

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
October 19, 2021

Vice President Glenn Oania called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present (Meeting was held in person): Vice President Glenn Oania, Director Cosme Padilla, and Director Ron Stefani

Absent: President James Cochran and Director Adriana Melgoza

General Manager: Eric Tynan

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present:

Guest: Emily Gardner, Glenn Church, Grant Leonard and District Legal Counsel Christine Kemp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Ron Stefani at the request of Vice President Glenn Oania.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	3	Directors:	Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	2	Directors:	Cochran and Melgoza

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Via: Email Castroville CSD to Monterey County Board of Supervisors regarding Monterey County Desalination Ordinance , Repeal Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code; Desalinization Treatment Facilities.
2. Monterey County Board Report to consider providing direction amendments to or rescission of Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code regarding "Desalinization Treatment Facility."
3. Letter to Bureau of Reclamation from Castroville CSD regarding letter of support for Monterey County Water Resources agency for the WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant Application.
4. Letter to Mr. Erik Lundquist from the California Coastal Commission regarding North Monterey County Long-Term Sustainable Water Supply (LTSWS)

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. *Monterey Herald* – Marina Coast Water District mandates vaccine
2. *Monterey Herald* – Officials OK costs for repeated studies
3. *Monterey Herald* – Desal debate splits county residents

4. *Monterey County Weekly* – Salty Feelings: Private desal question highlights geographic divisions over water among county lawmakers
5. *Farm Focus* – Is the answer to water shortages desalination?
6. Monterey Bay Water Works Certificate of Continuing Education, Training Track 2: Treatment Modules, Membranes and Submersible Pumps for J. Eric Tynan

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. General update on the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) activities and the five GSP's that are up for approval this January 2022. – Emily Gardner Deputy General Manager (SVBGSA) provided the board with an overview and an update on the Groundwater Sustainability plans. The PowerPoint slides of the presentation can be viewed on pages 24-40 of this board packet. The following topics were discussed: Why Groundwater is Important, The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Passed in September 2014, SGMA Timeline and Steps to Sustainability, SVBGSA Formation, Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) to list a few. Ms. Gardner answered any questions and concerns from the Board, staff and public regarding the SVBGSA and thanked them for their time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Monterey and the Castroville Community Services District for the Planning, Design and Construction Phase Efforts Regarding Installing the Sewer Force Main Conduit Relating to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project for Moss Landing Segment (TRAIL PROJECT) – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board the MOU can be viewed on pages 41-44 of the board packet. The County is planning on putting a bike bridge alongside the existing bridge over the Elkhorn Slough. Castroville CSD has an existing sewer force main conduit running under the existing Highway 1 bridge over the Elkhorn Slough and the existing sewer force main line is aging and will need replacement in the near future. CCSD seeks cooperation from the County to include a sewer force main conduit in that portion of the TRAIL PROJECT involving the Bridge spanning the Elkhorn Slough for CCSD's future sewer force main conduit replacement and CCSD's sewer force main conduit will be constructed within the Bridge portion of the TRAIL PROJECT. The cost to modify the Bridge portion of the TRAIL PROJECT to include the sewer force main conduit will be covered by CCSD, including design, and construction costs related to the construction of the sewer force main conduit. Exhibit A is for the plans that are not developed yet. In addition, CCSD controls the price of the project for its portion. District Legal Counsel Christine Kemp reviewed the MOU and also stated CCSD controls the price for the sewer force main conduit, it is not an open check. A motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Cosme Padilla to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Monterey and the Castroville Community Services District for the Planning, Design and Construction Phase Efforts Regarding Installing the Sewer Force Main Conduit Relating to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project for Moss Landing Segment (TRAIL PROJECT). The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	3	Directors:	Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	2	Directors:	Cochran and Melgoza

2. Support rescission of Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code regarding "Desalinization Treatment Facility." – General Manager Eric Tynan recommended the Board support the rescission of Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code regarding "Desalinization Treatment Facility." The letter he submitted on the 20th of September 2021 via email to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in support of the rescission of Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code regarding "Desalinization Treatment Facility" can be viewed on pages 9-11 of this board packet. In summary, General Manager Eric Tynan in this letter is encouraging all parties; public or private to stop with the obfuscation, rescind the ordinance, and remove obstructions to a new water supply whether it be public or private. A motion is made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani for Castroville CSD Board of Directors to support rescission of Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code regarding "Desalinization Treatment Facility." The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 3 Directors: Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 2 Directors: Cochran and Melgoza

3. Put out to bid for the conversion of Well No.4 pump and motor to water lube – General Manager Eric Tynan let the Board know that by converting to a water lube it would not require the use of oil anymore. Currently, at Well No. 4 they are finding oil in the tank, which the Health Department does not like but it is not a violation. The way it is now, it accumulates oil. He estimates the conversion of Well No. 4 pump and motor to a water lube pump may cost \$100,000. At this time, he is requesting the Board allow him to move forward with putting this project out to bid and once bids received they will be presented to the Board for approval. A motion is made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani for General Manager Eric Tynan to move forward with putting out to bid for the conversion of Well No.4 pump and motor to water lube. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 3 Directors: Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 2 Directors: Cochran and Melgoza

