Los Osos Community Services District DRAFT Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 15, 2017

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION OR ACTION
1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE/SILENT	President Storm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.
OBSERVANCE/ROLL CALL	Roll Call:
	Charles L. Cesena, Director – Present
	Marshall E. Ochylski, Director – Present Louis G. Tornatzky, Director – Present
	Vicki L. Milledge, Vice President – Absent
	Jon-Erik G. Storm, President – Present
	The following Staff were present:
	Renee Osborne, General Manager
	Roy Hanley, District Legal Counsel Rob Miller, District Engineer
	Ann Kudart, Administrative Services Manager
2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR	Mary Lucey, Patti Welsh, and Nancy McNeil supported the removal of Jeff Edwards and Julie Tacker
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA	from all District committees.
	Lynette Tornatzky commented on Mr. Edwards' inappropriate behavior at past committee meetings.
	Linde Owen opposed the removal of Mr. Edwards and Ms. Tacker from their committees.
3. PUBLIC HEARING	Legal Counsel Hanley stated that as there are 2785 connections, a successful protest will need 1393
A. Public Hearing to Consider and Tabulate Written Protests	protest votes.
from Water Customers	District Engineer Rob Miller provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed water sale trends and
and Property Owners Within the District's Water	previous predications; revenue loss from reduced sales; the impact to revenue when the schools convert to recycled water; potential revenue reductions from changes in property tax allocations;
Service Area Regarding	reporting that the increase is to meet operation, maintenance, and capital replacement expenses for
Proposed Water Rates	provide water service within the District's water service area.
	President Storm opened the public hearing for testimony to consider all objections or protests regarding the proposed water rates.
	Public Comment – Gretchen Clarke commented on her concerns for the aquifer and supported the rate increase.
	Tony Lam commented on customers in the lower tiers getting hit hardest.
	Linda Trahey commented on her confusion when referencing water usage in terms of ccf, gallons, and units; and concerns with the rate structure for lower users.
	Yael Korin questioned the costs when going from one tier to the next higher tier.
	Linde Owen handed in 12 additional protests; she opposed private wells not having to pay for their water usage.
	Richard Margetson reported that the 80% Admin allocation was what the rate study group used to develop rate structure however the budget shows a possible 86.5%.
	Julie Tacker voiced her support for the rate increase and questioned the additional 35 connections as reported by Legal Counsel.
	Speaker Natasha thanked the rate study group for volunteering their time; questioned how the District's fixed rates compare to other areas; why the District does not offer low income assistance; and when does the District plan to complete the capital projects.
	Speaker Steve commented on the high costs from the sewer and now increases to the water rates.
	President Storm closed the public hearing and Legal Counsel Hanley reported that 226 protests have been received.
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3. PUBLIC HEARING A. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Water Rates (continue)	A motion was made by Director Cesena that the Board adopt Resolution 2017-14 approving a water rate increase which will become effective according to law. The motion was seconded by Director Tornatzky and carried with the following vote:
	Ayes: Directors Cesena, Tornatzky, Ochylski, Storm Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Milledge
3. PUBLIC HEARING B. Public Hearing to Adopt Proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget	President Storm called for a short break then reconvened the meeting.
	General Manager Osborne reviewed the proposed 2017/2018 budget summary with negative fund balances in Bayridge, Wastewater, and Drainage; reported that 2015/2016 audit shows \$314,000 in the Drainage reserve that could be used to pay for operations and training in Drainage.
	President Storm opened the public hearing to consider testimony regarding adoption of the Proposed 2017/2018 Draft Fiscal Budget.
	Julie Tacker commented on the overtime in Admin; a \$5,000 fund balance in Admin that should be zeroed out; disagreed with the Organizational Chart as submitted; commented on divesting Bayridge and Vista; opposed taking reserve funds from Drainage to pay for operations; and that Wastewater should pay for itself.
	Richard Margetson commented on discrepancies throughout the budget; budget should go back to the committees for review; and that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to develop a budget, develop resources of revenue, and make sure the budget is adhered to and monies are spent appropriately.
	Seeing no other speakers, President Storm closed the public hearing.
	The Board discussed the negative fund balances in Bayridge and Drainage; reserve balances; directed the budget go back through committees for additional review and recommendations to the Board; and that the hearing be continued until the next regular meeting of the Board on July 6, 2017.
	A motion was made by Director Cesena to adopt Resolution 2017-15 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Continuing Budget until a Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget is adopted on or before September 1, 2017, as required by law. The motion was seconded by Director Ochylski and carried with the following vote:
	Ayes: Directors Cesena, Ochylski, Tornatzky Nays: Storm Abstain: None Absent: Milledge
4. CONSENT CALENDAR A. Adopt Resolution Establishing Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2017/2018	Public Comment - None
	A motion was made by Director Cesena that the Board adopt Resolution 2017-16 establishing the District's appropriation limit of \$8,825,379 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. The motion was seconded by Director Tornatzky and carried with the following vote:
	Ayes: Directors Cesena, Tornatzky, Ochylski, Storm Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Milledge
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m
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