

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 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 6:01 pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Tim Wolfe, Marina Mendiola, and Francisco Orbel. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Ty Mizote, Jim Wegley. Battalion Chief Beavers, Fire Chief Pentecost, and Daniel Chapa. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Carol Hall.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** The Laton Christmas Parade will be on November 29th.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2025 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mrs. Mendiola 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 October 2025, there were 7- medical calls, 3-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 4-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 AND SEWER CAPACITY WILL SERVE LETTER PROVIDED TO PROPERTY, APN# 057-223-08 OWNER BY LCSD:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
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 2025: well #4 Static water level is 114.21, and drawdown is 8.80; well #5 Static water level is at 114.93 and drawdown is at 7.99; well #6 Static water level is at 116.57, and drawdown is at 9.76. BOD removal: not reported and TSS removal: not reported. Freeboard pond level: Pond #1-Out of service, Pond #2-Out of service, Pond #3-Out of service, Pond #4 – 5.0ft, Pond #5 – 5.3ft, and Pond #6 – 5.2ft. Ponds #1, 2, and 3 are still having the sludge removed and will be back in service in the next couple of months. The electrical transformer blew out at WWTP causing multiple equipment to not work.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION, ORDINANCE No. 2025-01:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to waive the first reading of the LCSD Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction, Ordinance No. 2025-01. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD CONTROL OF BACKFLOW AND CROSS-CONNECTIONS, ORDINANCE No. 2025-02:** Mrs. Mendiola made a motion to waive the first reading of the LCSD Control of Backflow and Cross-Connections, Ordinance No. 2025.02. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley reported that all the water meters have been installed and they are working on moving all the meters that are located behind customers fences.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD FEES FOR INSPECTIONS, WATER METERS, WATER CONNECTIONS AND SEWER CONNECTIONS:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
12. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that Mr. Avedian is working on the Median House income Survey. The next CDBG application will need to be submitted by June 2026. Mr. Wegley would like an agenda for next month's meeting to discuss possible CDBG projects.

13. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month.
14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY COMPENSATION:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE OVERTIME COMPENSATION:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
16. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that he is working with Thomas with Mid Valley Disposal to complete the Cal-Recycle Audit report that is due within 10 business days. Mrs. Rempp informed the Board Members that Fresno County is changing how they report their annual form 700. Fresno County will be using a new website and in January they should be receiving an email from Netfile with instructions on filing their form 700. The Board has approved sending a support letter to Fresno County for truck re-routing.
17. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia went into close session at 7:10pm.
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
18. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Closed sessions items have been tabled to next month's meeting.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:30pm.

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