

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
July 17, 2018

Director Ron Stefani called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Director James Cochran, Director Glenn Oania and Director Ron Stefani

Absent: Vice President Adriana Melgoza and President Silvestre Montejano

General Manager: Eric Tynan

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present:

Guest: Grant Leonard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the request of Director Ron Stefani, Director Glenn Oania led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A motion was made by James Cochran and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Senator Kamala D. Harris thanking General Manager Eric Tynan for sharing his views on agriculture in regards to water issues.

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Monterey County Elections- 2018 November Candidate Guidelines
2. *Georgetown Gazette, News* – New water law raises questions/anxiety
3. *Monterey County Weekly* – Marina Coast's prehistoric water supply is not replenishing

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sewer spill response at North Monterey County High School – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that on the 3rd of July at 4 p.m. the District was notified by North Monterey County High School staff of something that smelled like sewage coming from the thick brush and brambles along the fire lane alongside the school. Evidently in spite of the smell persisting for some time, due to the proximity of the Moro Cojo slough, it was believed that was the source of the foul odors. Because of the extremely dense brush, brambles, thistles, ticks and downed trees the manholes on school property were exceptionally hard to locate. On the 5th of July at 11 a.m. Castroville CSD Staff was able to jet the District manhole leading up to school property and clear the blockage. Once a sewer spill was

confirmed to be the source of the odor, I informed the school staff that we would assist any way we could but unless there was an easement to maintain the sewer lines it was the schools responsibility to correct the situation and report it.

- On the 6th of July Castroville CSD received an email from school staff that there was a recorded deed of easement from 1984 naming the County as being responsible for maintaining the sewer system on the high school property.
- After reviewing District sewer readings at the Castroville Lift Station, it was determined that the sewage spill occurred sometime after February 8, 2018 until the 5th of July 2018 resulting in approximately 724,812 gallons escaping the system. Fortunately, the entire spill flowed into a bog at the base of the embankment where it was absorbed without reaching any body of water or accessible areas. After meeting with the various state agencies, they determined the response was appropriate and the only action taken was to post the ridge overlooking the brush with signage of a spill.
- Upon taking over the sewer system from CSA 14 in 2007 CCSD was told by County maintenance staff that because the schools' sewer lines were on private property they were the schools' responsibility. Evidently, the sewer system on school property had not been maintained by anyone since its inception in 1984. CCSD took over the sewer system in 2007 and therefore it is currently responsible for maintaining the system.

Follow up and Recommendations

Since the spill the District has managed to locate all of the manholes buried in the deep brush. The Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District has offered to bring up an excavator to allow for access to jet the lines. As soon as we have access we will jet the schools sewer system and put it on a regular schedule to ensure no further events of this kind happen again.

Summary

As of this date there are no fines or penalties being served on Castroville CSD. While this was an unfortunate situation, the Staff and I have learned from this situation and will use this lesson to improve our operations in the future.