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Overhead Sign at Highway 183 – General Manager Eric Tynan notified the Board that he is working with CalTrans to consider including the renovation of the Overhead Sign at Highway 183 as part of the Castroville Beautification Project with a \$395,000 grant. A concept is yet not developed and will inform the Board once one is. He had informed CalTrans that the poles need to be replaced but CalTrans informed him the poles appear to be okay. Community out reach will need to be done and Castroville CSD will collaborate with NCRPD for the community outreach.
2. Consider implementing a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for District employees was provided and reviewed by District Legal Counsel Christine Kemp who was present at this board meeting and Legal Counsel Ana Toledo who was on the phone both with Noland Hamerly Etienne & Hoss. The requirements of the policy can be viewed on pages 45-46 of this board packet. After much discussion, item 4 of the policy will be deleted as it is no longer relevant. A motion is made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani to approve and implement the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, less/delete item 4 of the policy to be effective immediately. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 3 Directors: Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 2 Directors: Cochran and Melgoza

3. Update on status of grants for Moss Landing-Sewer Zone 3, Castroville-Sewer Zone 1 and Castroville-Water Zone 1 for system upgrades and improvements – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board as mentioned at last month's board meeting that a summary of the action plans/description for the Washington Bypass, Moss Landing Sewer, Emergency Deep Aquifer Supply and Storage Tank, and Overhead Sign at Highway 183 grant projects were done and viewed in last month's board packet. The action plan was put together by Paul Greenway, G7ei Inc. and provides him with a timeline on the status of where the grants are. Current grants awarded are the Clean Water Small Communities Planning Grant (\$500,000) with State Waterboards for administration, preliminary engineering report, plans and specs for sewer in Moss Landing, project assigned to MNS Engineers. The IRWM Implementation Grant (\$395,000) is with DWR for the Deep Well (Well #6) and the use will be specified in the DWR/MCRWA agreement. The DAC Involvement Programs amount \$61,807 with DWR is for the design of the Washington Sewer Bypass for Castroville sewer is also assigned to MNS Engineers and they are working on the 60% design phase. Current funding efforts: Moss Landing sewer system improvements, Castroville emergency well replacement, Castroville water supply improvements and Castroville wastewater improvements.
4. Update on well levels – General Manager Eric Tynan had the Board review page 47 of the board packet for the graph of the Castroville Well Levels 2015-2021. He informed the Board that the well levels are starting to come back up again. All well levels are still significantly below sea level and have been for a few years. The well levels are being justified with a bubbler at each well site. Well #3 is not in use.
5. Update on lot line adjustment for acquisition of Well #6 land – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, the Chief of Planning of Housing and community Development of the County of Monterey, State of California approved the lot line adjustment between two legal lots of record consisting of apn#133-491-021-000 Parcel A), Ausonio Andrew E ETA AL and apn#133-491-048-000 (Parcel B), Castroville CSD. The lot line adjustment resulting in 2.106 acres for Parcel A and 0.823 acres for Parcel B. The adjustment would accommodate necessary water infrastructure improvements (Well #6) for the Castroville CSD. The notice of recommendation and notice of approved lot line adjustment can be viewed on pages 48-50 of this board packet. He will follow-up to see when the purchase of this land will be expected to be finalized.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION: When needed, this time is reserved for the Board of Directors to communicate activity, educational classes, and/or Committee reports.

1. Update on Monterey One Water (M1W) board meeting – Director Ron Stefani reported to the Board that M1W finally approved the Expansion of the Water Purchase Agreement. The language that was not acceptable to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management was removed from the agreement. M1W also approved numerous projects to continue with the expansion project. The tracing of the water going in is supposed to last at 6 months before going out and is only lasting 3 months. They will be hiring another consultant to do more studies and working with DWR.
2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) meeting – Director Ron Stefani had his alternate, Grant Leonard attend in his place. Mr. Leonard provided the update and at this meeting 2 of the 4 items on the agenda were tabled. He also informed Castroville CSD Board that in the near future the SVBGSA will be asking this District to contribute \$15,000 towards the SVBGSA deep aquifer study.
3. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors – Director Cosme Padilla announced that he was appointed by Supervisor Philips to be on the redistricting committee to represent District 2. At the most recent meeting, it was announced that District 2 is the only district that had increased its population. District 2 population grew by 1,000 according to the last census. These meetings will continue until December and in December final recommendations will be made to the Board of Supervisors.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

1. General Manager's Report – Compliance update, current projects update, meetings/seminars update, staff update, suggestive projects discussions
2. Operation's Report
 - a) Water – Pumpage & Usage Update, Water Testing Update, Current Installation
 - b) Water -Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issue
 - c) Sewer & Storm Drain – Jetting, Current Installation Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issues
3. Customer /Billing Reports – Water Sales, Water Usage, A/R Update, Customer Service Update
4. Financial Reports – Treasures L.A.I.F. Report, Internal Report, Administration Update

General Operations Reports were accepted as presented

CHECK LIST – October 2021. A motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	3	Directors:	Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	2	Directors:	Cochran and Melgoza

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	3	Directors:	Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	2	Directors:	Cochran and Melgoza

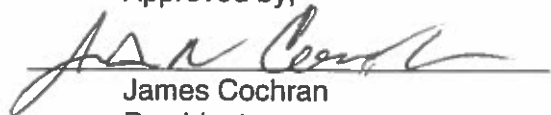
The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting

Respectfully submitted by,



Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,



James Cochran
President