

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 17, 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, Tim Wolfe, and Carol Hall. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Ty Mizote, Jim Wegley, Battalion Chief Beavers, and Daniel Chapa. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Marina Mendiola, and Francisco Orbe.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mr. Anthony Morales, who leaves next to LCSD well site on Tache, is requesting that LCSD help pay in the cost of replacing the fence that is between his property and our well site. The Board asked him to provide pictures of the fence and will be added to next month's agenda.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 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:** Battalion Chief Beavers reported for the month of August 2025, there were 8- medical calls, 2-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 3-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. Mr. Chapa had to revise the termination letter of services for dispatch with Fresno County EMS Dispatching Service to include a date of exact termination.
6. **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 2025: well #4 Static water level is at 112.01, and drawdown is 9.13; well #5 Static water level is at 113.68 and drawdown is at 7.09; well #6 Static water level is at 114.29; and drawdown is at 9.15. BOD removal: 82.61% and TSS removal: 78.21%. Freeboard pond level: Pond #1-Out of service, Pond #2-Out of service, Pond #3-Out of service, Pond #4 - 2.8ft, Pond #5 - 2.6ft, and Pond #6 - 2.2ft. Ponds #1, 2, and 3 are still having the sludge removed and will be back in service in the next couple of months.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PLAN AND THE LCSD CROSS-CONNECTIONS ORDINANCE:** The Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Plan was sent to the State Water Resource Board, and Mr. Chapa is currently updating the Ordinance.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Payment Request 1R from Walsh Montgomery Construction, Inc. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Due to a shortage of 1" water meters, they will be ordered to finish the project.
9. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley received a notice from SWRCB stating that there is a possibility of 50/50 funding for the WWTP project. The Board directed Mr. Wegley to move forward with the project if it becomes available.
10. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no accidents or injuries for the month. Cal-Osha received a complaint and did a site visit, and we will receive the report of the visit within 5 months.

11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa has submitted the revised Financial Transaction Report, and the report was approved. Mr. Chapa is reviewing the Draft Financial Audit and will answer the questions from the Auditor.

12. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mr. Garcia adjourned to close session at 6:47pm.

- 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
- C) 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

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** The Board has instructed Mr. Chapa to meet with the employees regarding the closed session items.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

District Secretary for Laton Community Services District