

# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## **MINUTES Regular Meeting**

**March 1, 2022**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brooks who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi participated via Zoom video conference.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

General Manager Joe Barget, Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Manager Mike Garner, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, Board Secretary Stephanie Garner, and resident Steve Heuring participated via Zoom video conference.

### **3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

President Brooks invited public comments and there were none.

### **5. OPERATIONS REPORT**

O&M Manager Garner reported the District pumped 26.9 million gallons of water for February with an average daily demand of 959,070 gallons. This is 5 percent less than last year. Vandenberg Village only received 0.1 inches of rain in February.

The Well levels: (below ground surface) for February were 1B-142', 3A-offline, and 3B-138".

The new valve truck was delivered on February 7 and the field crew received training from Pres Tech.

Fisher Pump is repairing Well 3A and Homestar Construction is installing new roofs and rain gutters on buildings at Well Sites #1 and #3.

A car accident at 5:30 a.m. on February 22 on Highway 1 caused a power outage. The south side of the village was out until 8:30 a.m. and Well Sites #1 and #3 were restored at 9:30 p.m. The field crew started the generator at 2:00 p.m. to keep the tanks full.

A commemorative bronze plaque was installed at the Club House Road entrance to recognize volunteers for their beautification work. Village resident Chuck Klein recently volunteered, and the General Manager permitted him, to maintain the area starting January 2022.

The field crew had one polybutylene service line replacement and a copper service line repair in February. No sanitary Sewer overflows t report.

To conclude his report, O&M Manager Garner said the District hired a new Utility Service Person I who will start on March 14.

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AS Manager Allen reported 40 customers are 60 or more days delinquent for a total of \$17,000. Thirteen have past due balances of more than \$500. Thirty-one are on payment plans and may not be subject to discontinuance of service.

AS Manager Allen applied to the State Water Board for the Wastewater COVID Arrearages Payment Program. Twenty-one customers are eligible for a total of about \$5,000.

The California Department of Community Services & Development will offer a program this summer to assist low-income households with water bills. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program is federally

funded and will provide a one-time benefit of up to \$2,000 for current and past-due water and wastewater bills. The customer applies for the grant and the program will pay the District directly. Once the application is available, we will encourage our past-due customers to apply. If you want more information, please visit <https://csd.ca.gov>.

In January, AJ Rea resigned and staff interviewed candidates for a Utility Service Person I on February 9. The two finalists were invited for a second interview and tour of the shop. On February 23, the selected candidate accepted our job offer and will start on March 14 provided he complies with the District pre-employment conditions.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 1, 2022

B. Treasurer Report

1) Financial Statements

2) Disbursements through February 28, 2022

**Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Bumpass to accept the consent calendar as presented.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

C. Remote Teleconference Meetings

There was a lot of discussion among the Directors about continuing to have the board meetings via Zoom video conference.

**Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Gonzales to continue with the remote teleconference meetings for another month.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

8. ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items.

9. REPORTS

A. Committees

The Legal/Personnel Committee met and will be discussing their recommendations during the closed session.

Directors Brooks and Stassi attended the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) meeting for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin on February 23.

B. District Representatives to External Agencies

Nothing to report.

C. President

President Brooks had nothing further.

D. General Manager

With the adoption of three Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin in January, efforts have shifted from developing plans to implementing them. Staff and attorneys from the eight public agencies in the basin are exploring options for future governance. Each GSA was formed and currently operates under a memorandum of agreement (MOA); however, they could form a more formal, joint powers agency (JPA). California Water Code §10723.6 allows either a JPA or MOA. Two possible “JPA”

scenarios are (1) three JPAs, one for each management area, and (2) a single, umbrella JPA for the entire basin. A JPA is an agency of agencies but a separate legal entity. Three important issues which are common to all JPAs are voting, funding, and powers.

#### 10. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

US Drought Monitor: California, September 27, 2022

#### 11. DIRECTORS FORUM

Director Gonzales said he recently went to the District's shop and complimented the crew for the new valve truck and dump truck. Very good equipment.

Director Stassi said he will be attending the Special District Leadership Academy in San Diego from April 3-6.

#### 12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened in closed session at 8:03 p.m.

#### 13. OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened for an open session at 8:37 p.m.

Motion by Director Gonzales, seconded by Director Bumpass to (1) Include a 5.5 percent cost of living salary increase in the FY 2022-23 Budget for all employees, including the General Manager, effective July 1, 2022, based on the change in the CPI-W, West B/C annual average for 2021, (2) Extend the General Manager employment agreement until August 16, 2023, and (3) Approve the General Manager goals and objectives.

#### **Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

14. ADJOURN

**President Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

**Attest:**

**Signed:**

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**Stephanie Garner**  
**Secretary, Board of Directors**

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**Christopher Brooks**  
**President, Board of Directors**