

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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MINUTES Special Meeting

May 4, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Brooks who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Stassi, and Redmon were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

General Manager Joe Barget, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, and Operations & Maintenance Manager (O&M) Mike Garner were present.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

President Brooks invited public comments and there were none.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 5, 2022

B. Treasurer Report

1) Monthly Financials

2) Disbursements through April 30, 2022

3) Schedule of Investments

C. Remote Teleconference Meetings

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

Roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Fourth District Supervisor Bob Nelson**

General Manager Barget gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of District operations and infrastructure. Supervisor Nelson shared his background and introduced his Chief of Staff, Aaron Hanke. Two main topics of discussion were the District's \$1 million FY23 Community Project Funding grant application for the upcoming Floradale Sewer Relocation Project and wildfires. The Directors thanked Supervisor Nelson for all the work that County Fire has done in the last two years clearing vegetation around District facilities and the perimeter of the community.

B. **Initiative 21-0042A1**

Motion by Director Stassi, seconded by Director Brooks, to adopt Resolution 223-22 Opposing Initiative 21-0042A1.

Roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Redmon

7. OPERATIONS REPORT

O&M Manager Garner reported the District pumped 30.8 million gallons of water for April with an average daily demand of 1,026,000 gallons. This is 12 percent more than last year. Vandenberg Village received 0.55 inches of rain in April bringing the calendar year total to 2.35 inches.

The Well levels (below ground surface) for April were 1B-143', 3A-146', and 3B-137'.

Fisher Pump will complete the work on Well 3A in approximately 4 weeks.

Various contractors are lined up to install the new Smith & Loveless equipment package, electric service, SCADA system, and fencing at Lift Station #2 the week of May 16. Coating Specialists and Inspection Services, Inc. (CSI) is scheduled to inspect all four water tanks that week, too. CSI will be performing two separate inspections concurrently: (1) a regular triennial inspection, and (2) an 11-month warranty inspection for last year's Tank Rehabilitation Project. Project specifications require Crosno Construction to repair any defects in their work.

The field crew had two service line repairs in April. There were no sanitary sewer overflows to report.

To conclude his report, O&M Manager Garner said Manuel Perez and Ben Quinlan attended the California Rural Water Association Annual Conference in Lake Tahoe on April 25-29. There were two staff anniversaries. Cindy Allen completed 29 years on April 15 and Manuel Perez 4 years on April 16.

8. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AS Manager Allen reported customers' past due accounts have returned to normal. Currently, 29 customers are 60 or more days delinquent for a total of \$12,000. Nine of them have past due balances of more than \$500 and 27 are on payment plans.

The District received money from the State Water Resources Control Board for the wastewater arrearages program. The amount requested

was \$5,232 and we received the full amount. All but \$122 was applied to open and closed accounts that still had qualifying wastewater balances. The staff has six months to return the excess funds to the state.

The State's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program drinking water and wastewater benefits are scheduled to be available in June 2022. Customers who are still in arrears will be referred to the program. Qualifying customers can receive up to \$2,000 to be applied to their past-due balance.

In April we received the annual insurance premium adjustment from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority for \$11,164. Most of the rebate, \$10,360, was for the worker's compensation policy and the remaining \$804 was for the liability policy.

9. GENERAL MANAGER

Floradale Sewer Relocation Project: The total project cost estimate has increased to \$2,417,000. The Lompoc City Council will award the contract at the May 17 meeting. The anticipated timeline for the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding grant program: June 2022 Congressman Carbajal selects 15 projects; August 2022 the House approves projects; March 2023 the Senate approves projects and the President signs a bill approving grants; and if selected VVCSD would receive funds after July 2023.

Water/Wastewater Committee: A committee meeting is scheduled for May 5 to discuss eight items.

Lompoc City Manager: Director Stassi facilitated a meeting with the new Lompoc City Manager Dean Albro on April 29. Mr. Albro said the city has hired Kopf & Associates to perform a city-wide employee compensation survey.

10. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

A. DRAFT Basin-Wide JPA Proposal, dated April 26, 2022

B. US Drought Monitor: California, April 26, 2022

11. DIRECTORS FORUM

Director Gonzales attended the SBC CSDA chapter meeting last month. He suggested sending Chuck Klein a letter of appreciation for his work at the Clubhouse Road entrance. He said Santa Barbara County Fire has been using the test well at their Burton Mesa Training Center. He will be on vacation beginning May 17.

Director Redmon commended Director Stassi on his letter regarding water system finances to the directors. He would still like General Manager Barget to develop a long-term capital improvement plan.

Director Stassi reported on the Special District Leadership Academy in San Diego he attended in April.

12. ADJOURN

President Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Attest:

Signed:

Stephanie Garner
Board Secretary,
Board of Directors

Christopher Brooks
President, Board of Directors