2. Resolution No. 18-4 Authorize a Financial Assistance Application for Enhancement of Existing Castroville Water Infrastructure – After some discussion, with approval of this resolution, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the District's General Manager and designates the General Manager as the District's "Authorized Representative", to prepare, sign and file, for and on behalf of the Castroville CSD, a Financial Assistance application to obtain ECWAG Grant funding form USDA for the planning, design, and construction of repair, replacement, rehabilitation and improvement to existing Castroville water distribution system facilities. A motion is made by James Cochran and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve Resolution No. 18-4 Authorize a Financial Assistance Application for Enhancement of Existing Castroville Water Infrastructure. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Select a real property negotiator to explore real property for a new well site - After some discussion, a motion is made by James Cochran and seconded by Glenn Oania to designate General Manager Eric Tynan as a real property negotiator to explore real property for a new well site. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	3	Directors:	Cochran, Oania, and Stefani
NOES:	0	Directors:	
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Status of Well #3 and consider exploring prospective sites for a new well – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that he is still working on Well #3 and has been in discussion with Ocean Mist and Ausonio Properties for options on a potential well site location and the District has applied for an emergency grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). He is also currently waiting for the contractor Maggiora Brothers and Newman Well Survey to submit their Risk Transfer Agreement with Castroville CSD before they proceed with further investigation of Well #3. He reported once more what was discussed at last month's board meeting, which was on the 17th of May, Monterey Bay Analytical Services notified the District that the chloride levels had jumped to 733 Mg/L. This level is past the secondary standard MCL of 500 Mg/L. The District immediately notified the State Water Resources Control Board-Division of Drinking Water of the chloride levels, which ordered the well be put on standby status and to only be used in a water emergency shortage. A subsequent test showed that the chloride levels had dropped to 526 Mg/L after the well had been running for a few minutes. Well #3 provides about 22% of Castroville CSD's water supply. Well #3 was sleeved in 2009 and the chloride levels dropped from over 500 Mg/ to the low 300's before slowly rising again to finally exceed the secondary limit of 500 Mg/L. Well #2 was also sleeved in 2006 and its chloride levels dropped from over 500 Mg/L to 63 Mg/L and have stayed there. The District will need to have Well #3 investigated using a video and sampling meter to determine one of four responses:
 - The sea water could be coming from a hole in the blank casing below the K-packs that seal off the upper perforations. The hole in the casing would need to be sealed off.
 - The K-packers could be leaking and need to be re-installed. Will need to pull the sleeve and re-install K-Packers.
 - The seawater intrusion has migrated down below to the lower screens and will then need to consider Reverse Osmosis (in discussion with Monterey 1 Water for brine disposal).
 - Consider destroying Well #3 and drill new well at either the lot next to Well #4 or at the end of Ocean Mist Parkway.
2. Update on the Local Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) – Director Ron Stefani informed the Board that the GSA is moving along. However, the biggest news is that Hydro Metrics Corp the consultant selected to develop the plan for a service fee of 1.5 million has sold their company out to a company in Arizona.
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 reminded the Board that Castroville CSD submitted a grant application for Prop 1 funding to the State Water Resource Control Board for the Moss Landing Sewer Zone 3. He will need to submit a scope of work for the grant application and will be asking MNS Engineers to provide a quote for this work. Castroville CSD is aggressively pursuing funding for its critical infrastructure and funding program. Current funding efforts: Moss Landing sewer system improvements, Castroville emergency well replacement, Castroville water supply improvements and Castroville wastewater improvements. Castroville CSD is still working on the grants and at the next board meeting he should have further information on the status.
4. Update on radio system upgrades for water and sewer systems for \$15,956 and have contractor install – General Manager Eric Tynan notified the Board that the contractor Mike Brigham with Life Control Systems has not completed the project. The project has been delayed since the contractor's father recently passed away. The District is still waiting for the radios to be installed with ethernet technology.
5. Update on Moss Landing Sewer Allocation Plan – General Manager Eric Tynan let the Board know that he had spoken with the Harbor District General Manager Linda Mcintyre and let her know that Castroville CSD will not be issuing any new "Can and Will Serve" letters in downtown Moss Landing (Zone 5) and the Moss Landing Island (Zone 3) until the Harbor District has accepted the County's Moss Landing Community Plan regarding sewer allocations.
6. Update on North County Recreation and Park District tax measure (NCRPD) – NCRPD Director Grant Leonard reported to the Board that the district contracted with EMC Research to do some public outreach in a survey that has been mailed out. The survey asks what the public thinks about recreation and a tax measure. They have received the results of this survey and it was not good news. Public support for the tax measure was below 67%. There has not been a lot of change since the last survey

that was done a few years ago. At this time it seems that people are opposing taxes. Page six of the survey shows in order the priority of the five services important to the public. Reducing traffic and repairing local streets and roads was number one. Maintaining high-quality and recreational services was at the bottom. The results of the survey can be viewed as an attachment to this board packet.

7. Update on Cal Am desal line to Castroville – General Manager Eric Tynan let the Board know that Cal AM is still waiting for a Certificate of Public Necessity from the PUC. Waiting to see what the outcome will be.

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 board meeting – Director Ron Stefani stated that Monterey One Water is also waiting to see if the desal project gets done.
2. Update on meetings/an educational class attended by the Directors – None at this time. However, Director Ron Stefani and General Manager Eric Tynan stated they were interested in attending the ACWA Fall Conference scheduled in November and to be held in San Diego.

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 –June 2018. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

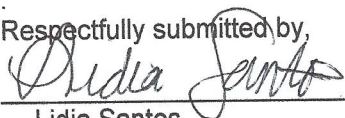
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NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	2	Directors:	Melgoza and Montejano

There being no further business, a motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following vote:

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

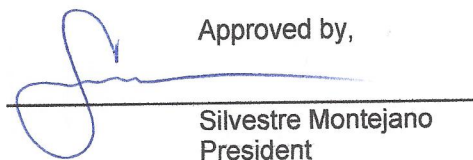
The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting

Respectfully submitted by,


Lidia Santos

Secretary to the Board

Approved by,


Silvestre Montejano
President