

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
July 21, 2020

President Adriana Melgoza called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present (Virtual GoToMeeting): President Adriana Melgoza, Vice President James Cochran, Director Cosme Padilla and Director Glenn Oania

Absent: Director Ron Stefani

General Manager: Eric Tynan

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present:

Guest: Director Grant Leonard of North County Recreation & Park District, M1W General Manager Paul Sciuto and M1W External Affairs Mike McCullough joined at 4:43 p.m.

Director Ron Stefani joined the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Cosme Padilla at the request of President Adriana Melgoza.

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 16, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla, Oania and Cochran
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter to State Water Resources Control Board from Castroville CSD Re: Stormwater Grant Application Package - Castroville CSD Supports the City of Salinas.
2. Letter to California Coastal Commission from North County Recreation & Park District Re: Support for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.
3. Letter to Castroville CSD from Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) thanking General Manager Eric Tynan for his willingness to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that MCWRA is forming as part of implementing the State grant-funded project *Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the Lower Salinas Valley*.

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. *Monterey Herald* – Guest commentary by Rick Heuer: When will Pure Water Monterey start providing water?
2. *Monterey Herald* – Ron Stefani, Board Chair, Monterey One Water reply to Rick Heuer's commentary on Pure Water Monterey.
3. *Monterey Herald* – Coastal Commission hearing on Cal Am desal pushed to September

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Monterey One Water (M1W) presentation on upcoming One-Year Prop 218 Rate Increase of \$3.50 per month – General Manager Paul Sciuto provided a member entity update to Castroville CSD with a PowerPoint presentation discussing why the Prop 218 rate increase is needed by M1W. The PowerPoint presentation consisted of the following information: COVID-19 impacts on M1W revenues, projected revenue gap, base budget, trends of available reserves for wastewater fund and proposed additional steps. The proposed additional steps would be 8-13 days of furlough for all staff, deferred COLA for all staff and to increase residential rates by \$3.50 monthly for fiscal year 2020-21. Paul Sciuto, M1W General Manager and Mike McCullough, M1W External Affairs answered any questions the Castroville CSD Board had and thanked them for their time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider sending letter to California Coastal Commission from Castroville CSD Re: Application No. 9-19-0918 and Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 (California American Water Company) – General Manager Eric Tynan recommended the Board consider sending a letter to encourage the California Coastal Commission to support the Coastal Development Permit for California American Water Company's proposed desalination facility. The letter can be viewed on page 21 of this board packet. General Manager Eric Tynan also wanted to thank Grant Leonard, President of North County Recreation & Park District for submitting a letter of support for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project to the Coastal Commission. Upon reviewing a draft copy of the letter from Castroville CSD to the Coastal Commission a motion is made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani to have Castroville CSD Board President Adriana Melgoza sign the letter and submit the letter to encourage the California Coastal Commission to support the Coastal Development Permit for California American Water Company's proposed desalination facility. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla, Oania and Cochran
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

2. Discussion on the Cal Trans Merritt/SR183 Castroville Multimodal Community Enhancement Project – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that he has received a copy of the plans from Cal Trans for this project, which includes redoing and putting in sidewalks on Merritt Street and a bus station by Well Site 3, SR 183. The plans are available for review for anyone who would like to see them. Cal Trans is asking for Castroville CSD's input for problematic areas along Merritt/SR183. Cal Trans has also mentioned that they want some of Castroville CSD's hydrant's moved, but did not mention who would pay as it can be expensive to relocate them. He will be having a follow-up meeting with Cal Trans to further discuss the hydrants. Cal Trans informed him that the timeline for this project is still on target. Castroville CSD Board President Adriana Melgoza and North County Recreation & Park District Board President Grant Leonard are both pleased to know this project is moving forward. Mr. Leonard also suggested Castroville CSD contact Cal Trans so they may provide a presentation on this project at an upcoming regularly scheduled board meeting. Per General Manager Eric Tynan, Cal Trans was scheduled to use the Castroville CSD boardroom to discuss this project with the community of Castroville but had to cancel due to COVID-19. He can have Cal Trans present at an upcoming board meeting.
3. Consider a salary adjustment and amendment to Employment Agreement for the Board appointee: General Manager Eric Tynan for fiscal year 2020/2021, if approved retroactive to July 2, 2020 – After some discussion, a motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve a 3% percent salary adjustment and amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Board appointee: General Manager Eric Tynan for fiscal year 2020/2021, retroactive to July 2, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla, Oania and Cochran
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Status of well levels – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that a graph of wells can be viewed on page 24 of this board packet. The bad news is that Well #3 is turning salty. This well is located on Highway 183 and the only benefit of this well location is if the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project is approved, the supply line would plug in right where Well #3 is located. Well #3 was already sleeved in 2009 and in 2019 the District spent about 30k trying to rehabilitate it, which did drop the chloride levels from 570 mg/l to 430 mg/l, however for the most recent reading, the chloride levels have escalated again. He anticipates that Well #3 is not going to last much longer as it is turning salty again.
2. 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 provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on Funding Update. He discussed and presented the following topics: CCSD funding program, maximize funding eligibility, identify project funding priorities (Water projects: water supply line, water storage tank and system improvements and Wastewater projects: wastewater infrastructure improvements, replacement and recommended pipeline to upgrade pipeline.) He once again reminded the Board the IRWMP grant for \$397,000 was awarded to Castroville CSD. Furthermore, the District at this time will need to allocate and focus these grant funds for a deep well since, the grant cannot be used for the desal pipeline since the Cal Am project has not been approved. Current funding efforts: Moss Landing sewer system improvements, Castroville emergency well replacement, Castroville water supply improvements and Castroville wastewater improvements.
3. Update on Cal Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that the Coastal Commission hearing on Cal Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply project has been pushed to September. The Coastal Commission should be making a decision on this matter at this hearing.
4. Progress Report on Design for Reservoir No. 4 Fill Modification Project – General Manager Eric Tynan let the Board know that he is now reviewing minor details regarding the electronics of this project.
5. Update on the Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass 30% Design - General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that this Thursday, MNS Engineers will be doing a soil survey. He will continue to update the board on the progress of this project.

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 reported to the Board that the bad news is that the proposed sewer rate increase is \$3.50 not \$2.50 per month for M1W. In other news, the update on the Pure One Water Monterey Project, it appears M1W will have to spend an additional 6.1 million on this project. M1W water is currently doing testing to see where the best location to drill a new injection well would be. The injection wells in place are not working as designed to do so. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has threatened legal action against M1W and is also withholding about 1 million dollars from them.

2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) – Director Ron Stefani reported to the Board that he is no longer the chair for the GSA as his term is up in July and a new chair has been appointed. The GSA is moving forward with all the sub basin committees. He attended his first Monterey sub basin committee meeting. There will be many challenges for the ground water sustainability agency. In other sad news, Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter and Seaside Ralph Rubio passed away.
3. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors – Director Cosme Padilla stated he attended a virtual meeting with the Coastal Commission and spoke on behalf of the Castroville CSD. He wanted to apologize as he feels he did not do such a great job. Director Padilla and Director Stefani also received a telephone call from a staff member from the Coast Commission asking questions about Castroville’s community and their support of the desal project. Director Ron Stefani felt that the staff member was more concerned with social justice issues.

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

Director Cosme Padilla’s phone battery was low and exited the meeting at 5.55 p.m.

CHECK LIST – June 2020. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Ron Stefani to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Oania and Cochran
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors:	Padilla

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

AYES:	4	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Oania and Cochran
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors:	Padilla

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting

Respectfully submitted by,



Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,



Adriana Melgoza
President