

# 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 MAY 15, 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:** Mr. Garcia called the Meeting to order at 6:01 pm. 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 Remp, Dan Chapa, Jim Wegley, Ty Mizote, and Chief Pentecost. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: None.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** GSA is having a Prop 218 hearing to set the property tax charges for the next 5 years.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2024 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Orbe 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 April, there were 3- medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 1- vehicle fire calls, 2-vegetation fire calls, 2- 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. Garcia made a motion to approve the sales of Engine 67 for \$4,000. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FIRE DISPATCH SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024 AND TERMINATES ON JUNE 30, 2027:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Fire Dispatch Service with the County of Fresno. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTIONS, CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, RESOLUTION No. 2024-01:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-01. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** No new updates to report.
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 April 2024: well #4 Static water level is at 101.42, and drawdown is 6.31; well #5 Static water level is at 106.39 and drawdown is at 8.65; well #6 Static water level is at 104.09 and drawdown is at 9.12. No BOD and TSS was reported. Freeboard pond level: #1-2.8ft, #2-2.8ft, #3-3ft, #4-3.6ft, #5-4ft, and #6-3.8ft
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CDBG #2242 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LCSD WASTEWATER POND 7:** Mr. Wegley reported that we are still waiting for the contracts from Fresno County.
10. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR MID VALLEY DISPOSAL GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES:** Garbage rates and administrative fee will be increased by the CPI index of 3.77%.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE HARDWICK WATER COMPANY BILLING:** Mr. Chapa will set up a meeting with Hardwick and Self Help to discuss them taking over the billing services.
12. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that LCSD lost all grant funding for the new wastewater treatment plant. The funds were cut from the state's budget.

13. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported no injuries or accidents.

14. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported the Annual EAR report was completed and approved. All annual reports have been completed and up to date. The red truck and the 6-seater golf cart both needed new batteries.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

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