

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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT THE LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE LOCATED AT 6501 EAST LATONIA, LATON, CALIFORNIA. ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Garcia called the Meeting to order at 6:03pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Carol Hall, Francisco Orbe, Tim Wolfe, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting; JoAnne Rempp, Dan Chapa, Chief Pentecost, and Ty Mizote. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: None.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mid Valley annual cleanup will be October 7. Community Day clan up at the youth baseball field will be September 30 from 8am-3pm.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Garcia 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 August there were 3-medical calls, 3-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire call, 0-vegetation fire calls, 0-structural fire calls, 1-commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 1-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other. The Chief reported that one of their volunteers was in a car accident and they will be having a fundraiser to help pay his medical bills. The Fire Dept. is needing to replace their spreader cutters, rams, and batteries. Quotes for the equipment range from \$26,000 to \$42,000. Kings County has offered to let us borrow a set until we are able to find funding to purchase the equipment.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Chapa reported that the Agreement has been signed and we are currently doing all the prep work and digging out all the meters.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A POSSIBLE GRANT TO BRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE COMMUNITY OF LATON:** Fresno County is wanting to apply for a grant to allow Housing Authority to build a 60-unit apartment complex here in Laton. Mr. Chapa, Paul Garcia, and Carol Hall attended the community meeting and also had a Zoom meeting with the Housing Authority to discuss the concerns regarding the project. After much discussion Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the letter of support. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for August 2023: well #4 Static water level is at 103.47 and drawdown is 6.54; well #5 Static water level is at 104.93 and drawdown is at 7.88; well #6 Static water level is at 106.09 and drawdown is at 7.68. BOD and TSS reported: May-86.67/59.69; June-89.52/81.46; July-98.19/93.00; August-97.94/85.53.
9. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley was not present. Mr. Chapa presented the new timeline of completion for the CDBG Project-Pond #7.
10. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no injuries or accidents.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that the annual backflow device testing and the Barfleet smog testing has been completed. The 2022 and 2023 financial audits should be completed in about a week. The last quadrant of meters to be cleaned out for the water meter grant should be completed in the next week. Mr. Chapa and Mr. Garcia have signed a letter of support for the Fowler Ave road project. Mrs. Rempp reported that the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program has been extended through March 31, 2024.

12. **ADJOURN 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:** The Board instructed the LCSD staff to speak with individual employees regarding performance evaluations.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

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