

# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## **MINUTES Regular Meeting**

**January 4, 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 Stewart participated via Zoom video conference.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

General Manager Joe Barget, Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Manager Mike Garner, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, Floyd Wicks, and Owen Larkin participated via Zoom video conference.

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

There were none.

### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

President Brooks opened the public forum at 7:02 p.m. Owen Larkin, developer for the Vandenberg Dunes (formerly the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course) project commented that Vandenberg Space Force Base is unable to allocate any State Water to the project but Mr. Larkin is pursuing three alternative sources: (1) Desalinization, (2) Recycle wastewater, and (3) Byproduct water from oil extractions in the Lompoc Oil Field. He expects to make an announcement in February 2022. The public forum was closed at 7:05 p.m.

## 5. OPERATIONS REPORT

O&M Manager Garner reported the District pumped 23.5 million gallons of water for December with an average daily demand of 756,710 gallons. This is 28 percent less than last year. Vandenberg Village received 5.39 inches of rain in December bringing the calendar year total 13.67 inches.

Well levels (below ground surface) for November were 1B-144', 3A-148', and 3B-146'.

The District's new dump truck arrived on December 20 and the new valve truck is scheduled for pick up on January 6. Mission Hills CSD is interested in purchasing the old vehicles with the Board's approval.

PG&E turned off power to Well 3B on December 8 for repair. Electrician Joe Debolt made repairs and was back on line the same day. At Well 3A electrical leads arced and melted from mice chewing the wires. Field crew failed to check rotation before putting the well back on line, causing more than one shaft coupling to separate. Fisher Pump will be pulling the well and accomplishing any repairs. If major items such as the pump bowls need to be replaced, staff will request an addition to this year's capital budget.

O&M Manager Garner and Jeff Cole installed a second motor at Lift Station 1 which had bearing failure. Jeff is working with Smith & Loveless to troubleshoot the problem. It's possible their X-PELLER impellers are too large for the lift station.

RL Johnson repaired the leak in the 12-inch main off of Highway 1 today. Statewide Safety Systems from Nipomo provided the shoulder closure and work was done to Caltrans standards.

To conclude his report, O&M Manager Garner said the field crew repaired two copper service lines in December and there were no sanitary sewer overflows.

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AS Manager Allen reported as of today, 63 customers are 60 or more days delinquent for a total of about \$20,000. Fourteen of those have past

due balances in excess of \$500. Thirty-three customers are on payment plans so not all of those customers who are delinquent will be subject to discontinuance of service on January 18. Reminder notices were mailed on December 28 and, on January 12, 48-hour notices will be hung on doors for the first time since March 2020.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 7, 2021

B. Treasurer Report

1) Financial Statements

2) Disbursements through December 31, 2021

C. Remote Teleconference Meetings

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

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Committees and Agencies**

**Motion by Director Stewart, seconded by Director Gonzales to confirm Board President Brooks' appointments to standing committees and external agencies and approve Directors Gonzales and Redmon to attend the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy in Napa in September 2022.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**B. Surplus Property**

**Motion by Director Stewart, seconded by Director Redmon to determine the dump truck and valve truck are surplus property and offer them to MHCS D for purchase at salvage value.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**C. Montecito Water District**

Floyd Wicks, Director at Montecito Water District gave a Power Point presentation via ZOOM video conference. His presentation, titled Responding to Climate Change, was included in the board package.

**9. REPORTS**

**A. Committees**

There were no committee meetings.

**B. District Representatives to External Agencies**

Director Stewart attended the Association of California Water Agencies conference in Pasadena in December.

### C. President

President Brooks said he would like to attend a CSDA Webinar: Brown Act Refresher and Updates on January 18. He continued to thank Director Stewart for her service on the board and she will be missed.

### D. General Manager

General Manager Barget updated the Board on the Floradale Sewer Relocation Project. Wallace Group did not feel qualified to determine the final depth and length of the horizontal directional drill (HDD) replacement pipeline. Craig Dierling, city of Lompoc engineer, recommend hiring West Consultants, Inc, a San Diego firm specializing in scour analysis and modeling, to determine these important dimensions. General Manager Barget approved West's \$60,000 proposal for the additional work. Lompoc and the Wallace Group expect to finish project design this spring.

President Brooks asked if there has been any clarification of who owns the pipeline (Vandenberg Village Interceptor) from the southwest corner of the village, across Floradale Bridge, to the wastewater treatment plant. General Manager Barget said the Lompoc Public Works Department holds the city's easements for the pipeline construction under the 1974 Lompoc Valley Regional Wastewater Management System agreement; however, the city's Utilities Department has taken a position that the city no longer owns the pipeline itself. He has made District Legal Counsel Mike Munoz aware of the issue.

To conclude his report, General Manager Barget visited Althouse and Meade's office in Paso Robles on December 28 to gear the firm up to finalize work on a biological resources assessment to support an amendment (Alternative Well Site E) to the future well site lease application with the State Lands Commission (SLC). LynneDee advised that her firm needs to conduct one more site survey, this spring, and then they should be able to wrap up their report.

## 10. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

### A. US Drought Monitor: California, December 21, 2021

B. Conceptual Plan, City Direction for New VVCSD HDD Sewer Crossing Santa Ynez River at Floradale Avenue

C. Water Rates in Santa Barbara County, February 2021

D. Letter of Appreciation to Laguna County Sanitation District, December 23, 2021

## 11. DIRECTORS FORUM

Directors Redmon and Gonzales thanked Katherine Stewart for her service on the board and wished her the best.

Director Stewart said her resignation letter says everything and thank you.

## 12. ADJOURN

**President Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

**Attest:**

**Signed:**

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

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