

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
December 16, 2014

President David Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: President David Lewis, Vice President Ron Stefani, Director Adriana Melgoza, Director Silvestre Montejano, and Director Betty MacMillan

Absent: None

General Manager: Eric Tynan

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present: None

Guest: Grant Leonard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Silvestre Montejano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mr. Grant Leonard announced that he was recently appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the North County Recreation and Park District (NCRPD) board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A motion was made by Betty MacMillan and seconded by Adriana Melgoza to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, Melgoza, Montejano, MacMillan and Lewis
NOES:	0	Directors:	None
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	None

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency that it plans to hold an initial public informational meeting on January 21, 2015, with local governmental entities and interest groups to review the key aspects of the Groundwater Sustainability Act.
2. Email from North Monterey County Chamber on the Rico Street Sidewalk Improvement Project that began on the 2nd of December and is under the direction of the Monterey County Resource Management Agency-Public Works and includes curb, gutter, sidewalk, drainage, driveways, relocation of signs, handicap ramps and other roadway improvements between Merritt Street (State Route 183) and McDougall Street in Castroville.
3. Letter from ACWA JPIA, along with the "President's Special Recognition Award" certificates to Castroville CSD for having a loss ratio of 20% or less in both the Liability and Property programs for specific periods.

Correspondence accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. *The Salinas Californian*, by Kerry Klein – The water bond: what's next for the Salinas Valley?
2. *The Hanford Sentinel*, by Seth Nidever – Want the fact on ag water use? Join the debate

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on well levels – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board on the current well levels. Well #2 is currently 14 feet below sea level, Well #3 is 11 feet below sea level and Well #4 is 26 feet below sea level. The levels for the wells are going up due to the lack of pumping from the farmers and the recent rainfall. General Manager Eric Tynan will continue to update the Board on the levels of the wells at the next board meeting.
2. Update on mural project for Castroville walkway over Highway 156 – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that Caltrans is requiring a traffic, air and lead study by Castroville CSD before they would consider moving forward with this project. All these additional requirements may possibly cost around 30K, which is significantly over the budget of \$12,500. NCRPD General Manager Judy Burditt is looking to see if there are grants available for the mural project. General Manager Eric Tynan is still waiting to hear from Caltrans on whether Caltrans would consider prepping the wall for this project. This walkway is often vandalized with graffiti. He also reported to the Board that the person responsible for vandalizing property in Castroville a few weeks ago with graffiti has been arrested in Watsonville. The graffiti throughout Castroville has been cleaned-up.
3. Update on tax measure for North Country Recreation and Park District (NCRPD) – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the board the informational meeting to discuss the tax measure for the NCRPD has been scheduled for January 18, 2015. He has reached out to several key community members to come and attend this informational meeting. The NCRPD has not had a tax measure increase since 1983.
4. Update on Castroville overhead sign - General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that not only is Caltrans requiring that an engineer certify the structural integrity of the sign, Caltrans is also now requiring that it is brought up to Caltrans standards. He will be requesting that Caltrans submit in writing what these standards will be. General Manager Eric Tynan also asked the Board if they opposed a neon sign to replace the current Castroville overhead sign; they did not object to this idea.
5. Update on the next steps (Work Program) to prepare for elimination of Moss Landing's Sewer Allocation Plan – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that on page 23 of the agenda is a summary on the next steps to prepare for the elimination of Sewer Allocation System that is currently in place for Moss Landing. The summary was submitted by Mr. Martin Carver, AICP with Monterey County Resource Management Agency. This work program is premised on Monterey County successfully adopting its updated Moss Landing Community Plan and obtaining certification of the revised plan from the California Coastal Commission. Per General Manager Eric Tynan, he believes the California Coastal Commission will agree to eliminating or modifying the plan.
6. Update on Prop 84: Well 5 (formerly Well 2B) Arsenic Treatment project – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that on page 24 of the agenda is a spreadsheet from the Wallace Group with Well 5 arsenic treatment alternatives. The Well 5 treatment alternative he is leaning towards is AdEdge; Oxidation/coagulation/filtration. Arsenic precipitates with addition of iron-base coagulant forming ferric arsenate which is filtered in the media. Costs based on 600 gpm for 6 hours per day and total up-front costs \$861,100. The State mandated that arsenic levels could not exceed 10 ppb a few years back and Well 5 is slightly over the permissible levels. President David Lewis expressed it was a lot of money for arsenic treatment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve request for proposal (RFP) for bid preparation and project management of Well 5 – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that he is requesting that they approve that the District move forward with a RFP for a civil engineer to get the bid documents ready for the Well 5 Arsenic Treatment Project. After some discussion, a motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Silvestre Montejano to authorize General Manager Eric Tynan to move forward with a RFP for a civil engineer to get the bid documents ready for the Well 5 Arsenic Treatment Project. the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, Melgoza, Montejano, MacMillan and Lewis
NOES:	0	Directors:	None
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	None

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 MRWPCA board meeting – Director Ron Stefani reported to the Board that MRWPCA General Manager Keith Israel announced he would be retiring in June of 2015. An adhoc committee will be formed to start the search for a new qualified general manager for MRWPCA.
2. Update on Oversight board meeting – Director Ron Stefani stated that the Oversight board is not scheduled to meet until February 2015.

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, New Service Installation Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update
 - b) Sewer & Storm Drain – Jetting, Connections, Maintenance/Repair Update
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 – November 2014. A motion was made by Betty MacMillan and seconded by Ron Stefani to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, Melgoza, Montejano, MacMillan and Lewis
NOES:	0	Directors:	None
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	None

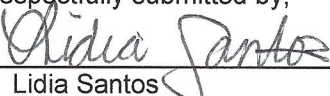
CLOSE:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Betty MacMillan and seconded by Adriana Melgoza to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, Melgoza, Montejano, MacMillan and Lewis
NOES:	0	Directors:	None
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	None

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,


Lidia Santos

Secretary to the Board

Approved by,


Ron Stefani

Vice President