oral presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Nino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Orbe 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:** Chief Pentecost reported for the month of October, there were 8- medical calls, 2-traffic accident calls, 1- vehicle fire calls, 3-vegetation fire calls, 3- structural fire calls, 1- 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 MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE. ORDINANCE No. 2024-01:** Mr. Chapa and Mrs. Rempp had a meeting with Cal-Recycle and Mid Valley Disposal regarding the Food Recovery Inspection for the Laton School District that needs to be completed by December 31, 2024. Mrs. Rempp will contact the school district and set up a meeting to complete the inspection.
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 October 2024: well #4 Static water level is at 106.32, and drawdown is 7.13; well #5 Static water level is at 104.09 and drawdown is at 7.23; well #6 Static water level is at 107.83; and drawdown is at 7.87. BOD removal 92.03% and TSS removal 88.69%. Freeboard pond level: #1-Out of service, #2-Out of service, #3-Out of service, #4-8ft, #5-8ft, and #6-8ft.
  - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A POLYMER MIXER:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to give Mr. Chapa the authority to purchase a polymer mixer after he receives two more quotes, and the cost is below \$16,000. Mrs. Nino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - C. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REPAIR OR PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR:** Tabled to next month. Need to get more quotes.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH RT DENNIS ACCOUNTANCY:** The Board would like to receive more quotes from auditors before they decide to sign contracts with RT Dennis Accountancy. Table for next month.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that the project is ready to go out to bid. Waiting for Fresno County to give the approval that we can go out to bid. Mr. Wegley, Mr. Chapa, Mrs. Rempp, and Mr. Noyola met with the water meter representatives to finalize the water meter.
10. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley said the ponds look great and we need to report to SWRCB that we have finished dewatering the ponds. The burnt house on Fowler Ave which has been abandoned for years without paying for services, so they will need to pay all the hookup fees to start up services. Mr. Chapa met with the owner and the engineer on the Armstrong new build property, and they said they will satisfy all Jim Wegley's concerns before we hook up their water meter.

11. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa had no accidents or injuries to report.
12. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that someone tried to break into the WWTP, but the alarm must have scared them off. There was a water main break on DeWoody, lifter pump check valve, and the brass float in the wet well that was repaired by the new maintenance employee. The Backflow Device will need to be updated by June 30, 2025. The Lead and Copper reporting has been completed and submitted.
13. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mrs. Hall adjourned to close session at 7:07pm.
  - 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
14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** The Board has instructed Mr. Chapa to meet with the employees regarding the closed session items.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Hall adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:19 pm.

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